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Provisional “Kick-Off”
Kicks Into High Gear

By Regina Raiford Babcock

Over cups of coffee and scrumptious scones at the elegant Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 78 new members joined the JLP for the Provisional Kick Off on September 30th. “I am so excited by this provisional year. It is a really big group,” said Member Advisor Carol Rose. Jess Rosen, Member Chair, led the kickoff with an enthusiastic welcome. “The League is great for you at whatever your stage of life,” Rosen explained.

Each board member present described her own personal history with the Junior League and how the League enhanced her life. “The League calls on you to do things you never thought you could do,” said Susan Mostek, President-Elect. From fundraising to community projects, the board introduced the newest members to the Junior League of Philadelphia’s extensive community service history as well as its current goals to promote volunteerism.

The Provisionals joined the League for many different reasons, but each member described a desire to support the community. “I just moved to Philadelphia, and I joined the Junior League to make friends and do something non-school related,” joked Allison Sydlaske, Provisional member. Currently a student at Wharton Business School, Sydlaske was impressed by the League’s friendliness and enthusiasm.

Provisional Liz Downey, an attorney from Boston, is hoping to meet new people. “I like how organized the Junior League is,” said Downey. Heather Coupe, another Provisional who also happens to be a stay-at-home mom, added, “I thought a long time about joining the League. I am very excited that I decided to join now.”

Proving that the JLP attracts women of varying ages and backgrounds, Maria Crossin, a tax accountant and recent college graduate explained, “I just got out of college, and I am looking forward to being a member. I will definitely get everything I want out of it.” Fellow Provisional, Erika Speed, an event-marketing representative, stated, “I heard a lot about the Junior League from friends. Now I am going to be a part of it.”

As the event drew to a close, Rosen encouraged new members to reach out to their member advisors and board members in addition to connecting with each other by joining Yahoo Groups. The Provisional Class

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PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
By Kara Goodchild
Recently, I attended a dinner with a large group of friends who are also my husband’s colleagues. Although not an official work event, those assembled offered a toast to the firm. Lest you get an image of John Grisham’s The Firm, the toast was not a pledge of loyalty or a promotion of the firm above others. The toast acknowledged the firm as the connection between everyone there and recognized that the firm must be a special place to have attracted so many people who are not merely coworkers, but also good friends. It struck me that the Junior League of Philadelphia also deserves such a toast.

I have encountered some of the most impressive, kind, and supportive women through my years in the Junior League. I met most of these women by serving on a committee with them. The friendships often began by a simple invitation that we grab a bite to eat before a meeting or a drink afterwards. Even after moving on to different committees, we continued gathering for dinner. Not all of these women remained in the League, but our friendships still flourished.

The high caliber of Junior League women is not limited to the JLP. I have been fortunate to meet Junior League members from around the country at various Junior League trainings. Not surprisingly, I have become fast friends with these women as well. While we share the bond of holding the same position in Leagues across the country, we share a greater kinship that will last beyond the term of our respective presidencies.

My experience is not unique. Talk to sustainers and you will hear stories of decade’s long friendships with other Leaguers. Actives and Provisionals also have abundant tales of friendship to share. Numerous women discovered the Junior League to be filled with like-minded, intelligent women who not only make great committee members, but also make excellent friends.

The quality of the women who belong to the JLP is a testament to the organization itself. Perhaps the focus on lifetime membership and multi-year commitments to projects enables us to not only improve our communities, but also to forge strong bonds in the process. Whatever the reason, there must be something special about an organization that consistently attracts a group of women who together accomplish so many inspiring things.

So the next time you are meeting a group of your JLP friends for dinner or a drink, please raise your glass to the JLP and say thanks for bringing us together.

THE MAIN LINE CLOSET
By Patty Franks
The fall has flown by. Already this year we outfitted returning college students for their apartments and their closets, participated in the Ardmore-Bryn Mawr First Friday Celebration, and dressed many ghosts, goblins, and princesses. This month, the Main Line Closet is gearing up for the holiday season.

Everyone should stop by and see our display windows, which are filled with our “wares” and beautifully accented by the two lovely screens donated by Bobbie Cameron and adorned under the direction of Marcie Reber. We truly appreciate the help the Sustainers give us, not only in dropping off quota, but also in their continued volunteering for shifts and decorating the store. It is wonderful that they continue to show interest in the shop after their active duties are completed.

The shop continues to be extremely busy throughout the winter. Please try to do your shifts before the Spring. Please remember that the amount of money the shop makes for the JLP outreach is directly related to the quality of your donations.

COMMUNITY
Done-In-a-Day
Cookie Exchange at the Restaurant School
When: Saturday, November 11th
Where: 4207 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, 19104
Members will be working with the 7th and 8th grade girls of Cultural Clinic to create eight cookie recipes.
2 shifts available: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00-5:00 pm: Eight volunteers per shift (JLP members only)
For questions, please contact Teresa Montano at 215-731-0110 or e-mail at trsmontano@yahoo.com.

Thanksgiving Baskets at HELP Philadelphia
When: Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: 4910 Wyalusing Ave.
Philadelphia, 19131
Members will be assembling and distributing Thanksgiving Day Baskets to the families of HELP Philadelphia.
Ten volunteers needed (JLP members only); R.S.V.P. online
For questions, please contact Jenny Raichle at 484-322-0441 or email at jennyraichle@yahoo.com
**Membership**

**Trainings**

Red Cross Child, Infant, Adult CPR and First Aid Training

When: November 4th
8:30-5:00 pm

Where: PNI in Conshohocken

Participants will earn Red Cross Certification in Child, Infant, and Adult CPR, and Red Cross Certification in first aid. Certification cards will be mailed by the Red Cross upon completion of the course. Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. online. The cost will be $60.00 with checks made payable to the American Red Cross.

Mission Credits is available (2 credits)

**Membership Transfers**

Let us give a big welcome to our new transfers:

**Actives**
- Erica E. Harris from Martin County, Florida

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

**Actives**
- Shauna Bassett to Seattle, Washington
- Bridget Cowan to Dallas, Texas
- Starr Peoples to New York, New York
- Jennifer Robelo to Charlotte, North Carolina

**Sustainers**
- Alison Santiago to Greensboro, North Carolina

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**Fundraising**

**Winter Spree**

Wednesday, November 30th
from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Willows in Radnor

Join us in celebrating the holiday season! The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. will hold its second shopping bazaar this fall. Expect to find a wide range of gifts suitable for everyone on your list, including jewelry, handbags, home accessories, holiday decorations, and more. Please contact Susan Henley with questions at 610-642-7002 or at henelymail2000@yahoo.com.

**Sibling Satchels Purse!**

Spruce up your Fall wardrobe with this sleek black micro suede purse with cherry colored removable bow. Black and white Eiffel Tower Toile interior with pocket. Flexible handles that allow for over the shoulder carry. Silver feet give a distinctive look while protecting the bottom of the purse. Perfect for everyday use or a night on the town. $90. Purses available at the thrift shop, general membership meetings, or by contacting Kate Forester at khforester@gmail.com or 610-896-0434.

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**Social Groups**

**Dining Club** - November 5 - Wild Rice in King of Prussia – R.S.V.P. to phillycarol@comcast.net

**Wine Club** - November 10 - Wine & Cheese Series at the Westin - R.S.V.P. to phillycarol@comcast.net

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**AJLI Updates**

The AJLI has moved their offices to:
90 William Street, Suite 200
New York, NY 10038
Telephone: 212-951-8300
Fax: 212-481-7196

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**Finance**

As a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia, we welcome your interest in and inquiries regarding the League’s financial statements.

You should submit your questions or comments concerning budget allocations of our monetary resources either before or during the ‘budget season,’ which begins in December and continues through February.

Prior to the annual April voting meeting, you will receive the budget in your voting packet. Please read these documents carefully.

During the voting meeting, you will have an opportunity to either approve or reject the budget we present to the membership. After the voting meeting, you will then receive your dues notice for the upcoming League year.

In addition to questions regarding monetary allocations for the future, we are also available to answer your questions concerning any portion of the financials or the current year’s budget.

For your convenience, we posted the past five year of profit and loss information in a file on the financial page of the JLP web site. The report outlines our expenditures as they relate to the operation of the Main Line Closet, our community programs, fixed costs, membership programs, and other expenses. You can also find an executive summary (containing a few graphs) if you do not need the level of detail provided in the full report.

We look forward to receiving your inquiries. Please feel free to contact us throughout the year.
Are you interested in leading a JLP committee, a council, or even the entire League at some point in your Junior League career? The Nominating Committee would like to share with you some characteristics that have proven invaluable when holding a leadership position in the JLP.

**COMMITMENT** to the JLP and to anyone who relies on you for information, or to get things accomplished. We are all busy in our day-to-day lives, but we must realize that, once we commit to being a leader, we must follow through in all aspects.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS** are key to being a great leader. Both verbal and written communication is usually a big part of any leader’s job, whether it is running your committee meeting, or addressing the entire league at a General Membership meeting.

**MOTIVATION** to keep working, even in the face of anxiety. Sometimes things do not always go as planned and you need to forge ahead. Motivation is also an important skill to impart to others – it can be contagious throughout your team if you can stay motivated and energetic about what you do!

**DEDICATION** to our mission, our processes, and to our members. If you truly believe in what we do and what we stand for, this should come easy!

**OPEN MIND** toward change and new ideas. This is how the JLP learns, grows, and improves. We should all look for newer, better ways to do things and to accept the change it brings. Leaders often times need to help others accept that change, too.

**SENSE OF HUMOR** to have fun, laugh with others, and enjoy the ride!

Obviously, there are many other traits that make a great leader. When Nominating places leaders in the JLP, we consider these personal leadership characteristics in each candidate as input to our decision.

If you feel you have some, or all, of these characteristics and are interested in using them to lead the JLP, please make sure to fill out a Nominating Leadership Survey to let us know your interests. Or, call a Nominating Committee member today!

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Yahoo Group will help them keep track of upcoming events. Added Rosen, “I want to work with you to make a positive change in our community.”

Let us welcome the following Provisionals into the Junior League of Philadelphia:

- Christianne Baer
- Erin Baker
- Megan Baker
- Andrea Barber
- Sara Beyer
- Adriane Benko
- Tricia Billings
- Shannon Black
- Melissa Forgarty Boreas
- Elizabeth Bradley
- Andrea Bower
- Loyata Brooks
- Janet Burgoon
- Channing Bushnell
- Dana Christmas
- Amy Clark
- Laura Collins
- Ashley Sullivan Corwin
- Heather Coupe
- Laura Creed
- Maria Crossin
- Christina Denise Davis
- Lindsey Dee
- Gina DePietro
- Kieren Dettweiler
- Elizabeth Downey
- Helen Driskell
- Suzanne Landgren Duckett
- Annette Dumont
- Emily Estes
- Isabella Faro Winkelman
- Kathryn Feather
- Kelly Fedalen
- Candace Finkel
- Melissa Finnegan
- Karen Fisher
- Anne Ford
- Susan Friedman
- Christine Gallagher
- Christen Gang
- Amber Goins
- Deb Goldberg
- Leah Greenberg
- Lindsay Greene
- Alison Altman Gross
- Stephanie Hajatian
- Starlet Heckard
- Ashley Hiser
- Lauren Hooven
- Andrea Humphrey
- Stephanie Ingersoll
- Nicola Kerslake
- Kathryn Lomlo
- Sarah Loague
- Stephanie MacDonald
- Breichen Madej
- Silvia Madrigal
- Heather Lee
- Michelle McCabe
- Jenny Parker McCloskey
- Nicole McElroy
- Kathleen McNaughton
- Lissa McNeil
- Talene Megerian
- Sarah Michell
- Catherine Morgan
- Lisa Madoaue
- Anne Martinez
- Kristin Mortensen
- Karen Nabholz
- Katrina Nada
- Elisabeth Naughton
- Diane Oliva
- Amanda Palmatier
- Gina Pierson
- Lauren Pool
- Anne Radecki
- Soozung Sa Rankin
- Ashley Rudolph
- Brandie Schwartz
- Elizabeth Scott
- Heidi Siferlen
- Alla Sifuentes
- Reina Smith
- Erika Speed
- Tina Stango
- Elizabeth Stewart
- Alison Sydlaske
- Erika Speed
- Brandi Thurber
- Colleen Tinney
- Mercedes Tresca
- Rachael Urban
- Wendi Weber
- Amber Weinfurtner
- Deana Westy
- Jamie Wilson
- Carolyn Woytowich
- Amanda Ziegert
DEVELOPMENT

Are you interested in shaping the JLP’s future?

Any member of the JLP can submit an idea for a new community project by completing a Project Proposal Form. You can obtain this form by emailing debbookstaber@yahoo.com. The Project Research and Development Committee will review all project ideas. The Committee will then select some proposed projects to research further and present to the JLP Board at the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings in November, January, and February respectively.

The Project Advisory Committee includes the President, President-Elect, Development Council Director, Project Research and Development Chair, Community Project Council Directors, Placement Committee Chairs, Finance Committee liaison and two members-at-large selected by the nominating committee.

PAC will work with the PRD committee to evaluate each project utilizing criteria designed to ensure that JLP volunteer and financial resources are allocated in a way that maximizes our community impact.

Projects approved by PAC will be voted on by the JLP membership at the Annual Voting Meeting. A project may be approved by the membership for a period of up to three years at one time.

Fall Membership Meeting

Jerry Sorkin, an expert on oriental rugs and the cultures that produce them spoke at the September 27th Membership Meeting at the Pond Restaurant in Radnor. This meeting, to which 89 sustainers and friends attended, was superbly organized by Barbara Gord and Phyllis Scott. Sorkin’s topic was “Oriental Rugs—Beyond the Surface” His fascinating talk stressed that these cultures are first and foremost based on clan and tribe. To try to impose nationalism and/or democracy on them is a very daunting, if not impossible task. He also spoke on the symbolism used in rugs and that even if one pattern was copied by another tribe it would be interpreted differently using their own unique weaving structure.

The official Junior League Organizer is now available. Not only is it a great weekly calendar, it also provides places to store contacts, and serves as a family and volunteer organizer. You can purchase your copy at the Main Line Closet for $15.00.
Dear Sustainers,

It was my pleasure to be on the Celebration Committee of the Water Works. This celebration took place at the Water Works on September 10th. Over 700 Philadelphians were present to enjoy the current renovations to the South Garden, the last remaining piece of the Water Works site to be completed.

Susan Myers and over 60 Junior League members and guests were present to celebrate many years of Junior League involvement with the Water Works. The restoration of this site began as a Junior League project in the early 1970’s, as the League prepared to honor the country’s bicentennial. For over 20 years, Susan Myers, her committee, and the entire League committed funds and many hours of volunteer work to keep this project afloat. Susan carried her famous placemat of the Water Works, a symbol of the project, and her message of the importance of this site to anyone who would listen. Thanks to Pam Crutchfield, Sustainer chair-elect, the famous placemat attended at this celebration and was given back to Susan. Many of her Water Works Restoration Committee was present, including Virginia Maloney, Cordie Clement, Charlotte DeSerio, Pam Crutchfield, Phyllis Scott, Margy Conlon, and Marilyn Sprague.

The Water Works restoration project began with Susan and the League. Ernesta Ballard, Fairmount Park Commissioner, contributed greatly to the effort and raised large amounts of money to bring the project near completion. After Susan Myers’ early efforts that raised millions for the project, Susan Myers with the League, together with the Society of Engineers, restored the Frederic Graff Memorial Fountain, one of Susan Myers’ final gifts to the Water Works. In commemoration of her untiring efforts and of a Junior League Project, the League has donated a grant of $20,000 to aid in the completion of the South Garden.

Do not miss the opportunity to visit the Water Works and marvel at this beautiful part of Philadelphia’s past and present. Eat at the Water Works Restaurant, which is truly wonderful. Walk up the newly restored cliff paths toward the Art Museum. Enjoy the restored fountain, central to the South Garden. Look for the eagle atop the gazebo toward the river, which was another gift of the monies raised by Susan Myers and the League. Watch for the completion of the South Garden, and feel the pride of being a member of an organization that helped retain and gloriously restore a unique treasure.

If you missed a chance to contribute toward this final stage, you can still do so through the Fairmount Park Conservancy (215-988-9334), 1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 1670, Philadelphia PA 19103. Mention Susan Myers and the Junior League.*

*Much of the historical information in this letter was supplied by Marilyn Sprague.

Upcoming Sustainer Events

**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. Games are held on the first Monday and the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. All levels are welcome.

To R.S.V. P. please contact the hostess:

November 5 – Barbara Gord at 610-975-0492
November 16 - Hazel Hurley at 610-695-8243

**BOOKMARKS READING LIST**

Join us! BOOKMARKS meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the hostess for details.

**November 16 - Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain takes us down the Mississippi in one of Twain’s most famous, most interpreted, and most controversial classics.

Hostess: TBD – contact Karen Miller at 610-688-0282
Leader: Erlis Wickersham

**Sustainer Teas Coming in February**

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Volunteers are needed to host teas in the following areas: Lower Main Line, Upper Main Line, Chestnut Hill/ Northwest suburbs, and New Jersey

Volunteers are also needed to make tea sandwiches.

To volunteer, please call: Jean Murdock at 610-642-7283
Anne Simpson at 610-644-5600

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There will not be a meeting in December, but the book for January will be *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova.

**MEDICAL WORKSHOP**

This workshop will cover the timely and important issue of decisions at the end of life. The role of living wills and healthcare proxies in the context of compassionate care will be the focus of this presentation.

Mary Theresa Conner, a noted ethicist from St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh will be our speaker. Susan Mease, a JLP member and a notary public, will be present at the meeting to assist anyone who would like to create their living will.

The workshop will take place at the home of Marilyn Sprague (647 Clovelly Lane, Devon) on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 6:30PM. Mail checks for $18.00 (made out to JLP) to Nancy Henry, 416 Chandlee Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312.

If you have any questions please contact Jane Green at 610-566-8167 or Marianne McClatchy at 610-519-1160.

**HISTORIC CAIRNWOOD BY CANDLELIGHT**

On Thursday December 14, come and experience the grandeur of a bygone era as you explore this Beaux Arts country house by the glow of candlelight. Light refreshments in keeping with the Victorian style—mulled cider, desserts, coffee, or tea will also be served.

Bus pick-up at the Radnor Hotel at 5:30 with a light supper provided. Please make $38.00 check payable to the JLP, and R.S.V.P. to Nancy Henry, 416 Chandlee Dr, Berwyn, PA 19312, at 610-408-8525 by December 7th.

If you have any questions please contact Jane Green at 610-566-8167 or Marianne McClatchy at 610-519-1160.

**In Memorium**

Judy MacGregor’s husband David passed away on September 8, 2006.

**The Junior League Garden Club**

The Junior League Garden Club Actives and Sustainers are invited to our Holiday Party at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr on Monday, November 27th at 10:30 am. Our speaker Elise Payne’s subject will be Delving into Daffodils. She will discuss the uses and forms of this cheerful flower and will bring unusual bulbs from members of the Daffodil Society for us to plant. Actives and Sustainers are encouraged to come to what promises to be an excellent, informative talk. If you wish to attend, please call Graham Boose, Program Chair, at 610-431-7701.

Actives and Sustainers interested in joining the Junior League Garden Club should contact Shirley Messina, President, at 610-525-7335.

Members arrange flowers for the Show at Whitehorse Village and prepare for the speaker from Peonyland.
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UPCOMING DATES

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1st  Sustainer New York Theater Trip – contact Rosemarie Frankino at 610-964-1012 - depart 7:30 am
4th  Infant CPR Training at PNI
5th  Dining Club at Wild Rice in King of Prussia
5th  Sustainer Brush-up Bridge -Hostess Barbara Gard at 610-975-0492 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm
9th  Evening Sustainers – Medical Workshop - contact Nancy Henry 610-408-8525 - 6:30 pm
9th  Sustainer Cooking Klatch – contact Mary Burr 610-688-5892 - 12:00 noon
10th Wine Club at Westin Hotel in Center City Philadelphia
11th  DIAD: Cookie Exchange at the Restaurant School in West Philadelphia
16th  Sustainer Brush-up Bridge -Hostess Hazel Hurley at 610-695-8243 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm
16th  Sustainer Bookmarks – contact Karen Miller at 610-688-0282
18th  DIAD: HELP Philadelphia Thanksgiving Baskets
19th  Area Meetings held throughout the week, please see Membership Meeting section!
27th  Junior League Garden Club – Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr - 10:30 pm
30th  Winter Spree at the Willows from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

DECEMBER
2nd  DIAD at Cooper Hospital in New Jersey
4th  Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge – Hostess Marge Devlin (610) 647-4122 1:00 to 4:00 pm
7th  Sustainer Board Meeting – Hostess Pam Crutchfield (610) 296-4436 12:00 noon
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