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Mayor Combs & City Council Members
City of Menlo Park
701 Laurel Street
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Dear Mayor Combs & City Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula a community organization dedicated to advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

I am excited to inform you that this year, on September 18, 2025, The Junior League will be observing "International Find the Good Day." This initiative encourages individuals to focus on the positive aspects of our community and to engage in acts of kindness, volunteerism, and community service.

Over the years, the Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula has been actively involved in numerous initiatives that have positively impacted Menlo Park, Santa Clara, and San Mateo County . Some examples of our community projects include:

- **Project Mindfulness:** With grant funds from the City of Menlo Park, JLPA•MP created and distributed mindfulness kits to a local school to support youth mental wellness.
- **Project STEAM:** As part of *Project READ* with the Redwood City Library, JLPA•MP funded KIWI kits and student dinners. Originally for girls, the program grew so popular it opened to all students. League volunteers mentored monthly sessions, helping students build and engineer STEAM projects.
- **Pancake breakfast with the Menlo Park Fire Department:** In support of the Alisa Ann Ruch Foundation, JLPA•MP partners annually with the Menlo Park Fire Department to host a community pancake breakfast. Last year, the event raised over \$11,000 to support burn prevention education and services for survivors.

In recognition of the importance of this day and the significant impact of community involvement, we would be honored to request a proclamation from the city of Menlo Park declaring September 18, 2025, as "Find the Good Day." This proclamation would serve to raise awareness about the importance of kindness and community service and inspire our citizens to make a positive difference.

Enclosed with this letter is a draft proclamation for your review and consideration. We sincerely hope you will join us in celebrating this meaningful day and demonstrating your commitment to building a stronger, more compassionate community.

In recognition of **Find the Good Day**, the Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula (JLPA•MP) will be hosting an evening of celebration and connection on **Thursday, September 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM** at **The Dutch Goose** in Menlo Park. Throughout the month of September, we will be honoring local women who are "finding the good" in our community—making a difference through acts of service, leadership, and kindness.

We invite you to submit nominations for these inspiring women using this form:

[Submit a Nomination](#)

In addition to recognizing community changemakers, we'll be holding a hygiene product drive at the event in partnership with CORA, a nonprofit organization serving survivors of intimate partner abuse through safety, support, and advocacy.

We would be honored to have your support in recognizing and uplifting those who are making a positive impact every day.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at communityvp@thejuniorleague.org

We look forward to your favorable response.

Warm regards,

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Enclosure: Draft Proclamation
City of Menlo Park Proclamation

Find the Good Day

Whereas, The Junior League is dedicated to promoting volunteerism, empowering women, and enhancing communities through effective leadership and action; and

Whereas, Find the Good Day, observed on September 18, 2025, encourages individuals to recognize and celebrate the positive aspects of their communities and to take action to uplift others; and

Whereas, on this day, we acknowledge the importance of kindness, compassion, and community service in fostering positive change and building stronger, more resilient communities; and

Whereas, The Junior League continues to play a pivotal role in advocating for significant community initiatives and empowering individuals to make a lasting impact;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Drew Combs, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2025, as Find the Good Day in Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California, and encourage all citizens to participate in acts of kindness, volunteerism, and community service.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Menlo Park, California to be affixed this Thursday, the 18th of September, 2025.

Drew Combs
Mayor
Menlo Park, California