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What an easy way for us to support the JLP.

Last January, the training session covered how to recognize, handle, and defuse bullying behavior in girls. Understanding how stress impacts physical health and managing stress levels were the topics of the educational course offered last February.

"We want our courses to be relevant to what is going on in the League as well as what is going on in our members' lives," says Amey. Recent courses in mentoring and adult, child, and infant CPR have been informational and enriching to members' lives. Amey urges members to stay tuned for courses scheduled in the spring that promise to help members expand their perceptions and help members serve the community. "These courses are great for League placement," said Amey, "Do it for your personal life! Do it for your mission credit!"

In addition to exciting new courses for the spring, members should look forward to the Placement Fair before the Voting meeting in April. Do not forget that you can also self-nominate for member advisor positions. Most committees are filled by June; however, some committees that meet year-round, such as the Hotline committee place members earlier. While the Placement Guide offers detailed descriptions of each committee, the League encourages members to investigate all the available options by attending the fair and meeting the committee chairs. To achieve the perfect fit, nothing beats a face-to-face meeting where a member can ask questions and learn more about the committee.

A Perfect Fit

By Regina Raiford Babcock

High quality educational courses are a cornerstone of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.'s core values of personal and professional leadership skills for the betterment of our community. "What we have tried to do this year is find training courses that fit the mission of the Junior

League," said Adie Amey, chair. Upcoming courses will complement the needs of the JLP's community projects, such as mentoring.

"We are interested in presenting topics that we have not covered in the past," said Amey. To appeal to a wide range of JLP members, Amey carefully selected a fresh batch of training courses. Added Amey, "We tried to come up with different training so that members are learning something new."

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



By Kara Goodchild

I read recently about a Junior League that was being recognized for its efforts to enable its membership to answer the age-old question: "What does the Junior League do?" That League's answer was to create a thirteen word "elevator speech" and teach it to their members. Over the last several years, we have thought about trying to create our own elevator speech but have run into various obstacles. However, this story got me thinking about it again.

The answer to "what does the Junior League do?" is difficult to answer because the Junior League does so many things. Simply saying we promote literacy does not give a complete picture, and responding that we are a training organi-

zation is again only part of the story. To answer the question by repeating the mission-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 the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers-does not quite do it either. While it encompasses all the aspects of the organization, it does not really tell others what we do.

It struck me that the answer lies in our tag line: "Women building better communities." The key word is building. That word carries with it the connotation of a process leading to something permanent. The goal of the Junior League is not just to deal with a problem for a few years and then move on to something else; it is to create sustainable development. We build better communities through effective women who identify a community

need, construct a program to address that need, furnish the means of meeting the need, and leave in place a solid structure for the community to continue meeting the need. Each of our community projects can be put in this frame. We strengthen not just the community targeted by a particular project, but also the communities in which each of us live. The process of addressing problems develops the potential of our members, making them greater assets for their own community. In short, the Junior League builds better communities.

So, the next time someone asks you "What does the Junior League do?" You can answer: "It builds better communities by developing both the programs to address needs and the people to make things happen."

Kara H. Goodchild

COMMUNITY

By Emily Newmark

Done-In-A-Day

The Done-in-a-Day Committee is teaming up with VistaCare to bring "Flowers and Tea" into the lives of 30 residents at The Quadrangle in Haverford, where VistaCare brings services to their hospice patients on March 31 from 1 PM to 4 PM.

The Quadrangle, a Sunrise Community, is located near the JLP Office on Philadelphia's Main Line. They pride themselves in their identity as a full-service life care community fostering the life of the mind. The Quadrangle partners with VistaCare to bring hospice care to their residents. VistaCare's mission and dedication to "doing well by doing good" is at the core of every decision. VistaCare takes a progressive approach to hospice, focusing

their energies on bringing this gift to patients that are more eligible and developing new ways to better serve the patients who entrust them with their care. Veteran's Financial Services, Inc. has agreed to be an additional sponsor of this event to help provide wonderful flowers for the residents.

The residents will be making flower arrangements with their JLP partners that they can take back to their room and enjoy for weeks to come. Once all of the flowers are perfect, everyone will have Afternoon Tea together. On the menu are yummy tea sandwiches and pretty desserts.

If you want to participate in this special day, please RSVP on the website for "Flowers & Tea." Questions can be directed to Emily Newmark at emilynemark@aol.com or 610-519-9191. *our a full success.*

The JLP Website

Please Note:

The new website address is www.jlphiladelphia.org. If you have not accessed the site, please verify that your information is correct. If you need a password, please contact Gaby Thorne at groovygaby@msn.com.

Also, do not forget to sign up to receive your Hotline through the website. This can be found in your Member Profile.

THANK YOU

To the Frolic and Festivities Committee for putting together a fabulous and successful Casino Night.

To the EVT Committee for putting together great trainings this year that were not only educational but also meaningful.

Visit the website,

**www.jlphiladelphia.org,
for information about upcoming events.**

Reading Rocks

By Jennifer Shacklett

The third Reading Rocks festival will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Christian Street YMCA (1724 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146). The festival, which promotes literacy, is geared towards children in grades K-6 and will have a St. Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss theme. During the event, the children will participate in interactive games and activities with a reading focus. They will also earn "credits" that can be exchanged for new books and pencil packs containing an assortment of school supplies.

The fourth Reading Rocks festival will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Roxborough YMCA (7201 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128). This festival also has a literacy focus and is in conjunction with the Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) Child Identification Program (CHIP). CHIP is a program sponsored and administered by the local Federal Lodge of Masons. Junior League members will assist the Masons in videotaping, fingerprinting, etc.,

for the creation of "lost child kits" for participating children. These kits will be provided to the child's parent or guardian for use if their child ever went missing. It is an ideal kit for local law enforcement to begin a lost child search effort. The Roxborough YMCA will also be holding their Healthy Kids Day event at the same time. League members can earn one Mission Credit by volunteering at either event. There are five openings for volunteers at the March 17 event and fifteen openings for volunteers at the April 14 event (5 for Reading Rocks and 5 for DIAD). Please sign-up to volunteer via the Calendar of Events online at the new JLP website (jlpphiladelphia.org). Please arrive at 10 AM to assist in set-up and expect to stay until 1:30 PM for assistance with breakdown. Check the calendar for additional details or for more information, contact Kristen Corcoran (kristen_corcoran@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Shacklett (jmsstirk@hotmail.com) for Reading Rocks, and Jenifer Bradley (jenifer.bradley@gmail.com) for DIAD.

Mission Credit Opportunities

Books Aloud!

The Books Aloud! Committee has a Mission Credit available.

Participate in a literature-based arts project for children of adults attending a Books Aloud! Seminar. Mission credit opportunities limited to **two** non-committee members per event.

Events are held at the Joseph E. Coleman Library (68 West Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia PA) on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. April 4 and June 6 and at the Central Library (1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA) on the June 9th from 1:30 PM to 3 PM. (2/10/07, 6/9/07)

DIAD

Vista Care Hospice - Flowers and Tea

March 31, 2007 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Twelve Volunteers are needed to help make flower arrangements with residents. Location will be at the Quadrangle in Villanova, PA. Contact Emily Newmark at 610-203-2406 or emilynewmark@aol.com. This event is **FULL!**

Fairmount Park-Smith Family Playhouse and Playground Clean up

April 21, 2007, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Volunteers are needed (open to all) to help with the clean up of the Smith Family Playhouse and Playground

Location: Smith Family Playhouse and Playground, 33rd and Oxford-East Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA, 19121

Contact Belinda McCleod Quinn at 215-545-7171 OR e-mail at bmcleodqui@aol.com. **Three** volunteers are needed. This Books Aloud regular monthly event has been opened up to active members for Mission Credit, and will provide an insight to this committee if you are interested for next year.

Contact Dianne Smith at 215-763-0790 or diannes35@hotmail.com

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center

This event will be held in early May, check website and future Hotlines and eLine for updates.

FUNDRAISING

Join us for a shopping event at Blue Tulip to help raise funds for the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. on March 18th from 12:00 -5:00pm. Blue Tulip offers a unique array of gifts for everyone as well as invitation design and printing services. The event will be held at all three area locations; Ardmore, Marlton, and Paoli.

Mention you're shopping for the Junior League, or bring this flyer, and 15% of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the Junior League of Philadelphia's community projects. The proceeds from the last shopping event held in November at Suburban Square in Ardmore yielded us over \$450.

Please feel free to invite your friends, family and co-workers. See you there!

Ardmore, PA

At Suburban Square
610-642-6120

Marlton, NJ

The Promenade at Sagamore
500 Rte. 73 South
856-596-3073

Paoli, PA

19 Leopard Rd, 610-407-2880

Meetings

March (third week)

General Membership Meeting -
Parliamentary Procedure

April (third week)

Voting Meeting - Attendance Mandatory

May

Annual Dinner

Spring Clean Up With Boys And Girls Club Of Philadelphia

May 9, 2007, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Volunteers will be working on the Spring Clean up at the Boys and Girls Club in Philadelphia at The Wissahickon Center, 328 W. Coulter Street, Wissahickon, PA, 19144. Contact Tricia Ruff at rufftarget@verizon.net.jmsstirk@hotmail.com

***Note:** additional Mission Credit opportunities may become available. Please check the online calendar and the "eline" for updates. For most events, please RSVP online! If you are interested in an event, RSVP quickly as events are filling up!

NOMINATING

Social Networking 101 - 102

By Erika von Hoyer

101: A simple definition of social networking is the linking of like-minded people. As long as you continue to share common goals, the network will remain active. As members of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), we are part of a social network that links approximately 170,000 women who believe in and support the AJLI's mission. To pursue the AJLI vision successfully, it is necessary to create "sub" networks. That is where the 293 individual leagues come in. With geographically based groups, we are "like minded" by way of neighborhoods. Based on proximity, we are able to effectively organize, learn, and implement.

While we were brought together by our interest in the league's mission, we each have additional goals or benefits we hope to gain through our participation — socializing, training, formal venue for volunteering, personal or professional development, etc... To achieve these goals, we can take advantage of the full calendar of league-sponsored activities, join the smaller member-sponsored clubs (e.g. garden, wine, or book), take on leadership roles, or carefully select our placements based on experience or a perceived value of a new opportunity. How well the League experience supports the needs and interests of its members is dependent on the open communication and interaction throughout the social network.

102: Whether in a work or social setting, people will often suggest that someone's achievements have to do with "who they know." While that may sometimes be the case, it may fairer to say, "It's not who you know, but who knows you." This is why this topic is being covered by Nominating. Whatever it is that you wish to achieve from your league participation, the value and likelihood of it occurring is based the broad reach of the league's network. The size of the network is a blessing in terms of providing strength through numbers allowing us to successfully achieve league

objectives. On an individual level however, it presents a challenge because it is easy to feel "lost in the crowd." While you know you are in the company of like-minded people, you may not now how to connect with them. The strength of the league is based on the satisfaction and retention of its membership so connectedness is a critical component.

In terms of the Nominating committee, we operate with an understanding that having qualified and committed women in leadership directly affects the experience and satisfaction of the Provisionals, Actives, and Sustainers. While careful time and consideration is given towards each and every leadership placement, remember again, that it's "not who you know but who knows you." As a committee, we do not know each member individually so we proactively seek feedback to understand who is interested in leadership and who is not. What their strengths are and work with people to develop a plan that offers additional growth opportunity.

We (the League - not just nominating) need to count on each other in order to fuel the strength of our Social Network. Whether or not you wish to pursue a leadership opportunity, as a member of the League, there are a number of things that you can do that support the development of strong leadership and your resulting satisfaction.

If you are still reading, you have taken "101" and "102." Now it is time for some homework.

1. Whether you are fairly new to the League or you've been in it for years, take a moment to reflect on those that you've met (they were on a committee you chaired, they were a chair, they volunteered for an event you coordinated, etc.) and think about a positive impact that person had on your League experience.

2. Write down the names of three of them. If more than three come to mind, great! Limit it anyway. If you have less than three, that is okay too.

3. Next to each name, write down a sentence or two on how they influenced your experience.

4. Review what you just wrote. For each person listed, give yourself one point if you have told that person that they have affected your experience. Give

yourself an additional point for each person listed if you have told someone else (member advisor, nominating, any other League member) about the positive influence this person had on your League experience.

Add up your points. An "ultimate" score would be six (three people, each with whom you have shared feedback with and you have relayed this feedback to others as well). If your total was in fact 6, you are probably very satisfied with the League, finding it to be a great social network of like-minded people. The League is rich in diversity. If your total was anything less than six, you have the opportunity to create an even more rewarding opportunity for yourself and for others, by engaging with more people. The better you are at communicating your needs and for recognizing those that help you achieve them, you are in fact, nurturing the leadership of the League, developing the sense of community and connectedness. The simple act of positive feedback to other members will encourage them to stay involved and, may encourage them to pursue or to maintain a leadership position. Taking on a leadership role may be a challenge for some people. When they have taken the challenge on successfully, your feedback as such, can make the difference as to whether they decide continue to pursue future leadership opportunities. While this simple feedback may not seem significant or necessary, the act is incredibly powerful particularly for a volunteer organization.

The easiest part of social network is finding a like-minded group. The value of a social network is realized when the members are actively engaged in reinforcing the positive experience that individuals members deliver. The opportunity for rewarding experience is limited only by how well you engage in the process. If you are ready to support the strengthening of our network, take time to provide the feedback to those who have influenced it. No matter how small you perceive the circumstance, you will be surprised by ripple effect your feedback can have within our group. In addition, while you may or may not be interested in a leadership role, through your active participation in this social network, you can directly affect the leadership and direction of the League.

Erin Go Bragh



By Pat Suplee

As I continue this journey of chairmanship, I become ever more acutely aware of how little I can do without all of you. My gratitude to all of you in the

Sustainer community, to the many Actives who help me, and especially, to **Ruth Palmer**, who always greets my requests with, "sure, no problem." With special thanks to **Gail Williams Smith** who resigned from the post of corresponding secretary to move to California to be with her son. We will miss you, Godspeed. **Sandy Williams** has graciously agreed to fill out the rest of Gail's tenure and be slated as next year's corresponding secretary.

I want to thank **Jane Green** and **Marianne McClatchy** for the entertaining and educational events, such as, January's White Elephant at Joyce Shenian's and The Pharaoh Returns, the King Tut Exhibit at the Franklin Institute. When I asked Jane if the date for this event could be changed she resisted the impulse to say, "Tut, tut," and was able to move the date back one day so as not to conflict with Casino Night, the Actives' major fundraiser, at the Crystal Tea Room on February 23rd .

Thanks to **Anne Simpson** and **Jean Murdoch** and all their hostesses for bringing us all together for tea, sympathy, if needed, and conversation at the Neighborhood Teas. I thank **Virginia Mulligan** for arranging two wonderful and stimulating trips to Historic Buildings in Philadelphia and New York. I cannot forget to thank my taskmaster and "night-before-Christmas" Hotline-deadline-Grinch, **Marge Devlin**. **Dede Hardy** has done a great job setting up lessons for those evolving beginners, now the Intermediate Evening Bridge Group. **Cindy Landreth** and her committee are developing options for the Sustainer Project. Others leading groups operating with well-oiled precision and deserving thanks are: **Shirley Messina** with the Garden Club, **Mary Burr** with Cooking Klatch, **Karen Miller** for Bookmarks, and **Judy Moneta** with Sustainer Security to name but a few.

I want to thank **Sally Forester** for helping the Actives in the launching of the Digital Cheetah website and **Joan Prewitt** for her willingness to share her public relations expertise. Not to be forgotten are the administrative bodies of Finance, Nominating and Executive without which we could not continue as a group in good health. Thanks, too, to the event planners for making things special for us. From the Hospitality Committee, headed by **Jan Lawton** and **Bev Galloway**, the Spring Membership Meeting Planners, **Betsy Daly** and **Jean Yost** and finally

to **Didi Rieger** and **Kitten Susanin** with the "Swing into Spring" Social, we are well taken care of.

Therefore, with a little bit of Irish luck in this month of St. Patrick and a lot of help and caring from all of you I wish you:

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow

May the soft winds freshen your spirit

May the sunshine brighten your heart

May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.

May God enfold you in the mantle of His love.

Pat

SUPPORT THE 2007 SUSTAINER PROJECT

We are collaborating with Philadelphia Reads to provide books for children in Philadelphia - grades K through 8 and we need BOOKS (either new or gently used books are welcome). Please bring a book (or several) with you when you attend the Sustainer Meeting Dinner or various events.

This project will be a great success with your support!

Evening Sustainers

The Junior League Evening Sustainer's invites you to Mystery Dinner Theatre.

"We offer you a unique and challenging form of theatre. This is your chance to play the part, hunt for clues, and solve the crime. Get to know the characters. Even their off-hand comments are full of clues. As you get into the spirit of the performance, who knows? YOU might be the murderer ... or the victim!"

Friday, March 16, 2007 at the Bistro Romano Restaurant, 120 Lombard Street, Philadelphia.

Hors d'oeuvre reception at 7 pm with the dinner and theatre at 8 pm. Event cost is \$48.00. Sodas and alcoholic beverages are extra. To RSVP please make checks payable to: JLP. Send to Nancy Henry by March 9. 416 Chandlee Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312. Questions -call either Jane Green, 610-566-8167 or Marianne McClatchy, 610-355-1976.

All Sustainers - Swing into Spring!

April is the month to "Swing into Spring!"

Come for Cocktails and Celebrate our 95th Birthday

Saturday, April 21st - 6:00PM to 9:00PM

At the home of Anne Hopkins

509 St. David's Avenue St. David's

Your invitation will be in the mail.

Nominating News

A special thank you goes to Sandy Williams, who has agreed to step in and take over as Corresponding Secretary for the remainder of the year. We send our warmest appreciation to Gail Williams Smith for her hard work up until now in this position and wish her well in her new home in California. Please inform Sandy of any news you have regarding Sustainers and /or their families so she can send get well wishes, congratulations, condolences, etc. Sandy can be contacted at: Mrs. Sandy Williams, 911 N. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301, or 610-647-0194 or sandswept@aol.com

Sustainer Day Trips

Historic Buildings of Philadelphia on Tuesday March 13

The bus will leave from the Proclamation Church in Bryn Mawr at 9:45 . We will take the time to explore The Masonic Museum, Library, and Temple including their print collection; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA) to view the Daniel Garber Art Show a romantic realist 1897-1929, and personal collections of miniature sculptures. We will be having lunch on our own in the Café at PAFA; and we will end with Historic Park Houses with Joan Roberts -a learned guide describing the houses as we travel.

Historic Buildings of New York City - Tuesday April 10

We will travel by bus to New York City.

We have a special opportunity to tour the Gracie Mansion (official residence of the Mayor), a special individualized private tour of the Bloomberg Tower, designed by Cesar Pelli who designed our own Cira Centre. The Tower was selected as one of the best new skyscrapers in 2005, and offers an unparalleled range of features from Home Depot to luxury residences and offices. After the tour, we will have lunch in the City and then a guided tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see the artifacts from Laurenton Hall (1905), which includes some of his diverse collections of Tiffany windows.

For reservations and additional information, call Virginia Mulligan 610-649-0113

Junior League Sustainer Spring Membership Dinner

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Yangming Restaurant - Haverford & Conestoga Roads, Bryn Mawr

R.S.V.P. no later than March 30, Early reservations are encouraged as space is limited. Checks made payable to JLP is your reservation - cost \$38.00, Send to Betsy Daly, 730 Woodleave Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

6:00pm - Reception and Cash Bar

6:45pm - Dinner

7:30pm - Dessert and THE LARKS

8:00pm - Meeting - Honoring the Sustainer of the Year and our Special Sustainers

Bookmarks

Come join this group for an evening of interesting discussion. We meet the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the hostess or Karen Miller (610) 688-0282

March 15th - March by Geraldine Brooks. The Civil War experiences of Mr. March - the absentee father of Louisa May Alcott's Little Women

Hostess - Mary Tattersfield 610-277-2539

Leader - Deedie O'Donnell

April 19th - A Tree Brows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. The coming of age story of young, sensitive, idealistic Francie Nolen and her bittersweet formative years in the turn of the century Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn

Hostess - Annabel Wilson 610-688-7816

Leader, Maree Regan.

Afternoon Bridge Brush Up

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

To R.S.V.P. please contact the hostess. Space is limited - so call early.

* March 5th - Mimi Johnson 610-520-0538

* March 15th - Jane Harrington 610-688-6374

* April 2nd - Lorrie Pennell 610-647-2881

* April 19th - Jane Harrington 610-688-6374

An Invigorating Challenge to Sharpen your Bridge Skills

The JLP is pleased to offer an Advanced Intermediate Bridge experience for 10 weeks this winter with Gus Katsaros. Many of who know Gus personal experience or reputation. The course will be conducted on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm on the Main Line. Gus has a sharp mind and generous teaching skills, coaches many of the local club teams, and is greatly sought after. This will not be a beginner's course and participants will be expected to be thoroughly comfortable with the basics of bridge play and the most utilized conventions (Stayman, Jacoby Transfer, Weak and Strong Two's, Preempts, Gerber,

Blackwood etc.). Gus will emphasize nuance and the finer points of more advanced bridge play. This course will not be teaching the mechanics of Bridge. The course will require 16-18 participants assuring four full tables each week. We anticipate the cost to be \$110-125 depending upon the response. If you are interested and we hope you are, please e-mail Dede Hardy Francesh12@AOL.com or call her at 610 525-2842. We are looking forward to a lively transforming experience. Come and learn with us!

The Larks' New Year

As the Larks begin the post-holiday rehearsal season, we invite you to consider joining the group, and participate in our singing outreach. If you would like to hear our sound and have a Wednesday morning free in the next two months, please feel free to attend as a guest as we rehearse our spring repertoire. Please email Anne Markle, President, for more information, adextr@comcast.net.

During the fall, the Larks worked diligently on a core repertoire of about a dozen songs, from which to build longer programs for performances at local retirement centers, nursing homes and other venues. The core includes old chestnuts like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Basin Street Blues" to new hot numbers, like "Fever"; folk favorites like "Danny Boy" in a lovely close-harmony arrangement, to Show tunes, like "All that Jazz," complete with choreography. We groove

to Motown and soar with Spirituals. The philosophy of the Larks' music director, Anjali Gallup-Diaz, is that the Larks try to have a lark whatever the occasion, because we are privileged to be doing what we love: Sing! The pay-off is a smile on the face of a listener, or a clasped hand during an audience sing-along. If those kinds of rewards appeal to you, and you can read music and carry a tune, consider adding the Larks to your new year's resolutions!

Sustainer Project Update

There are 22 dedicated Sustainers who have indicated an interest in working together on a community project this spring. We have identified two potential projects and have agreed to do research on other ideas that may offer a longer and deeper involvement by the Junior League.

We are partnering with two Philadelphia institutions. First, building on the success of last year, we are planning a major drive for gently used books for grades K-8 to be distributed by Philadelphia Reads, a non-prof-

it organization that provides books to all schools in the greater Philadelphia area. We are hoping to partner in this endeavor with at least two schools in the area.

The second project is collaborating with the Ronald McDonald House near Children's Hospital. Each evening, a volunteer group provides a meal to the 80 or so people staying at the House and we would like to help the House with at least one meal this spring.

Bev Galloway is researching at least one

project in the area of environmental education that will likely require a longer-term volunteer and financial commitment from Sustainers. There are many volunteer opportunities available. Please join us. Contact Cindy Landreth (215-592-8398 or LSLandreth@aol.com). The philosophy of the Larks' music director, Anjali Gallup-Diaz, is that the Larks try to have a lark whatever the occasion, because we are privileged to be doing what we love: Sing! The pay-off is a smile on the face of a listener, or a clasped hand during an audience sing-along. If those kinds of rewards appeal to you, and you can read music and carry a tune, consider adding the Larks to your new year's resolutions!

Moroccan Chicken

From Settings

3 large onions, sliced
1 tbsp vegetable oil
2 tbsp flour
5 lbs chicken pieces, skin removed
1 1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
16 ounces pitted prunes
1/2 cup yellow currants (optional)
2 cups tomato sauce
Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Place sliced onions in a 4-quart casserole. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle with flour. Arrange half of the chicken on top. Season with half the salt and pepper and scatter with half of the prunes and currants. Pour half the tomato sauce over all. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients. Cover and bake 2 hours until chicken is tender.

Serves 8 - A robust combination of flavors complemented by the color and texture of Saffron Rice**

Hot Spinach Hors d'Oeuvres

From Bicentennial

Four 10-oz packages chopped frozen spinach
4 cups herb stuffing
2 large onions, diced
8 eggs
1 cup parmesan cheese
1 1/2 cups butter, melted
1 tbsp thyme
2 garlic cloves, minced
Salt and pepper

Cook spinach and drain. Squeeze out liquid when draining spinach. Mix all ingredients together well. Chill 2 hours or more. Roll into balls 1 inch in diameter. Freeze or refrigerate until ready to use. Cook about 30 minutes at 300 degrees until golden brown.

The Junior League Garden Club

With the inspiration of the Philadelphia Flower show, our next meeting will include a presentation by Laura Gregg on from "Concept to Conclusion: How to Shape Your Winning Entry in a Flower Show." So bring an open mind and your creative side on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am, at the Easttown Library, Kohn Room, 720 First Avenue, Berwyn

All are welcome! Call President, Shirley Messina (610) 525-7335

UPCOMING DATES

March

- 4th** Books Aloud at the Coleman Library
5th Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge - 1:00 to 4:00 - Hostess - Mimi Johnson 610-520-0538
8th Cooking Klatch Outreach Program - Mary Burr 688-5892
13th Sustainer day trip - Historic Building of Philadelphia - Virginia Mulligan 610-649-0113
14th Reading Rocks - 10:00 to 1:30 at the Christian Street Y - Jennifer Shacklett jmstirk@hotmail.com
15th Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge - 1:00 to 4:00 Hostess - Jane Harrington 610-688-6374
15th Bookmarks - 7:30 pm - Hostess - Mary Tattersfield 610-277-2539
16th Evening Sustainers - Mystery Dinner Theater - Jane Green 610-566-8167
26th Junior League Garden Club - Easttown Library - Shirley Messina 610-525-7335

APRIL

- 2nd** Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge 1:00 to 4:00 - Hostess - Lori Pennell 610-647-2881
3rd SUSTAINER SPRING MEMBERSHIP DINNER - Betsy Daly 610-525-0488
10th Sustainer Day Trip - Historic Building of New York City - Virginia Mulligan 610-649-0113
19th Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge 1:00 to 4:00 - Hostess - Jane Harrington 610-688-6374
19th Bookmarks - 7:30 pm - Hostess - Annabel Wilson 610-688-7816
14th Reading Rocks - 10:00 to 1:30 at the Roxborough Y - Jennifer Shacklett jmstirk@hotmail.com
21st Sustainer Social - SWING INTO SPRING - Look for your invitation in the mail.
22nd Cooking Klatch - Brunch at Mary Burr's for members of the Klatch

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