

## Lighting up Olde Towne



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Pictured (l to r) are Junior Auxiliary members Brooke Rodgers, Jumpstart Chair; Robyn Burchfield, President; Jordan Osborn, Jumpstart Chair; Jill Lay, Past President/Ex-officio; Jolyn Stone, Vice President/Provisional Trainer; and Kimberly Hughes, Corporate Chair.

By Tara Lytal,  
Main Street Clinton Director

If you have not driven down Jefferson Street in Olde Towne Clinton lately, you need to do so. Thanks in part to the Junior Auxiliary of Clinton, and with the assistance of Christopher Lay, Jefferson Street now has decorative string lights which canopy the street, adding even more ambiance to the already charming brick street area. The lights were added in late summer, just in time for the August 25-26 Red Brick Roads Music and Art Festival, and they have been an instant attraction.

The ladies of Junior Auxiliary (JA) held a spring event on the brick streets where they hung temporary lights for the evening event. After the event, Main Street Clinton approached the club about donating the lights to the City to be permanently installed. Jill Lay, who was JA President at the time, enthusiastically agreed and even volunteered her husband, Christopher, to install them. Main Street Clinton purchased an additional four strands to complete the installation.

"One of Junior Auxiliary's main goals is to improve the lives of chil-

dren and families in our community. Last spring, we held a "Bunco on the Bricks" event to raise money for underprivileged families. We purchased the lights and installed them temporarily for the event. Once they were up, everyone commented on what a great addition it was to the already wonderful ambience of the downtown area. It made the brick streets even more attractive and welcoming to the community, and we were delighted to donate them for permanent installation. It has been great to see how much they have added to the many community events that have been held since the lights were put up," said Jill Lay, Junior Auxiliary's Past-president.

Adding the lights has been a goal of the Main Street program for several years now; it just took a partnership to make it happen.

Aesthetic additions, like the lights, increase the appeal of the area and help attract visitors and residents. We are working with Christopher Lay to expand the lights to other streets in the Olde Towne area. We appreciate the Junior Auxiliary's contribution and the many hours that Christopher donated to the community making this project come to fruition.

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