



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, INC.
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HOTLINE

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Celebrating 95 Years of Volunteer Service: Looking Back and Moving Forward

August 2006

Important Deadlines

Membership Dues:
 The Second Installment is due by **September 15**. Please mail your check to the Office.

Reminder

Please be sure your contact information is up to date. Please use the website or call Ruth with any changes.

General Meeting Information

When:
 Tuesday,
 September 19

Where:
 Loews Hotel
 1200 Market St,
 Philadelphia

Time:
 6:30 p.m. Sign In
 7:00 p.m. Meeting

There are 7 meeting credit opportunities after this meeting

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ANNUAL DINNER



Jeanne Dechiario, Amy Orcutt, Michelle Siano (seated), Ashley Allphin, Melissa Wiggers, Jennifer Havey, Sharon Haskins-Tasman and Christina Galanes (standing)

by Corey Remington-Murray

The annual dinner was held this year on May 24th in the Millennium Ballroom at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia. The dinner was well attended by active and sustaining members. Congratulations to **Sarah Alspach**, who was announced as Volunteer of the Year and to **Achieve College Today**, as Committee of the Year. The President's Cup was given to both **Kara Goodchild** and **Gaby Thorne**. Past President **Anne Hopkins** received the 20 Years of Service Recognition Award. The Provisionals became new actives with much fanfare and flowers. The incoming Sustainers were just as jubilant about their new status.

Several members shared with the Hotline what they enjoyed about their Junior League experience and what surprised them most this year.

Jennifer Havey and **Rachel Arora** are both new actives who participated on the Donation and the Public Relations Committees respectively, for the Provisional

Vision Screening Project. They both loved the community service work and the friendships with other women that they have made.

Kate Lockhart, a new sustainer, listed her favorite League event as the Annual Dinner. A former Board member, Kate volunteered in the JLP for 17 years and served on many committees and projects during that time. Kate explained that she learned a lot from the League. Kate said that what she enjoyed most about being a JLP member was the sum of her wonderful League experiences and the great women she has met along the way.

The 2005-06 year was a great success for the Junior League of Philadelphia. We have accomplished so much and have so much more to look forward to in the year to come. We are all excited to have Kara Goodchild and the 2006-07 Board leading us, and the wonderful plans and projects, which are sure to make this coming year rewarding.



Ann Felkel, Kasey Mangum, Kristin Taliakos, Elizabeth Blum (seated) Robin Barone, Odile Gelinard, Genevieve Lynch, Rachel Arora, and Meredith Nissen (standing)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S SPEECH FROM THE ANNUAL DINNER



Well, it is certainly hard to believe that an entire year has passed since I stood here. It has been a pleasure working with such an amazing group of ladies as yourselves. My presi-

dential year has been more than I ever imagined, the outstanding level of support I have received from the board, members and the staff has been simply wonderful and I thank you.

When I spoke last year I had expressed to all of you how strongly I felt about making sure every member was having a good League experience and the importance of recognition. How important it is to say thank you, recognize a member or group of members for their accomplishments, for going the extra mile, and of course completing all of their requirements. This year I dedicated a portion of my monthly hotline articles and general membership meetings in doing just that - recognizing different members and committees for their outstanding work and dedication to the League.

I have been very fortunate to work with a very devoted Board of Directors. They are one dedicated group of ladies and their passion for the Junior League of Philadelphia is outstanding. They have been very supportive of me and many of the decisions made this year. I am so pleased to see that many are continuing in leadership roles next year. I thank them for making my year such a positive experience.

I am pleased to announce this evening that we now have a "Past Presidents Advisory Board." We met for the first time this past April with about 17 past presidents. We will continue to meet and discuss issues facing the League and work to help support the President and Board throughout the year.

I would also like to take this time to say thank you to our staff: Ruth Palmer & Debbie Quinn who have kept our office running smoothly throughout the year. Our Thrift Shop staff: Patty, Jeannie, Crystal, Jennifer, Amanda and Edna, it is because of their continued hard work that they have continued to increase shop sales every month. I have enjoyed getting to

know them over the years and have come to appreciate their endless dedication to the Junior League of Philadelphia.

Before I close, I must thank my husband Paul for his endless support this past year. I am so looking forward to spending time at the shore with him and our son David this summer. I also want to thank my parents for all of their encouragement and support as well.

I would like to say thank you to Nancy Scarlato for continuing on for a second year as Personnel and Building Chair. I appreciate all of your hard work & time and have enjoyed working with you these past years. And I must thank my dear friend Annamarie Hellebusch, for all of those endless morning and evening chats and always being there to listen and help me throughout this year.

Again, I say thank you to the Junior League of Philadelphia for this wonderful and rewarding opportunity to be President of an organization of such dynamic women that continue to make a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

SIBLING SATCHEL

Introducing the Junior League of Philadelphia's signature Sibling Satchel®. The hand bag at \$95.00 and tote at \$105.00, were custom designed for the JLP and is hand-tailored and can be customized. To order yours today, please go to www.juniorleaguephila.org. The purchase information is available right after you log in to the member pages.



Junior League Leadership Training



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



First, I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to lead this great organization. It is truly an honor. For

those of you who do not know me, I am a mother of two, soon to be three, boys. My husband John and I are both full time attorneys in large Philadelphia law firms. In short, like the rest of the women in this room, I have a lot going on. Despite all of that, I am a devoted member of the Junior League of Philadelphia. I am committed to the JLP in large measure because I have found my League experience has helped me develop my potential, personally and professionally. That development is a key component of the Junior League's mission.

I am sure you have heard the mission a hundred times, and some of you can probably recite it. "The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers."

However, rarely do we stop and think about what our mission means and

how it makes this organization different and so worthwhile. The Junior League does not just provide women with opportunities to volunteer in the community; it provides women the opportunity to develop themselves. That development can take the form of new friendships, new skills, new confidences, new solutions, or any variety of ways. I encourage all of you to make the most of your experience in the League, be pro-active, get involved, take advantage of all it has to offer, use it, and challenge yourself and the League to become better and stronger forces in our community. In short, be Women on a Mission!

Tonight we kick off the Junior League of Philadelphia's 95th year. This anniversary gives us the opportunity to celebrate all of our past successes and to plan the great things we can achieve in the future.

Over the course of the year, I hope to highlight some of the things this organization has done, and give us all a sense of pride and accomplishment, as well as a source of inspiration. The Junior League has made lasting and important contributions to the Philadelphia community: the restoration of the Waterworks- which the JLP started by saving it from "falling into the river" and is

there now as a major contributor to the final piece of the project, the South Garden; Wheels, Inc., which now helps to support our cultural clinic project; and WWOW- which many Junior League members have continued to support, to name a few. Our current projects continue that tradition, as we foster a love for reading in children through Books Aloud and Reading Rocks! open girls' eyes to the arts in Cultural Clinic, and help high school juniors and seniors reach their potential and create opportunities for the future in ACT and Laws of Life.

We also have many exciting new things to tackle in the year ahead, the growth and expansion of our community projects, the continued transformation of the website into an interactive resource for members, and planning for the future of the building and the organization. I encourage you all to participate fully not just in your placement, but also in helping to form the future. I am always open to ideas, suggestions, and even critiques. I look forward to making the JLP's 95th year, our best year yet!

Kara H. Goodchild

Bed, Breakfast, Blossoms and Barnes (BBB&B) – It's Past and It's Future

After eight great years, Bed, Breakfast, Blossoms, and Barnes (BBB&B) Committee has voted to take a year off during 2006-2007. This was not an easy decision, but resulted from the reduced number of hostesses available, combined with a reduced number of guests. These issues caused the committee to take additional time to reassess the future of this wonderful fundraiser.

Through the years, over 450 women from all over the country and Mexico visited Philadelphia for the Flower Show and a trip to the Barnes

Foundation. The wonderful comments make it easy to believe that this program has created many new Philadelphia fans. Visitors are complimentary about our city and especially about the efforts of the Junior League to make their visit as wonderful as possible. This was the original intent of the program when **Judy Michaelis, Suzanne Vander Veer, and Sandy Williams** established it. Each year, nearly 100 Sustainers and Actives volunteered to house, transport, cook, hostess, and contribute in so many ways to make this program possible. Many of these 100 women

worked with this committee for years, contributing countless hours to ensure the success of BBB&B.

The money earned by this program has been used to create the Blossom Fund, and the total earned over the years exceeds \$91,087.73. The community donated over \$47,225.00, and further money is in use by the Junior League. Monies have been spent to fund scholarships for deserving women, horticultural improvements to the Jubilee School, a project of the Sustainer Garden Club, the

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ADMISSION EVENTS

The Provisional Committee will be hosting several events designed to inform women about joining the League for the 2006-2007 year. If you have any potential members to refer, then please let the chair **Jessica Rosen** know by giving her their name, email, and address so that we may send them a formal invitation. You are also welcome to attend admissions events to answer any questions that potential members have. To **R.S.V.P.** please contact Jessica Rosen at least three days prior, at 610-544-9911 or jessrosen@msn.com

All events will start promptly at **7:00 p.m.** and will last approximately one hour.

AUGUST

- 1st** Gullifty's at 1149 Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, PA
- 2nd** P.J. Whelihan's at 700 Haddon Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ
- 9th** Iron Hill Brewery at 3 West Gay Street, West Chester, PA
- 16th** Manayunk Brewery at 4120 Main Street, Philadelphia, PA
- 23rd** Public House at Logan Square at 2 Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA
- 30th** Bamboo Club at the Pavilion at King of Prussia 640 W. Dekalb Pike

SEPTEMBER

- 7th** The Acorn Club at 1519 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA
- 12th** Manayunk Brewery at 4120 Main Street, Philadelphia, PA

THE MAIN LINE CLOSET



ment in the League, while providing support for the organization. We still have tote bags and beach towels, which are great for all those summer trips. The official Junior League Organizer is now available. Not only is it a great weekly calendar, it also provides places to store contacts but serves as a family and volunteer organizer. You can purchase your copy at the Thrift Shop for \$15.00

In April, our members voted on the name The Main Line Closet of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. for the thrift shop to give us a more solid identity throughout the community.

The Main Line Closet would appreciate volunteers for summer shifts. We receive a high volume of donations during the summer, and our sales are booming thanks to some recent publicity. *Main Line Life* subscribers again voted us the best of the Main Line, and *Lucky* magazine featured us in a recent article. Remember that you can earn Ways and Means credits when you spend \$100 in the shop, perform extra shifts, or exceed your quota by \$150.

The Main Line Closet is also the place to purchase your Junior League of Philadelphia merchandise. This allows us to show off our pride and involve-



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upcoming events.**

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restoration of a gazebo on the grounds of Lemon Hill in Fairmount Park, a loan to the Actives for needs within the new headquarters and shop building, and most recently, a donation toward the South Garden project at the Water Works. This latest donation created a full circle of involvement at the Water Works, since the restoration began as a Junior League project during the bi-centennial years, chaired by **Susan Myers**. League efforts for many years kept the Water Works restoration moving forward, and we have now contributed toward the last piece of that project to be completed, insuring that the contributions of the League will long be remembered. League members have all been invited to join a celebration of the Water Works on September 10, 2006.

The Blossom Fund has a balance of over \$36,000.00, and the BBB&B Committee will oversee these funds during the coming year. Each woman who contributed toward the success of BBB&B should feel proud of this project. It is a true example of what generous League volunteers can accomplish. Thanks for the good times!

CRYPTOGRAM

As you sit on the beach or by the pool this will remind you why we all love the Junior League of Philadelphia (the clue is that the first word is T-H-E)

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THANK YOU'S

The following members made contributions to the League above their dues requirements. We would like to thank them for supporting the endowment fund, the building fund, community projects. Several members also made unrestricted gifts to the Junior League of Philadelphia:

Carolyn Aller	Maud Littleton	Samantha Soldan
Jean Alsentzer	Deborah Marsteller	Margaret Stevenson
LaVon Arms	Ella Mecray	Pam Stiner
Harriet S. Disston	Susan Mostek	Maryrita Sweeney
Katherine Forester	Judith Murphy	Jeanne Thompson
Nancy Gabrielson	Suzanne Naylor	Natalie Van Brott
Jane Glick	Dorothy Osborne	Sara Vogel
Kara Goodchild	Maree Regan	Johanne Weidemann
Jane Harrington	Mary Rice	Dana Williams
Sarah "Sally" Hillyer	Jacqueline Russell	Sandra Williams
Doris Hopper	Betty Ann Ryan	Sarah Young
Jennifer Joy	Margaret Scudder	

The Endowment Committee gratefully acknowledges the following members who have generously donated to the **Endowment Fund** in the 2005-2006 League Year:

Graham D. Boose	Doris L. Hopper	Kathleen C. Sherrerd
Jane Carpenter Post	Thea B. Horton	Margaret R. Stevenson
Driscoll Family Foundation	Jennifer C. Joy	Jeanne and Bradley Thompson
Janel Giarratano	Judy A. Moneta	Theresa & Joseph Torelli
Kara H. Goodchild	Dorothy F. Osborne	Sara Vogel

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Let us give a big welcome to our new transfers:

Actives

Brandy Kovacs from Cincinnati, Ohio
Katia Seim from Palo Alto Mid Peninsula, California

Let us give a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to the following members:

Actives

Eleanor Bradley to Seattle Washington
Genevieve Brill Murphy to Long Beach, California
Carla Franklin to New York, New York
Alexis Kainz to Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania
Courtney Loquasto to Wilmington, Delaware

Sustainers

Cynthia Cadwalader to Boston, Massachusetts
Martha Hanson to Indian River, Florida
Mavis Motherway to Seattle, Washington
Isabel Oppen to Moore County, North Carolina

NEW ADDITIONS



Krista and Michael Vaughan welcomed Jude Christopher on May 27th, 2006. Jude's big brother Luke is glad to have him at home in Wynnewood.

Sustainer Notes



Sustainer Chair's Perspective

by Pat Suplee

Dear Sustainers,

I hope your summer activities are rejuvenating and

fun. We are all the children of September school starts and we never lose our feeling that summer is a time out and that September is the real beginning of the year. In that time out, we can be introspective about what the new year and our September self should be with resolutions and goals to be accomplished. Let me leave you with some thoughts of the poet Maya Angelou when interviewed by Oprah on her 70+ birthday:

- I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.
- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.
- I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.
- I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as "making a life."
- I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.
- I've learned that you shouldn't go

through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back.

- I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.
- I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone.
- People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.
- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.
- I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

We have a busy year ahead of us but let's not forget to live it with wisdom, grace, and style and have as much fun as possible. Since the feedback on last year's sustainer project, BTGO, was so positive, e.g., lots of involvement, worthwhile project, good timing, and linkage with a former league initiated project, etc., I will be appointing a Planning Committee to research the feasibility of doing another such project. Any one interested in participating in this planning process should call me ASAP (610-520-2111).

Please make sure to pay special attention to the sustainer packet that will be mailed to you in August. Have fun!

Sustainers Honor Volunteers

On May 5th, at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Winnie Doherty and Judy MacGregor hosted a spirited cocktail buffet in order to honor volunteers. The Valley Forge Cadets presented colors and led in patriotic

songs. Everyone participated and expressed appreciation to the volunteers, service members, League members and all who give their service for the better good. All had a wonderful and meaningful time!

JLP SUSTAINERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

(note the date)

The Pond Restaurant at the Radnor Racquet Club, 175 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor PA

11:30 Reception/Cash Wine Bar -
12:00 Luncheon/ Business Meeting/
Program

GUEST SPEAKER: JERRY SORKIN

Oriental Rugs - Beyond the Surface

Jerry has done extensive research on the relationship of Oriental rugs as a reflection of culture. He will share ideas and theories that take us beyond the surface designs, touching on the current political problems.

Directions: from Lancaster Ave, take King of Prussia Rd. (North). Turn right into Radnor Racquet Club.

Questions: Call **Barbara Gord** at 610-975-0492

RSVP by Monday September 18th

with a check for \$32 per person, made out to the JLP. Send to **Phyllis Scott**, 749 Newtown Rd., Villanova, PA 19085. This event is open to friends and former members.

Afternoon Brush-Up Bridge

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun while "brushing-up" on your Bridge game. See old friends and make some new ones. All levels are welcome. Play is held on the 1st Monday and the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

September 21 - Ginny McIntire at 610 341-1584

October 2 - Annabel Wilson at 610-688-7816

October 19 - Ann Vaughan at 610-293-0870

R.S.V.P. - please contact the hostess

Our Newest Sustainers

The following women gave so generously to the League as Active members, and have decided to become Sustaining Members:

Marian Jones Bell	Lou Ann Ward Kane
Catherine Broach	Christine Kuhinka
Alleen Frankino-Lint	Kate Lockhart
Louise Ciccarelli Games	Kathy Luisi
Janice Ann Gault	Sandra Orth
Annamarie Geppert-Hellebusch	Marianne Raphaely
Anne S. Hopkins	Corey Remington-Murray

BOOKMARKS

New members are welcome – contact **Karen Miller** at 610-688-0282

September 21 – The World is Flat – A brief history of the 21st Century by Thomas L. Friedman

Hostess: **Ann Barnett** and Leader: **Nancy Hebard**

We look forward to reading the following books throughout the year:

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky and Sandra Smith;

The Year is '42 by Nella Bielski;

The Darling by Russell Banks;

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro';

Leaving Home by Anita Brookner;

The Summer Guest by Justin Cronin;

The Photograph by Penelope Lively;

Acts of Faith by Philip Caputo;

Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld;

A Winter's Tale by Mark Halpren;

The Birth of Venus; by Sarah Dunant

Sailing Around the Room – Selected Poems by Billy Collins;

Night by Eli Weisel

The Waterworks

The Sustainers have consistently worked with and contributed to the Fairmount Park Conservancy. On June 12th, several members attended a reception.



Present at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony honoring the Restoration of the Lemon Hill Gazebo are Susan Arnold, Pam Crutchfield, Sue Rice, Virginia Mulligan, and Marilyn Sprague.



Claire Stillely, Betsy Daly, Marilyn Sprague, Mary Ferrell (Executive Director of Fairmount Park Conservancy), Margy Conlon, Pam Crutchfield and Sandy Williams

JUNIOR LEAGUE SUSTAINER NEW YORK THEATER TRIP

Drowsy Chaperone

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006
Matinee with Orchestra seats**

There is an early arrival to allow time for shopping and lunch at an area restaurant. If you have any questions contact **Rosemarie Frankino** at 610-964-1012 or **Joyce Shenian** at 610-353-7953

To RSVP, please submit your \$100 deposit (made out to JLP) to Laura Gellrich, 320 Forest Hills Circle, Devon, PA 19333 (please include name, address, phone, and e-mail)

RSVP by Monday September 18th with a check for \$32 per person, made out to the JLP. Send to Phyllis Scott, 749 Newtown Rd., Villanova, PA 19085. This event is open to friends and former members.

Project Welcome Back

Do you have friends that are former Junior League members? Encourage them to join our Sustainer's group. It's a wonderful way to reconnect with friends and make new ones. It's easy to rejoin! For more information, contact **Susie Heller** at 610-688-8875 or SusieHeller@verizon.net

Transfers

If you know of any new families who have moved into your neighborhood and they are Junior League Sustainers, then please encourage them to become involved with our great group. We would love to have them transfer their membership! Call **Linda Dutton** 610-296-3137 or **Suzanne VanderVeer** 610-525-7447.

UPCOMING DATES

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- 21st** Sustainer Brush Up Bridge –
Hostess **Ginny McIntire** at 610 341-1584 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- 21st** Sustainer Bookmarks -
Hostess: **Ann Barnett** and Leader: **Nancy Hebard**
- 27th** Sustainer Fall Membership Meeting at The Pond Restaurant
175 King of Prussia Road, Radnor
Sign 11:30 am • Meeting 12:00

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October is August 25th*

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