



**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, INC.**  
*Women building better communities*



**Important Deadlines**

**VOTING Meeting Information**

When: April 17, 2007  
 Where: Loews Hotel -  
 1200 Market St.,  
 Philadelphia  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. Sign In  
 7:00 p.m.Meeting

**MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE VOTING MEETING!**

*There is one meeting credit opportunities after this meeting*

**Annual Dinner**

When: May 17th  
 Where: Philadelphia Country Club

Annual Dues Can be paid on-line.

**Placement**

Please make sure to complete your placement form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact your Member Advisor as soon as possible.

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**The Voting Meeting**

*By Fanta Waterman*

Each April, the Junior League of Philadelphia conducts its mandatory Annual Voting Meeting, during which many new policies and programs are introduced for the following League year. All JLP members must approve the community project slate, the fundraising slate, the budget, any changes to the Ways and Means requirements, any changes to the by-laws, and any other issue the Board of Directors determines should be brought before the membership. It is imperative that each JLP member attends the meeting to contribute to this very important process.

Therefore, the voting meeting is conducted according to The Common Law of Parliamentary Procedure. The goal of parliamentary procedure is to allow for effective and efficient decision-making in large group setting while protecting the rights of the minority and giving each member the right to voice her opinion. Parliamentary procedure allows for smooth and prompt discussion and decision making on topics of importance in the JLP.

The Meeting follows an agenda, and time restrictions must be adhered to. Proposals for new projects, budgets, comments and other initiatives must be presented in a concise manner at the microphone by a member (any comment made from the floor is out of order and therefore not considered). During the discussion of the issue, there may be a request for

- a time extension;
- to suspend further discussion of a topic;
- to request a vote;
- to introduce business, or a "motion;"
- to amend a motion;
- to consider something out of its scheduled order, or
- to adjourn the meeting.

Each member should receive their Voting Meeting packet prior to the meeting, so that she may review all proposals and consider her opinions before the meeting, or develop questions. Contact your Member Advisor if you do not receive your packet by April 9.

**Awards for Members**

*By Kara Goodchild*

Each year the JLP takes time to recognize members that best exemplify the Spirit of the Junior League and go far above just their requirements but work to create a better League and move us forward. The JLP has four awards that are given each year that members nominate and the Board decides on. These awards are given at the Annual Dinner in May.

- Volunteer of the Year is presented to an active member or transfer of the JLP who is not in leadership. This individual exemplifies the true meaning of being a JLP member; she has made a significant impact with her placement and has done more than what was asked of her.
- Committee of the Year is given to the Committee who has shown new innovations, has a high level of Membership Satisfaction and who is truly making a difference.
- Leader of the Year will debut this year and is intended to be given to an individual who is serving in a leadership role with in the JLP. This individual has demonstrated her ability to lead, inspire, and mentor others.
- Provisional of the Year - This award is presented to a provisional member who truly exemplifies the true meaning of being a JLP Provisional.

Members are encouraged to nominate any member for these awards. If you have a nominee in mind, please send her name and a brief paragraph on why you feel she deserves. Please submit nominations to Kara Goodchild by April 24. For the Provisional of the Year, please submit nominations to Jess Rosen by April 24.

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



By Kara Goodchild

The Junior League of Philadelphia is a membership organization, which means its goals and the members, not the

leadership, should dictate priorities. The leadership team's responsibility is to act as stewards for the membership as a whole in devising and implementing a strategy to meet the wants, needs, and goals of the membership while providing a vision for the future and fulfilling our mission. The leadership team works hard to gain input from all our members, but with over 200 active members who are diverse in age, geography, life stage and personal circumstances it is not easy to address every viewpoint. Nonetheless, the leadership has done its best to empower our members, take feedback from them, channel it to the proper people, and respond appropriately.

This year, the Board has been engaged in efforts to improve the membership experience and thus strengthen the JLP. The most visible effort to date is the website. While we are still transitioning and getting

used to it, the website has already been a great resource for many members. There have been a number of less visible efforts as well. In particular, the board has carefully examined the human and financial resources of the JLP with an eye to maximizing each of them. To that end, we have done things ranging from applying for (and receiving) real estate tax exemptions, getting more cost-effective contracts for office services, and reexamining our relationships with professional advisors to debating our leadership and committee structure, discussing how to improve the committee experience, and endeavoring to improve membership commitment and satisfaction.

These efforts are often difficult for members to see, but the culmination of many of them is included in the issues presented at the voting meeting. The by-law changes are straightforward. However, there are additional items that are reflected in the budget. For example, on a global scale we have allocated more funds to training. We would like to not only continue to send several people to the AJLI sponsored Organizational Development Institute ("ODI") seminars, but also to encourage other training more tailored to

committee experience. We have also allocated substantial funds to building improvements and have established a building committee (this year's building committee was an ad hoc), so we can make the JLP Headquarters better serve our membership (although this process will take several years). Other tangible evidence of the Board's work can be found in the committee and leadership job descriptions.

April is perhaps the most important month of the year for the JLP. It is when the membership has the opportunity to review what the leadership has done throughout the year and to set the priorities for the upcoming year. The votes on the by-law changes, the project slate, the membership requirements, and the budget are each member's opportunity to weigh in on the direction of this organization and to ensure your voice is heard. I encourage each of you to participate fully and cast your votes thoughtfully, as that will result in a better and stronger JLP.

*Kara H. Goodchild*

## COMMUNITY Done-in-a-Day

On Monday, February 5, 2007, the DIAD Committee hosted an event at the Women's Resource Center in Wayne, PA. Junior League members helped to prepare hundreds of mailings that the WRC sends out on a quarterly basis. The mission of the WRC is to support women, strengthen families, and build communities. They do this by providing free information and referral services, free legal and transitional counseling, and free or low cost programming for women in the Delaware Valley empowering them to make their own decisions through awareness of their options. Susan Deutch, Volunteer Coordinator for the WRC, was incredibly appreciative of our help as they only have four people on staff managing programs for the five surrounding counties. The WRC is always welcoming new volunteers to help with their many programs. If you are interested, please go to their website at [www.womensresourcecenter.net](http://www.womensresourcecenter.net) or email Susan Deutch at [susan@womensresourcecenter.net](mailto:susan@womensresourcecenter.net).

## Cultural Clinic Explores the Middle East

What do the words daraboaka, dumbek, and tabli mean? On Saturday, February 17, the Cultural Clinic along with eight excited students learned exactly what they mean when they took a closer look at an often-misunderstood part of the world. Those three words are the North African, Turkish, and Egyptian words for drum. Not only did students learn interesting facts about the Middle East and the history of Lebanon, but they also received hands on cultural experience by learning to drum and belly dance. Educators Joe Tayoun and Michelle "Meesha" Tayoun used their expertise to help us all find our inner rhythm and observe the way a small aspect of Middle Eastern Culture.

The fun all started with a look at a map of the Middle East and a discussion about its geography. Then, students not only learned how to play the drums, but how to speak the language of the drums. By learning the most popular rhythms such as ayoub, baladi, and mashoudi, the stu-

dents got a basic of understanding of how to play the drums. After learning to play the drums, they learned to belly dance and move to the beat. Meesha Tayoun taught the students belly dancing moves from many countries in the Middle East including North African. Even committee members enjoyed learning moves such as the "hip drop" and the "shimmy." After winding down with pizza and a Middle East inspired lunch, the students even choreographed and composed their own show with what they had learned. It certainly helped that two of the students who joined us were musical students of Mr. Tayoun, but even the beginners seemed like they had been doing it for years.



## Cultural Clinic

JLP Cultural Clinic members took 7 girls from the Penn Alexander School and The Lea School on a quest through the Philadelphia Art Museum to answer this age-old question. Girls and members alike moved their way through the Temple of Wisdom, the Japanese Tea Hut, and the modern wing of the museum. All the while asking themselves, "Is this art?" It was not until the group was standing underneath an oversized electric plug hanging from the ceiling that one of the girls from the Penn Alexander School in West Philadelphia said, "Maybe art is ordinary. Maybe it is not perfect. Maybe it is all around us. Maybe it is art, when we think it is art." Nodding heads showed their agreement to her statement. There is art in all that we do each day.

After the tour of the Philadelphia Art Museum, JLP Cultural Clinic members and girls walked three blocks to the Fairmount Art Center, a hidden gem located at 2303 Fairmount Ave. At the Fairmount Art Center, the group spent the afternoon learning the art of weaving.

Weaving crosses all cultural boundaries, and women throughout history

used weaving as a form of communication. For years, women poured themselves into their artistic endeavors. Much was the same for the group of women gathered at the Fairmount Art Center on January 20. Girls and Cultural Clinic members sat a large table where each woman was absorbed in learning how to weave and listen to the conversation generated by this ordinary craft. Committee members listened as girls shared their hopes and dreams for the future: what high school they planned to attend, where they would like to go to college, and what they hoped to do professionally with their lives: teacher, lawyer, doctor.

As this day ended, girls were excited by the idea of continuing their weaving at home. They each left with their own loom, different colored threads, and materials to continue and complete their projects. As the group was walking out of the Art Center to board the bus, girls discussed plans to make change purses for their mothers or jewelry cases for friends. This fun-filled day is proof that the ordinary can be extraordinary, and that the possibility to create is all around us!

## Meetings

April 17th Voting Meeting  
at the Loews Hotel

May 17th Annual Dinner at the  
Philadelphia Country Club

## Trainings

May 5th Red Cross Disaster Preparedness training from 1-4 at PNI in Conshohocken. Members will learn how to prepare for natural disasters, and how to ensure that you have a disaster kit that will help your family.

## Thank You

Thank you to the Garden Club for providing the beautiful flower arrangements for Casino Night

Congratulations to Adie Amey (EVT) for having two winning exhibits at the Flower Show this year.

## New Additions

Judith Passley-DeLaine and her husband, Alonzo DeLaine welcome the addition of Alonzo Edward DeLaine III. Alonzo was born on November 25, 2006.

## Mission Credit Opportunities

### DONE-IN-A-DAY BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

When: Saturday, April 21  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

At the Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse in Fairmount Park  
(<http://www.smithplayhouse.org>)

Come join us for a day of spring cleaning and sprucing up of the Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse. This facility was established in 1897 and to this day, it serves as a safe and fun recreational facility to all children of Philadelphia, especially for families with limited financial resources. Bring your family and friends to help with the various clean-up projects that we will be working on to get the play-

ground facility in tiptop shape. RSVP online (open to all). Any questions contact Belinda McLeod-Quinn at [\\_bmcleodqui@aol.com](mailto:_bmcleodqui@aol.com).

### CANCELLATION - CHIP DIAD

The CHIP Done-in-a-Day that was scheduled to be held on April 14 has been cancelled. The Masons of Pennsylvania who run CHIP were not able to work within the space that Roxborough YMCA that was assigned. As a result, they have asked that we cancel the event for this year. They are very interested in working with us in the future, and now that we have a better understanding of their requirements, we can coordinate a mutually beneficial event with them next year. Thank you to all

Junior League members who signed up to help for this event. We appreciate your volunteering and are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused you.



# PE'S POINT OF VIEW

## AREA MEETING FEEDBACK



By Susan Mostek

This fall at the Area Meetings, we asked your views on our building and our fundraisers. You gave us great insight and we listened. Overall,

the membership supports our Headquarters in Ardmore. There were Actives who would like to see us move into the City of Philadelphia, while others would prefer a western Mainline location. However, the majority of members found our current address to be a happy compromise in our geographically diverse league. Some committees make great use of the office while other members were not even aware that it exists. The Building Committee took this feedback and determined that we would undergo a plan to make our headquarters work for our members and support our mission.

### BUILDING PLAN

First, we will renovate our facade in an effort to improve the building's aesthetic appearance and to comply with township regulations. This will help promote the League's visibility both externally and internally, and can only help to improve our Thrift Shop's sales. We hope to begin

this work soon. Second, we would like to renovate the unused space of the building - this is a project that will be explored next year. Third, we will continue to make improvements to the Thrift Shop to help promote its appearance and ultimately its sales. This is an on-going process.

### OFFICE PLAN

We recently purchased new computers for our staff in order that they may better serve the membership. Our computers were terribly out-of-date and our employees were faced with many crashes and delays as the systems we had were not compatible with today's technological demands. We are proud to say that the new computers we are putting into effect will allow us to work efficiently. It is also our intention to set up a workstation for our members in the front office so that they will have computer access for their committee work and meetings. We would like our members to feel that the building is working for them and we hope that you will utilize it. Look for Open Houses this fall so that you can tour the building. In addition, members will be able to place on the Building Committee, which will continue its work to make our space viable. This committee will develop and effectuate plans for the building's progress, set up building

DIADs, and implement a strategy for financing the necessary renovations.

### FUNDRAISERS

The vast majority of members polled at the Area Meetings like a variety of fundraisers. They enjoy the solidarity of a large fundraiser and enjoy the benefits of smaller fundraisers such as the Blue Tulip and Club Monaco events. Casino Night was a success. We not only raised funds for our League, but we also had an opportunity to come together and have fun. Casino Night will go forward next year, and we are already looking forward to it. We will also continue with our smaller fundraisers and you will receive notice of them. To be successful we need all of our members to support our fundraisers. Fundraising cannot be just one committee's responsibility. We hope that you can support our endeavors through these various opportunities.

We would like to reiterate that we exist to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any Board member or me. Thank you for your trust and for your membership in this organization.

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# PLACEMENT FOR 2007 - 2008

By Jennifer Morgan

April brings not only spring showers, but also the annual dilemma over which placement to select for the coming League year. For some members, the choice is obvious, but for others, navigating through the sea of options can be daunting. Fortunately, the Membership Committee/Placement is available to assist members with this task.

Each spring, the Placement Chair and the Member Advisors counsel Actives regarding their placement selection. The Membership Committee works diligently to compile the Placement Guide, which is a handbook that describes the committees PAC approved for the following year. The Placement Guide will be available online this year, and members should log into the JLP web site (<http://www.jlphiladelphia.org>) to access it. Those members who prefer a hard copy of the guide should email Placement Chair Barbara Merz ASAP to request a copy.

In addition to consulting the Placement Guide online, members should ensure that their requirements have been accurately reported in order to facilitate a smooth placement process. The Registrar recently transferred her records to the online system and has been busy updating the database to reflect the most recent changes. This is a time consuming process, and she appreciates your patience during the transition.

If a member notices a discrepancy between requirements she completed and what is reported on the site, then she should contact her member advisor immediately. Members can locate their advisor's name on their personal page within the JLP site as well as pay dues and RSVP for activities bearing mission credit. During the 2007-2008 year, members may also use the site to purchase ways and means credits and buyout thrift shop shifts.

# BY-LAW CHANGES

By Heidi Tirjan and  
Regina Raiford Babcock

At the Voting Meeting, membership not only votes on the upcoming budget and community projects, but also votes on any changes to our by-laws. It is crucial that the membership is aware of any by-law changes because they impact the entire active membership and what will be expected of them. By-laws should not be changed every year, as the goal of the by-laws is to provide the foundation and structure of the organization rather than a description of how it operates. Nonetheless, from time to time by-laws changes are necessary, either to reflect a change to our structure or to remove elements that are more appropriate as policies and procedures.

This year the Board is recommending several by-law changes. The exact text of the proposed by-law changes can be found in the voting packet, but this will explain the rationale for the changes.

First, in an effort to promote continuity, the Board is recommending that the by-laws be amended to provide for automatic succession of the President-Elect and the Treasurer-Elect in the event either the President or the Treasurer is unable to fulfill her term. To effect this change, the language of Article IV, section 4 (Officers; Vacancies) and Article VIII, section 3 (Nomination, Election & Vacancy, Vacancy) has been modified. If the by-laws were amended as proposed, the President-Elect and the Treasurer-Elect respectively would automatically fill a vacancy in the President or Treasurer position. In that event, she would serve the remainder of her predecessor's term in addition to the term for which she was

elected. Nominating would then fill the vacant role of President-Elect or Treasurer-Elect. For example, if the President for 2010-2011 had to step down during her term, her P-E would become President for the remainder of the year and for 2011-2012.

The Board has also revisited the issue of what should be required for an active member to become a sustainer. Currently, active members must be at least age 40 and have had at least 3 years of active service. The proposed change addresses two groups of women: those who join in their twenties and currently face up to twenty years of active membership before being eligible to become a sustainer, and women who join later in life. The proposed change will ensure that women who join later in life have an appropriate amount of League experience before becoming a sustainer. The Board is recommending that the JLP adopt a hybrid requirement: anyone with 10 years of active service would be eligible to become a sustainer regardless of her age; alternatively, a member would be eligible to become a sustainer if she has reached age 40 and has served 5 active years. Because women join the JLP with certain expectations, it would not be fair changing the rules to their detriment mid-stream. Therefore, all current members, including provisionals, would be permitted to become a sustainer either under the existing requirement or under the new requirement. Thus, if Mary joined the League when she was 22 and is now 34, Mary would be eligible to become a sustainer after the 2007-2008 League Year. Similarly, Jane, who is a provisional this year and is 38, would be eligible to become a sustainer after three years of

active service or after the 2009-2010 League Year.

The remaining by-law changes are largely clean-up issues. The Board is recommending that Article XIII, Delegates be deleted. This article is duplicative of the conference guidelines in the policies and procedures, which have been reviewed and updated this year. Moreover, the topic of who should attend conferences is more appropriately dealt with in the policies and procedures. Next, in reviewing and reworking the job descriptions of many leadership positions, the decision was made to have the finance committee chaired by the Treasurer-Elect, rather than the Treasurer. As a result, Article IX, Councils Section 1 Composition needs to be amended to reflect that change. Another proposed by-law change is simply to make the by-laws reflect current practice and to make things uniform. The Board is proposing that all membership requirements and dues for the following League Year be completed or paid by April 30 (Article V, section 1). As by-law changes do not take effect until the following League Year, dues for the 2007-2008 League Year are payable by May 1. Finally, our by-laws currently state that the thrift shop committee levies fines for missed thrift shop shifts. However, now as part of the new website, any fines for missed shifts are automatically levied and posted to a member's obligations. Thus, the Board is proposing that the reference to the Thrift Shop Committee be deleted.

If you have any additional questions regarding the bylaws, please contact Heidi Tirjan at [tirjan@comcast.net](mailto:tirjan@comcast.net).

*Visit the website,* [www.jlphiladelphia.org](http://www.jlphiladelphia.org),  
for information about upcoming events.

# NOMINATING

By Jodi Kerr

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the Executive slate for the 2007-2008 Board of Directors:

President- Susan Mostek  
President-Elect- Heidi Tirjan  
Treasurer- Marcelle Parrish  
Secretary- Belinda McLeod-Quinn

For additional background information on each candidate please visit:

<http://images.dcheetah.com/www.jlphiladelphia.org/ama/orig/VotingLetter.doc>

The Board of Directors will be announced later in the year with the formal Slate coming to you home for you to vote on.

Q: When, how, and why we vote on a single slate of officers:

A: Nominating is always working to gather information about potential leaders in the League. The Nominating Committee begins interviewing and slating positions in the fall and into the winter. This year, Nominating submitted a partial slate in early February and submitted the entire slate to the membership for vote in March.

To adhere to our bylaws, Nominating is to develop a single slate for the Board of the



Directors and for the Nominating Committee, which will be presented to the members as a ballot via mail at least 4 weeks prior to the election. Members review the ballot and have the option of accepting or rejecting the ballot as it stands. If desired, additional candidates, having agreed to serve if elected, may be proposed by a petition signed by at least 20 Active members. See bylaws for details.

The election shall close, at the latest, one week prior to the Annual Dinner and the membership shall elect the Board and Nominating Committee by ballot, by simple affirmative majority. All votes will be tallied by the Annual Dinner.

As always, if you are interested in a leadership position please contact the Nominating Committee.



*Elizabeth Haussman & Joann Falciani*

*Sustainer Chair  
Patricia Suplee &  
Chair Elect  
Pam Crutchfield*

# FINANCE

Finance Committee

Update:

*Our Budget exemplifies the JLP's Mission*

By Marcelle Parrish

One of the most important elements you will find in your voting packet is the consolidated budget for the Junior League of Philadelphia. The goal of the JLP budget is for it to be reflective of our Mission: promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Illustrating these goals financially, the budget comprises our estimated monetary contributions for grants and scholarships, total expenses including training for our members, and financial allocations for our community projects.

The budget process begins in January, when it is first assembled and submitted by the Committee Chairs. It is then reviewed and adjusted by the Finance Committee and sent back to the Chairs for consensus. Subsequently, the budget is presented to the Board for approval. At last, in April, the budget is presented to the membership and proposed for approval at the voting meeting.

The budget is specifically designed to financially plan how we allocate funds to support our organization, community projects, and membership training. It represents many hours of analysis and collaborative efforts from every member across the League. This year the budget will be posted on the financial page of the website for the membership's reference and review.

We look forward to your feedback and thoughts. Please feel free to email us with any questions: [jen31parrish@comcast.net](mailto:jen31parrish@comcast.net) and Jennifer Joy

[[joyjennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:joyjennifer@hotmail.com)]

Jennifer and Marcelle

# DEVELOPMENT

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOR 2007-2008

By Paula Brumbelow

The Board of Directors is happy to present the following projects to the membership. Each project will have a brief presentation at the voting meeting before a vote will be taken. If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, please contact Gerda Gallop Goodman.

- Books Aloud
- Cultural Clinic
- Laws of Life
- Reading Rocks

Done-in-a-Day will continue as a project for the next two League years. The membership voted to support DIAD for three years at the Voting Meeting in 2006.

Achieve College Today will only offer the Junior Class the SAT prep class for the 2007-2008 year.

## FUNDRAISER FOR 2007-2008

By Paula Brumbelow

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following two large fundraising projects to the membership. Casino Night and the Junior League of Philadelphia Cookbook.

The JLP witnessed the growing success of having a large annual event to raise funds in support of our community projects. This type of event took the form of a "Run-Walk," a Fashion Show, and most recently, a Casino Night. With such positive feedback from our members, the Project Advisory Committee approved supporting an Evening Event for our members. There will continue to be both small active events such as Lilly Pulitzer and several passive opportunities such as Talbots or Genuardis. The Evening Event is a large fundraiser, which will require both a significant financial and volunteer commitment

from our membership. When a committee has such an impact on the League, it is put on the ballot so that each member can voice their opinion if this event will benefit the JLP. If you have any questions regarding this ballot proposal then please contact Susan Henley .

A second fundraising project is creating a new Junior League of Philadelphia Cookbook, which will focus not only on recipes but also on health, wellness, and nutritional content. This project will spend the first year focusing on the feasibility, financial impact, gathering recipes and working to collaborate with celebrity chefs and health organizations. The second year of this project will work on putting the cookbook together and pre-selling the book before publishing. If you have any questions regarding this ballot proposal, please contact Gerda Gallop Goodman.

## MAIN LINE CLOSET

By Patty Franks

As we come to the end of the League year, please make sure that you check the website to determine what is remaining of your individual obligations for the '06-'07 League year before coming to the Shop to do quota. The staff cannot assign any credit to '07-08 unless you know that you have completed the previous year's obligations. After March 1, quota can be assigned to the following year if the previous year is complete. After May 1, members may perform shifts for the new League year.



To schedule your three-hour shift, call the Closet in advance to be placed on the calendar. Please arrive to your shift five minutes

early to sign in and receive instructions. If you have to cancel your shift and cannot send a physical replacement, you must

go on-line and cancel your shift at least one week in advance. Cancellations made less than one week in advance will be fined with an option to complete two shifts within 30 days to avoid the fine. If you must cancel with less than one week prior, please call the Main Line Closet as a courtesy to let them know you will not be there.

The staff cannot assign or delete shifts anymore. The official and only calendar exists on the website and must be accessed by the member. The same rules for cancellation apply. Members can also look up the value of their quotas approximately 48 hours after hanging the quota. The member can print a tax credit for the value of the quota. No quota cards will be sent in the future. The print out on the website meets the requirements of the IRS for tax credit.

The Shop is filled with our spring finery and items for the spring holidays. Please come see us.

# AJLI UPDATES

## Talbots Gives Back Program

Click on [www.TalbotsGivesBack.com](http://www.TalbotsGivesBack.com) to order your Talbots Gifts Cards where 10 percent of your purchase will go directly to the JLP. To date, more than 92 Leagues are participating in the Talbots GivesBack program. Talbots has sent checks directly to those Leagues for a total amount of more than \$2,500 in less than 8 weeks!

Do not forget that there is an added bonus for the first League that generates

more than \$10,000 in gift card sales. If the JLP reaches this goal, we will receive an extra \$1,000 from Talbots and a \$500 gift card to use for a raffle or silent auction.

To date, the following four Leagues are leading the way:

- Sarasota, FL \$2,000
- Fort Lauderdale, FL \$1,600
- Schenectady, NY \$1,450
- Stamford/Norwalk \$1,400

## Kids in the Kitchen

The AJLI is pleased to announce an exciting new sponsorship: The Cartoon Network will now be a sponsor of the Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen Initiative. As a major cable network, Cartoon Network's reach will provide Kids in the Kitchen with added exposure, new interactive web materials, a televised public service announcement, and other key resources. Cartoon Network already instituted a successful Rescuing Recess program as part of their Get Animated initiative, which promotes fun and healthy active play for children. Now they will add healthy eating through the

partnership with Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen.

By combining strengths, we can take the Kids in the Kitchen program to new heights. We look forward to effectively furthering Cartoon Networks and AJLI's shared goal of addressing childhood obesity and promoting healthy lifestyles for children in communities across four countries. We will keep you updated as this exciting sponsorship progresses. We gratefully acknowledge the Junior League of Atlanta for introducing Cartoon Network to AJLI.

## Community Service, Klatch Style

On March 8, 2007, members of the JLP Sustainer's Cooking Klatch rolled up their sleeves in the kitchen at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church to blanche, boil, chop, dice, and sauté ingredients for the nutritious casseroles they then created, in true assembly-line fashion. The casseroles were subsequently frozen and delivered to St. Barnabas Mission, in West Philadelphia, to be distributed to the hungry and homeless women and children it serves. Many thanks to all who helped make this day such a success: Sally Young, for her planning and direction; Klatch members, for purchasing ingredients at Costco in advance; Klatch members, who gave several hours of their time and culinary talent "on the day," and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, for the use of its kitchen facilities. Thanks also to BMPC's Hunger Task Force for underwriting the cost of the food and for transporting the meals to St. Barnabas. If voluntary service to the community is what the JLP is all about, Klatch members certainly "got into it" up to their elbows on March 8. What FUN we had, collectively cooking up a storm for such a worthwhile purpose!



*Mary Burr with her newly acquired stuffed pheasant at the Evening Sustainer Gift Exchange*



*Mary Ann McClatchy and Betsy Daly admire the unique bottle of chocolate at the Evening Sustainer Gift Exchange*



*Marcy Bevan trying to pass-off her lovely picture frame at the Evening Sustainer Gift Exchange*

# SUSTAINER NEWS

## In Memoriam



By Pat Suplee

Recently bunnies have been roaming through my dreams and occasionally Marge Devlin has been riding one of them. This can only mean that a Hotline deadline is inexorably approaching. April, Eliot's cruelest month, needs an article while a snow shower tries to be a real storm outside my window.

I have just heard of the death of Cynthia Moses, and that news diminishes me. I did not know her well. I met her when I started the Beginners' Bridge group last April. One of the positive aspects of that course was that it brought old and young, known and unknown together. On one level, it was just a game and on another, it was the League renewing itself, being relevant for its members, supporting them and in the microcosm being life itself. Cynthia was enthusiastic and frail, feisty and vulnerable. I needed extra tables and she lugged

one out of her car and half way up the steps before I saw her and helped. It was hot in the room, and she brought a fan. I noticed bruises on her face and she said, "I slipped. Wasn't that a stupid thing to do?" Everybody in the class loved her. We were not just learning bridge, though we may not have known it at the time, we were seeing an indomitable spirit in action.

This month is volunteers' month. At our Spring Meeting, we will award one of our members for her dedication to community service giving her the Sustainer of the Year Award. We also will celebrate our octogenarian emeriti and their long careers of giving to their communities. We will hear the voices of our "Larks" celebrating their mission of bringing song and joy to the nursing homes of the Philadelphia area. It may be a cruel month but it is also one of renewal and remembrance. Requiescat in peace, Cynthia.

*Pat*

## Evening Sustainers - An Evening in Old City

The Junior League Evening Sustainers invite you to First Friday in the Old City Art District. Experience the streets filled with art-lovers of all kinds wandering among the neighborhood's 40 plus galleries. Some of the art studios and galleries we can visit include The Clay Studio, The Temple Gallery, the cooperative galleries Nexus, Highwire, Muse, and the Third Street Gallery, and Larry Becker Galleries.

Friday, May 4, 2007. We will meet at the corner of Market and 2nd Street at 6:00 pm. Public parking is on 2nd between Market and Chestnut (near Ritz Old City Theatre). A light supper will follow at 8 p.m. at the home of Cynthia Adams, 222 Locust, Philadelphia, 215-627-6363.

Please RSVP to: Nancy Henry by April 27. 416 Chandlee Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312. Questions call either: Jane Green, 610-566-8167 or Marianne McClatchy, 610-355-1976.

### Agneau de la Moutarde

From Bicentennial

1 leg of lamb, boned and butterflied in one piece  
8 oz jar of Dijon mustard  
1 cup olive oil with 2-3 cloves of garlic in it for 24 hours  
1 tsp crushed rosemary  
1 tsp thyme  
1 tsp bay leaves, crushed  
Pepper

Mix all marinade ingredients together. Slash lamb in several places and spread the marinade generously on all sides. Cover and marinate for several hours or overnight.

Broil on a charcoal grill or oven broil until the marinade is brown and the meat is pink inside. Do not overcook. Baste with marinade while cooking.

### Fresh Asparagus Bisque

From Settings

8 slices of bacon, cut into small pieces  
1-pound fresh asparagus, dry ends removed  
3 medium scallions  
3 1/2-cup milk  
1 tbsp cornstarch  
1 tbsp butter  
Salt to taste  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup grated Swiss cheese for garnish

Sauté bacon pieces until crisp, drain well and set aside. Cut asparagus and scallions into one-inch pieces. Boil in water to cover until barely tender, about ten minutes. Drain. Puree in food processor and set aside.

Heat 3 cups of the milk, and add cornstarch, which had been blended with remaining 1/2-cup of milk. Stir constantly until thickened. Add butter. Salt to taste. Add mayonnaise and asparagus puree; stir until blended. Continue stirring until heated through. Remove from heat.

Sever in warmed soup bowls. Garnish with grated cheese and bacon pieces. Serves 6

Recipes

## Listen to the Larks

Even if you cannot sing with us -please come join the audience as the Larks perform this spring!

We sing Wednesday mornings and perform at 10:30. If you have any questions, please call Anne Markle at 610-964-1910 for the address and directions.

The Following is our Spring Schedule:

April 1- Cathedral Village, Philadelphia

April 3- Sustainer Dinner, Yang Ming Bryn Mawr

May 2- St. Ignatius Nursing Home, Philadelphia

May 9- Paoli Pointe, Paoli

May 16- Manor Care, Devon

## Project Welcome Back

We are proud to welcome the following members back to the Junior League of Philadelphia:

Dorothy Hocker at 610-642-2530

Jean (Jill) Keefer-Hugill at 610-687-8131

Sarah Silcox at 856-866-0690

Elizabeth (Betsy) Blacque at 610-527-6489.

## Sustainer Spring Membership Dinner

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

At Yangming Restaurant - Bryn Mawr

If you have not already sent in your R.S.V.P and check for \$38.00 and would like to attend Please call Betsy Daly at 610-525-0488 To see if there is still room for your reservation.

## Swing into Spring

If you have not made your reservation to "Swing into Spring" on April 21 please DO IT NOW!!

It is the Social Event of the year, and we will be looking for you!

## 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 directly or Karen Miller (610) 688-0282

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

May 17th - *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel* by Lisa See  
The story of a sisterhood and women who shared a secret written language in China long ago

Hostess - Marianne McClatchy  
610-519-1160  
Leader - Nancy Hebard

## 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.

April 2 - Lorrie Pennell  
610-647-2881

April 19 - Jane Harrington  
610-688-6374

May 7 - Hostess to be announced

May 17 Phyllis Scott 610-687-1227

## Books to Grow On .... Still Growing .....

We need your help again. The Sustainer Project Committee is conducting a book drive for our partner Philadelphia Reads ([www.phila.gov/philareads](http://www.phila.gov/philareads)), a non-profit agency in the city that collects, sorts and donates over 90,000 books each year to children in the Philadelphia school systems (public, charter, parochial, etc.) Last year Philadelphia Reads helped the Junior League learn how to conduct a book drive, sort books for appropriateness, and deliver them to Family Support Services. We want to continue that success by helping them. Therefore, our goal is to collect 3,000 books between now and May 1st.

We are looking for NEW and GENTLY used books appropriate for pre-K through 8th grade. NO Encyclopedias, no periodicals, no textbooks please. We will try to partner with one to three schools in the area, but YOU can help as well. Go to your bookshelves and bring books to the spring meeting at Yangming and your next committee meeting (Klatch, Larks, Evening Sustainers, etc.) Your hostess will hold on to them and we will pick them up and add them to our collection. Financial contributions can be made by check payable to the JLP, notation BTGO II. Send checks to: Jane Sagendorph, 451 Chandlee Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312. Many thanks for your help and support.

## An Assignment for All Sustainers

Please be sure to complete the separate "Questionnaire" you will be receiving re: BBB&B along with your dues notice - and mail it in with your dues!! We really want and need your input in order to determine the future of BBB&B. Thank you.



# Casino Night

# UPCOMING DATES

## APRIL

- 2nd Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 - Hostess - Lori Pennell 610-647-2881  
3rd SUSTAINER SPRING MEMBERSHIP DINNER - Betsy Daly 610-525-0488  
10th Sustainer Day Trip to New York - Virginia Mulligan 610-649-0113  
17th VOTING MEETING - All Active Members - Loews Hotel - Center City  
19th Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 - Hostess - Jane Harrington 610-688-6374  
19th Sustainer Bookmarks 7:30 p.m. - Hostess - Annabel Wilson 610-688-7816  
21st Sustainer Social - SWING INTO SPRING - Send in your reservation  
22nd Sustainer Cooking Klatch Brunch - at Mary Burr's for members of the Klatch  
23rd Junior League Garden Club - Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College  
Contact Shirley Messina 610-525-7335

## MAY

- 4th Evening Sustainers -An Evening in Old City - Jane Green 610-566-8167  
7th Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 - Hostess to be announced  
10th Sustainer Old Board/New Board Meeting - Surrey Service Bldg., Berwyn  
17th Annual Dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club - RSVP required  
17th Sustainer Brush-up Bridge - Hostess - Phyllis Scott 610-687-1227  
17th Sustainer Bookmarks 7:30 - Hostess - Maryanne McClatchy 610-519-11607-

For up to the minute events and dates, please check the website  
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