

The Junior League of Los Angeles Shares Best Practices with Saudi Arabian Non-Profits

From time to time, the Junior League of Los Angeles (JLLA) has the privilege of meeting with foreign leaders through the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles (IVCLA): a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization whose purpose is to increase mutual understanding between leaders in the United States and those in the visiting countries.

JLLA President **Anika Jackson** recently hosted a group of women from Saudi Arabian non-governmental organizations for lunch and conversation. The

visitors, most of whom had never been to the United States, were invited by the U.S. State Department to meet with organizations in Los Angeles, Indianapolis, and Portland, Maine.

Anika shared information about the Junior League's community programs, advocacy work, leadership training programs and fundraisers. "What was most interesting was that the majority of these women, all pioneers in their field, work for member organizations like the Junior League which pay dues and hold fundraisers in order to

have the means to impact their community. Their organizations work with women and children for the benefit of orphans, female prisoners, families impacted by divorce, domestic violence, and education. I never would have known that organizations so similar to ours (JLLA) exist in Saudi Arabia," stated Anika Jackson. "It is my hope that more members of Junior League of Los Angeles will have the opportunity to meet visitors through the IVCLA in the future, and we are on the lookout for those types of opportunities."



JLLA President Anika Jackson with women visiting from Saudi Arabia