Summary of Voting Meeting

By Fanta Waterman

On Tuesday, April 24th, the ladies of the JLP gathered for the annual Voting Meeting. The Meeting took place at Loews Hotel in Center City Philadelphia.

Before the meeting began, committees advertised with tables outside the hall and educated members on the activities of their group. This is a very important tool in deciding which committee to request placement for in the coming year, especially for provisionals. Many tables enticed members with cookies and other treats, but the marvelous work and service performed by each committee in the Junior League of Philadelphia speaks for itself.

During the meeting, all committee budgets as well as changes to the bylaws were approved by the Membership. Here is a summary of the bylaws changes:

**Article VI. Officers, Section 4. Vacancies**

To promote continuity, the bylaws have been 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. Now 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 President-Elect would become President for the remainder of the year and for 2011-2012.

**Article V. Membership Requirements**

This change addresses two groups of women: those who join in their twenties and face up to twenty years of active membership before being eligible to become a sustainer, and women who join later in life. This change ensures that women who join later in life have an appropriate amount of League experience before becoming a sustainer. The JLP has adopted 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 to change 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 bylaw changes are largely cleanup issues. Article XIII. Delegates, this article has been deleted. This article is duplicative of the conference guidelines in the policies and procedures, which have been reviewed and updated this year. 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 has been amended to reflect that change. Another bylaw change is simply to make the bylaws uniform and reflect current practice. Therefore, all membership requirements and dues for the following League Year will be completed or paid by April 30 (Article V. section 1). As bylaw changes do not take effect until the following League Year, dues for the 2007-2008 League Year are payable by May 1. Finally, our bylaws once stated 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 reference to the Thrift Shop Committee has been deleted.

All motions presented at the voting meeting passed. Bylaw changes do not go into effect until the next League year on June 1, 2007.
By Kara Goodchild

It is hard to believe that the League year is at a close. Looking back it is amazing how much we have accomplished. Although it is best to take baby steps, we have ended up making great strides.

Communication with our membership has improved through better use of the Hotline, the inception of the e-Line, regular email blasts, and the new website. Our visibility in the community is on the rise thanks to TV coverage and newspaper stories about the Thrift Shop, aka the Main Line Closet, Casino Night, our projects, and our volunteers. Membership satisfaction is on the rise with excitement about participation in our community events, as well as our fundraisers. We emphasized the training portion of our mission — sending more members to AJLI conferences and planning for additional committee specific training. The Thrift Shop continues to be a source of pride and to generate funds that have ensured our financial stability and allowed us to give more money back to the community while embarking on the next phase of building renovations.

For all of these achievements while I am immensely proud, I can take very little credit. People often comment that they are amazed at how full my life is and how I can manage it all. The key is not to do it alone. On the personal front, I have a wonderful husband who is a whiz in the kitchen, a mean mini-van driver, and an all-around super dad. For my terms as JLP President, I have had the good fortune to be surrounded by wonderful women who have a passion for this organization and the drive to get things done. Perhaps I should thank Courtney Portlock and her nominating team for identifying such talent. Time and time again, I have been impressed at the willingness to take on additional responsibilities and make things happen. I truly appreciated the spirit that we are all on the same team and working toward the same goal. I could name examples at the Board, chair and member levels, I am afraid, however, that by praising some I would overlook others. I would be remiss, however, if I did not thank my Board.

Susan, Heidi, Jennifer, Marcelle, Kate, Elizabeth, Gabby, Carli, Sam, Gerda, Joann, Pat and Pam — you have all been a pleasure to work with and thank you for making this year such a success.

Now the time has come for the next generation of leadership to take over. The best part about handing over the reins, aside from the free time, is the knowledge that League will continue to prosper and grow. With Susan, I leave you in the best of hands.

Regards,

Kara H. Goodchild

COMMUNITY

Reading Rocks’ Final Festival is a Suessical Success

The Reading Rocks committee held its fourth and final literacy festival for the year at the Roxborough YMCA on April 14th. The festival coincided with the YMCA’s Healthy Kids’ Day and there was a great turnout of children. Over 50 children and their families came through the Dr. Seuss-themed book festival and participated in the games and activities.

During the festival, the children made colorful bookmarks that could be used to collect stickers at the game table. The children 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. The Cat in the Hat made an appearance to greet the children and read to them. There was also a captivating performance by singer and guitar player, Pete Moses, which was sponsored by the YMCA.

Before leaving the festival, each child received a pencil pack and could redeem the stickers they collected for books.

This final literacy festival brings to a close another great year of the Reading Rocks committee promoting literacy in children. I offer my thanks to the Reading Rocks committee members and the volunteers who helped with each festival.

THANK YOUS

Kudos to Ginny Price for all of her wonderful assistance with the Actives in the Flower Arranging and Tea Party DIAD.

And a personal thank you to former Hotline Chair Paula Brumbelow for all of her help on my maiden issue of the Hotline.

We want to thank all the members who gave so generously to the League this year, through your time, ideas, support, and donations.

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

Actives
Fanta Waterman
JLP Does Some Spring Cleaning

By Krista Bowman

Over 30 members of the Junior League of Philadelphia volunteered their time to do some “spring cleaning” at the Smith Memorial Playhouse and Playground in East Fairmount Park on April 21st. Volunteers assisted with the cleanup of the outside play areas and front lawn.

For more than 100 years, Smith Playground has provided an extraordinary play space for over 10 million visitors. The mission of this playground is to provide safe, creative, and fun recreational facilities, free of charge, to children in the Philadelphia area. The JLP is proud to support the Smith Memorial Playhouse and Playground and to provide assistance in maintaining a clean, safe environment for children to play.

Spring Flowers Cheer Seniors

By Emily Newmark

Twenty-three Active and Provisional members brought Spring to residents of The Quadrangle’s Holly Building, Sunrise Senior Living, Bryn Mawr. This lovely March afternoon began with a floral demonstration by Sustainer’s Virginia “Ginny” Price and Ellen Lloyd. Over forty hospice and Alzheimer’s patients were assisted by the volunteers to create simple floral displays. The lovely flowers were provided by the Junior League and Veterans Financial Services, Inc.

After making arrangements to take their flowers back to their rooms, the residents, along with the volunteers, enjoyed an afternoon tea of sandwiches and pastries. VistaCare Hospice’s volunteers, organized by Deb Copeland, provided all of the delicious refreshments. The relaxing tea was a great opportunity for the volunteers and residents to get to know each other better. For everyone involved this was a rewarding afternoon and plans are already being made for a repeat program.
The Sustainer Nominating Committee, Burse Holleran, Louise Hill, Sally Hillyer, Beth McCarthy, Sharon McNamara, and Pam Stiner are pleased to introduce you to the newly elected Sustainer officers for 2007-08. Pam Crutchfield will become Chair and Judy Moneta will continue in her second year of a two-year term as Recording Secretary.

Betsy Mallon - Chair Elect

Born and raised in Moorestown, N.J., Betsy joined the Junior League of Philadelphia in 1986 and participated in many internal league committees including Provisional Advisor, Projects, Nominating and Placement as well as the Wellness Community Committee, as its Co-chair. Through this league project, Betsy joined the Wellness Community of Philadelphia’s Auxiliary Committee, and co-chaired one of its annual fundraising events at the Crystal Tea Room.

Joining the Sustainer ranks in 1997, Betsy has co-chaired a number of committees including the New Sustainers, Evening Sustainers and Nominating and she also co-chaired a Fall Membership Meeting. As part of the 90th birthday celebration, Betsy was on the Silent Auction Committee and thoroughly enjoyed working with the Actives on this project. She participated on the first Sustainer Project ‘Books to Grow On’ collecting, cleaning and sorting books and is currently on the Spring Social Committee.

Betsy is a Senior Vice President with Keystone Risk Partners, LLC, an alternative risk financing and insurance consulting firm headquartered in Conshohocken, PA. Betsy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Juniata College.

Betsy and her husband, Jay, reside in Blue Bell and enjoy traveling and spending lots of time at their home in Avalon, NJ.

Mary Hinds - Treasurer

Mary has been involved in the financial side of the Junior League since her Provisional days in 1981. She served on the Finance Committee, was the payroll treasurer and the Treasurer of the League. Mary also served as the League’s Parliamentarian.

Mary has been with Ernst & Young for 26 years, including a three-year assignment in Frankfurt, Germany. Her focus is corporate tax and currently is involved in providing tax service to multinational corporations.

Mary and her husband Stephen have lived in Swarthmore for over 20 years. Mary enjoys needlepoint (has now finished Christmas stockings for her 4 step-grandchildren), reading and gardening.

Sandy Williams - Corresponding Secretary

Sandy joined the JLP in 1971. Her Active career included Chair of Admissions, Council Vice-President, Future Planning Committee, Placement, and JLP President 1978-1979. As a Sustainer, Sandy has been President of the JLP Garden Club, Co-chairman of Sustainer Security Investment Club, a founding member of BBB&B, and Sustainer representative to several Active committees. In the community, Sandy is currently on the Board of the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, where she is Chairman of Development. She has served on the boards of the Haverford School, the Green Valleys Association, and the Great Valley Association. She has also served as a VISTA volunteer. Sandy is very active at the Central Schwenkfelder Church, where she serves as a Sunday School teacher and is on Church Council. She and her husband, Drake, reside in Paoli and have three grown children and five grandchildren.
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SUSTAINER NEWS

Sustainers in Action

By Pam Crutchfield

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MAIN LINE CLOSET

By Patty Franks

Always committed to community involvement, the Main Line Closet participated in a benefit for autism being held at The Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr on April 29th. The Closet staff set up shop at the school along with other non-profits shops. A percentage of the day’s sales benefited autism research.

Several newspapers and television stations provided extensive coverage of this charity event. Volunteers from Agnes Irwin and Baldwin Schools assisted at the Main Line Closet table to promote community service. The schoolgirls took pictures highlighting the Shop and created posters as a backdrop for the table. This worthwhile project, beautifully created by Nancy Glass Productions, gave the Shop and the League a great deal of positive exposure.

More good news: We are very happy to announce that your Shop has been proclaimed the “Best Thrift Shop On The Main Line” for a third year in a row by Main Line Life Newspaper. This award is great for publicity and name recognition. We are simply delighted!

Job Alert: Once again, our Shop is looking for a sales associate. It is a fun job, different everyday, and a great way to make a little extra “bling money.” Please keep us in mind.
Sustainer of the Year

Kitten Susanin was named the 2006 Sustainer of the Year at the Spring General Membership meeting in recognition of her continued years of dedicated service on behalf of the Junior League and benefiting the Philadelphia community at large.

Kitten has been a fervent participant in JLP activities for over 45 years in a multitude of different capacities, including President of the JLP, chairman of the Delaware Valley Tennis Classic, and the 1977 Follies “Statue of Liberty.” In addition, she has served on numerous committees and boards outside the JLP such as, the National Exhibit by Blind Artists, the Commonwealth Board for the Medical College of Pennsylvania, the American Red Cross, and the Charles C. Knox Home, a residence for older adults.

Her major efforts, though, have been reserved for the humanitarian non-profit group Wheels, formed initially 48 years ago as a JLP pilot project. She began as a volunteer driver in 1962 and served on its Finance, Program, Personnel, and Executive Committees, was Chairman of the Board, and became its Director of the Volunteer Division in 1989. The day of the Membership Meeting was Kitten’s second day of retirement and she was on a walker from breaking a hip on an icy day.

Kitten was surprised at the presentation by her husband and her two children. In addition, she has two grandsons. She is an elementary education graduate from Wheelock College and a native of Wilkes Barre, PA. She is known for her perpetual good humor, upbeat and kind spirit, and is a constant and visible presence in our community.

Sustainers Aboard

Where are we going? To an island? To a far away country? To a unique spot in the United States? Answer: the choice is up to “you” for an extended trip! Anyone interested in getting together to talk about the feasibility of a trip should contact Pam Crutchfield at 610-296-4436 (pvje@aol.com). This coming summer would be an excellent time to plan something.

Recipes...

Brie Soufflé

From Settings

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
8 slices white bread, crusts removed
1 pound under ripe brie, rind removed, cut into cubes
2 cups half and half
1 tsp chopped fresh dill
1 tsp salt
Dash of hot pepper sauce
4 eggs

Butter one side of each slice of bread, then cut each slice into quarters. Arrange, buttered side up, on bottom of a buttered 1 1/2 quart soufflé dish. Sprinkle evenly with half of the brie. Preheat, using remaining bread and brie. The soufflé may be covered and refrigerated for up to 24 hours at this point.

One hour before serving, whisk together half and half, sugar slowly and whip. Add strawberries and whip until peaks form. Serve on slices of angel food cake or shortcake.

Strawberry Whip

From Bicentennial

1 egg white
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup strawberries
4 eggs

Melted 2000 books and we expect another 2000 by mid-May. When we finish we hope to have donated at least 7500 books to Philadelphia Reads. In addition, Sustainers generously donated sporting equipment to the Rhoads School in West Philadelphia and some articles of clothing to Fly Elementary School in Norristown. These projects were identified by Mickey Cooper and Judy Ruse, respectively. Congratulations to a fantastic, energetic, and committed committee on jobs not only well-executed, but on making a real and positive difference in the lives of children in the Philadelphia area.

The Books Just Keep Coming

Books to Grow On II

This Sustainer Project is rapidly coming to a very successful close! We have already donated over 1800 books from Junior League members, Main Line libraries, and two nursery schools. Sixteen Sustainers worked feverishly one night to sort, clean, and box at Rosemont Plaza in space arranged by Anne Garnett. We have also partnered with three schools: Chestnutwold Elementary (spearheaded by Stephanie Carr), from which we expect to get approximately 800-1000 books; St. Peters School in Center City from which we expect to get about 600 books; and Chestnut Hill Academy in Chestnut Hill, which has already donated 2000 books and we expect another 2000 by mid-May. When we finish we hope to have donated at least 7500 books to Philadelphia Reads. In addition, Sustainers generously donated sporting equipment to the Rhoads School in West Philadelphia and some articles of clothing to Fly Elementary School in Norristown. These projects were identified by Mickey Cooper and Judy Ruse, respectively. Congratulations to a fantastic, energetic, and committed committee on jobs not only well-executed, but on making a real and positive difference in the lives of children in the Philadelphia area.

Bake for 30 minutes or until bubbling and golden brown.

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!

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