Casino Night - A Huge Success

By Fanta Waterman

On February 23rd, the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. put on a spectacular Casino Night at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia. There were over 250 JLP members and their guests that attended this night of fun, entertainment and philanthropy. A special thank you goes to Bill Henley and Lori Wilson of NBC 10 for serving as emcees and auctioneers for the event.

Casino Night was the most successful fundraiser for the JLP in the recent past. The Committee raised over $63,000 (including donations, ticket sales, casino chip sales, and silent/live auction revenue). The success of Casino Night reflected on the tremendous support received from sponsors, donors, and volunteers. JLP volunteers committed countless hours to planning and executing this event. In particular, Jeanne Dechiario was instrumental in organizing the silent/live auction, and Amy Piergiovanni helped to procure many silent auction items. Junior League of Philadelphia committees contributed several donations and auction items.

Both chairs Susan Henley and Amy Kline feel that Committee far surpassed their expectations by having a fabulous event that raised more money then budgeted. They also feel that a Casino Night serves the League and allows members to bring dates and friends to socialize and enjoy themselves.

The following lists those groups who were integral to the success of Casino Night. A special thanks goes to these and all others who supported our event!

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By Kara Goodchild

As the year winds to a close, many people ask me if I am looking forward to completing my term. I generally chuckle and rattle off the days until I will be the Immediate Past President. Truth be told, it has been an amazing experience and in many ways I am sad that it is concluding. I have had some delightful experiences — who knew I would get to be on TV and be interviewed by a newspaper. I have also had my share of challenges. Even with all of its trials and frustrations, I would not trade this year for the world.

I started the year startled when someone recognized me, including a sustainer at the Little House Shop who, when I was ordering birth announcements, asked if I was the Kara Goodchild who was President of the League. Now, I appreciate the fact that I had the opportunity to get to know so many people.

I often dreaded writing the monthly Hotline articles as I have searched for inspiration to say something meaningful. Some of my most rewarding moments as President, however, have stemmed from them. Back in October, I received a call from Patty Franks, our Thrift Shop manager telling me she was so pleased about how I highlighted the Shop and tied it into our mission. In the spring, I received a lovely note from a sustainer, saying how she thought my article about the “elevator speech” epitomized the Junior League’s role. Such praise was not what I expected, but it was very touching and signified real success; not only had someone read what I wrote, but it resonated with them.

Overall, my term as President has been exactly what a League experience should be. It challenged me, tested me, and forced me to go outside my comfort zone. As a result, it made me a better person and a better leader. Perhaps the greatest part of this experience is that it has not been all about me. I watched many women who were unsure of themselves initially, rise to the challenge and succeed magnificently. In short, I have had the honor of seeing the JLP’s mission fulfilled as I watched dozens of committed women develop their potential and become effective community leaders and volunteers. For that I owe each of you a heartfelt thank you—you have made my term as JLP President a success.

Regards,

Kara H. Goodchild

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COMMUNITY

Laws of Life the Inspired Expressions Contest

We Have Our Winners!! Monday, March 12, 2007, expert judges in writing, art and music came together at the National Liberty Museum to select Best of City, First and Second Runner up Winners for the 2006-2007 LOL Contest. Over 1600 submissions from the 20 participating high schools had been pre-judged to select Best of School winners.

Prior to the actual judging process, JLP board members, LOL Committee members and the expert judges toured the museum which had many interesting exhibits and is described as the “Home of 1,000 Heroes.” Peggy Sweeney of the National Liberty Museum served as tour guide.

Expert judges graciously volunteering their time for this year’s contest are: Art - Jesse Gardner, a Philadelphia artist returning for a third year, Leslie Kaufman of Philadelphia Sculptors, Vicki von Der Wense and James Brantley, artists, Sande Webster, Tanya Dodd and Sarah Lutz of Sande Webster Galleries and Jay Nazeri and Patty Tawadros of Liberty Art & Framing. Music judges - Lars Halle of the Lars Halle Jazz Orchestra, Colt Younger, a musician associated with the O’Jays and Patti LaBelle and Max Laskavy of Arum Recording. Writing - Leslie Esdaile Banks, a novelist returning for a third year, was able to attend the expert judging event with Tom Ferrick, a columnist from the Philadelphia Inquirer. Rebecca Devine and Jessica Sharp from Maven Communications and Mike Jensen, a sports writer also with the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Best of City winners receive $1,000, First Runners Up receive $500 and Second Runners Up receive $250. These winners will be announced and receive their awards and recognition at the Laws of Life Award Ceremony to be held at World Café Live on May 14th. The Committee is pleased that Jimmy Bishop of WRNB 107.9 will serve as the emcee for this awards ceremony.

The Inspired Expressions contest enabled teachers, committee volunteers and judges to challenge young people to reflect and express the law of life which individually mattered the most to them. The upcoming awards ceremony will be a culmination of the adult and students’ efforts.

Visit the website, www.jlphiladelphia.org, for information about upcoming events.
Reading Rocks Holds a Dr. Seuss Themed Festival

By Krista Vaughan

Saturday, March 17th the Reading Rocks committee held its third literacy festival. The festival was co-sponsored with the Christian Street YMCA and held in their gym at their newly renovated facilities. Due to the previous day’s ice and snow storm, the turn-out at the event was less than other festivals held this year. Despite the inclement weather, however, several families attended and the Reading Rocks committee perfected some new activities and crafts to coincide with the theme of “Dr. Seuss” and “St. Patrick’s Day”.

During the festival, the children made Leprechaun bookmarks, decorated shamrock necklaces, and could get a St. Patrick’s Day temporary tattoo applied. They also had an opportunity to color scenes from various Dr. Seuss stories, complete Dr. Seuss inspired word-finds, and make red and white “Cat in the Hat” hats.

New at this festival was a “Kids in the Kitchen” booth organized by Community Council Director Samantha Soldan. JLP members helping with the booth held a jump-rope contest, played nutrition related games with the children, gave out fruit, explained the revised USDA food pyramid, and provided printed recipes for healthy snacks. “Kids in the Kitchen” is a new AJLI initiative to help combat childhood obesity (for more information, please see: http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/). This March (National Nutrition Month) over 200 of the 293 Junior Leagues are participating in “Kids in the Kitchen”. The JLP hopes to expand its “Kids in the Kitchen” program next year.

The children attending the festival were very excited to pick out their books to take home. The Reading Rocks committee also donated some books to the YMCA to be used for their after school programs. After the children attending selected books to take home, the festival closed with a story-teller reading to the group.

MEMBERSHIP
Provisional Year
By Jessica Rosen

This year the JLP welcomed a provisional class of 100. The year began with a Kick-Off meeting at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia. With the leadership of Jess Rosen, the Provisionals were able to learn our mission by volunteering in the community, developing their own potential as women and participating in our training programs.

With only three months in 2006, the Provisionals kept busy with several activities. In October, they sprung into action almost immediately, where they participated as a team in the 13th Annual Philadelphia Cares Day alongside 10,000 other volunteers from the region. In November, the new members spent a day at the Main Line Closet where they received a wonderful orientation, with special thanks to the shop staff and Elizabeth Haussman. December allowed the Provisionals to show off their holiday spirit by collecting gifts and assisting in holiday parties for foster children through Children’s Choice, Inc.

With the start of 2007, we found the Provisional class still dedicated to meeting our mission. In January, the women worked diligently to solicit items for the Casino Night’s silent auction. It is with much appreciation that we thank the provisional class for donating four baskets to the auction!! January also marked the beginning of a three month educational series of meetings for the Provisionals. The first meeting focused on the structure of the JLP and the different council system. In February, Kris Risi treated the Provisionals to a presentation about Nominating. March was an exciting time - the women enjoyed presentations by representatives of each of the community projects. These presentations were highly informative - especially because the Voting Meeting and Placement Fair were right around the corner! In April, the ladies experienced their very first voting meeting at the Loews Hotel - so their year had come full circle back to the very place their provisional experience began!

Everyone is looking forward to a fabulous annual dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club where the JLP will “graduate” 85 Provisionals into active member status! The Provisional Committee along with the entire JLP membership commends the Provisionals for their hard work and dedication this year!
MAIN LINE CLOSET

By Patty Franks

May is a very busy time for the Shop with members doing last minute shifts and quota. We are very full with spring and summer merchandise. We were very fortunate to receive some beautiful racks, mannequins and display items from Talbots as they moved from Haverford to Ardmore. We had the help of two Haverford College students who rolled the racks and carried the ladies down Lancaster Avenue. It was quite comical. We also received a nice donation of various holiday merchandise from the Blue Tulip in Ardmore. As you do your shopping, please think of us by asking the merchants you patronize for donations of leftover merchandise in exchange for tax credit. It is most appreciated and a boom to our bottom line in the Shop. Please come visit your Shop.

Looking for a way to recycle all those pesky brown grocery bags that are in your house? The best way would be to drop them off at The Main Line Closet who uses the bags for their sales. This way you can help the Main Line Closet and the environment at the same time.
Sustainer Security Club

Now Open to Actives!

Are you interested in investing in the stock market, but aren’t sure how or where to begin?

The Sustainer Security Club recently amended its charter to include Active members of the Junior League, is looking for a few new “partners.” It’s a great way to invest in stocks in a fun, relaxed setting. You will learn about the markets, understand how to read a balance sheet, keep current on business and economic news, hear from financial experts…and, of course, make money! No special investment knowledge or experience is required - everyone learns together.

Partnership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, ten months of the year, from 7-9 p.m., in the central Main Line area. Each partner will follow a certain stock and periodically suggest new ones to purchase. Computer access is important, as we communicate frequently online.

So whether you’re a Sustainer who’s always been curious about the Club, or an Active who would like to get started with investing in the “safety” of a group setting, check us out. For more information, contact Co-Chairs Melissa Nichols (mncomm@comcast.net, 610-640-4528) or Judy Moneta (jam1617@msn.com; 610-658-6324).

The Junior League Garden Club

Annual Meeting and Spring Flower Show on Friday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the beautiful Waverly Heights, 1400 Waverly Road, Gladwyne

The show title is Poetry in Bloom, four levels of classes, including novice. Please contact Barbara Wadhams for show details (610) 558-1478. Ed Harman, who is the Landscaping Supervisor at Waverly Heights, will be giving a walking tour of the beautiful grounds.

All are invited to come - Please call Shirley Messina (610) 525-7335.
Sustainer Nominating Committee
The Sustainer Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year:

Chair-elect: Betsy Mallon
Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Williams
Treasurer: Mary Hinds

The Nominating Committee presented the slate for election by the Sustainers at the Sustainer’s Annual Meeting on April 3rd. In accordance with the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. policies and procedures, the previous Chair-Elect, Pam Crutchfield, automatically succeeds to Sustainer Chair for 2007-2008, and Judy Moneta will continue as Recording Secretary for one more year.

Cooking Clatch
Sustainer Klatch Outreach

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!

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 - 4:00 p.m. All levels are welcome. To R.S.V.P., please contact the hostess. Space is limited—so please call early!

May 7th - Ginny McIntyre at 610-341-1584
May 17th - Phyllis Scodtt at 610-687-1227
June 4th - Bonnie Hamm at 610-356-4277
June 21st - Sue O’Brien at 610-382-9246

Books to Grow On II

By the time this article is read, the Sustainer Project Committee hopes to have concluded several very successful book drives to sustain Philadelphia Reads, a City Agency that distributes books to teachers and classes in all of the Philadelphia City Schools. In addition to many donations from Junior League members and libraries along the Main Line, we have been fortunate to partner with several schools. We were looking for gently used books appropriate for Pre-K to 8th grade and we are so lucky that the following schools can provide books for this audience: Wetherhill Nursery School, West Hill School, Chestnutwald Elementary in Haverford, St. Peter’s School in Society Hill and Chestnut Hill Academy in Chestnut Hill. Junior League volunteers have helped to sort the books for appropriateness and box them for pick-up by Philadelphia Reads. Our goal was 3000 books ... a final count will come out in the fall. Congratulations and sincere thanks to an extremely efficient committee with a real “can do” attitude.

Klatch Members Cooking up a Storm - Joan Prewitt, Peggy Stiff, Barbara Best, Margaret Scudder, Virginia Mulligan, Mary Cloud Hollingshead, Mary Burr, Joyce Shenian, Sue Rice, Olga del Sol, Sally Young, Betsy Blacque, Suzanne VanderVeer - and missing from the photo - the “food shopper” of the group - Nancy Greytok.
**Linguini with Brie**
*From Settings*

- 2/3 cup light olive oil
- 1 cup packed, chopped fresh basil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 4 large ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound brie
- 1 1/4 pounds fresh linguini
- Parmesan cheese

Add olive oil, basil, garlic, salt and pepper to chopped tomatoes. Mix and let stand, covered, at room temperature for 1 hour (or refrigerate overnight and bring to room temperature before using).

Remove rind from brie and cut cheese into small pieces.

Cook linguini. Drain but do not rinse. Toss immediately with brie until cheese has melted. Add tomato mixture and toss. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese to taste.

Serves 8

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**Shrimp with Wild Rice Salad**
*From Bicentennial*

- 2 lb cooked and cleaned shrimp
- 1 1/2 cups cooked wild rice
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced radishes
- 1/2 cup chopped celery

Combine all ingredients and chill. Add the following 15 minutes before serving time:

- 1 pt favorite French dressing
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tbsp. fresh onion juice
- Dash Tabasco, salt and pepper
- 1/2 tsp curry powder

Garnish the salad with slices of avocado and sliced, peeled tomatoes.

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**Baby Announcement**

Cynthia Thornton-Landis and her husband Michael welcomed their first son, Alexander Roosevelt Thornton Landis into the world on October 9, 2006. They would like to thank everyone for their well wishes.
UPCOMING DATES

May
4th Evening Sustainers - An Evening in Old City
- Jane Green 610-566-8167
7th Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00
- Hostess - Ginny McIntyre 610-341-1584
10th Old Board/New Board Meeting - Surrey Services Bldg. Berwyn
17th Sustainer Brush-Up Bridge - Hostess - Phyllis Scott 610-687-1227
17th Sustainer Bookmarks 7:30
- Hostesss-Maryanne McClatchy 610-519-1160
18th Junior League Garden Club Annual Meeting
- Shirley Messina 610-525-7335
22nd Sustainer Security Club - contact Judy Moneta 610-658-6324

June
4th Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00
- Hostess - Bonnie Hamm 610-356-4277
21st Sustainer Brush-up Bridge 1:00 - 4:00
- Hostess - Sue O’Brien 610-382-9246
21st Sustainer Bookmarks 7:30 - Hostess - Harriet Disston 610-527-3669

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