Nurturing a Creative Spirit

By Erica Harris

During this season of giving, let us meet the seven participants of the first 2007-2008 Cultural Clinic event.

Given their shared love of art, our first event featured a miniature museum workshop at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA). Judy Ringold, representing PAFA, shared several museum galleries as a model for students to create miniature museums of their own!

Surrounded by other students’ work, and with the help of two PAFA graduate students, Tad and Ona, our students painted portraits, landscapes, and still life paintings to fill their miniature art galleries. The day ended with a very well-received lunch at Chili’s restaurant and the introduction of memory books for each student to fill as our Cultural Clinic year progresses.

Hats off to the planning team of Mary Ruth Thompson, Liz Bradley, Christina Davis, Colleen Tinny, and Erica Harris as well as Cultural Clinic Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Alspach and Andrea Undercofler. Our next event will be on November 17th at the Moore College of Art and will feature female photography.

Madeline is a seventh grader at Penn Alexander Elementary School who is interested in painting and drawing. Taah is a seventh grader at Penn Alexander who loves to model in clay. Phanosha, an eighth grader at Lea Elementary, is already drawing and creating anime in her free time. Tiffany, new to Philadelphia and Drew Elementary, is also an aspiring painter and artist. Teiona, also an eighth grader at Drew, enjoys dance and modern art. Amira, a Philadanco ballet dancer, is a fellow Drew eighth grader and Cultural Clinic participant. Carmela is a dance student who enjoys jazz, hip-hop, and tap outside of her days as an eighth grader at Drew Elementary.
I had the opportunity to hear Paola Gianturco speak at the AJLI Fall Leadership Conference in October. She is a photojournalist who has traveled to fifteen countries on five continents documenting women helping one another tackle the problems that darken their lives - domestic violence, sex trafficking, war, poverty, illiteracy, discrimination, inequality, malnutrition, and disease. Their stories can be found in her work, Women Who Light the Dark.

In this season of hope, these women remind us of the strength that we all possess. While they may lack material resources, these women have made a significant contribution to improving their communities. They employ a new kind of collective leadership as staff, donors and beneficiaries collaborate — and solve — intractable problems that face women and their families. It is an extremely compelling work, and all these amazing stories point to one thing — the responsibility for and the ability to change exists within all of us. Moreover, it will take all of us to erase the “darkness” — to address and confront the issues facing the world. It sounds like a daunting task, but if you can touch one life, then you have begun the journey. You can learn more about this 67-year-old woman’s incredible quest at www.womenwholightthedark.com.

I would like to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to the Junior League of Philadelphia. Every single member adds an incredible amount of value to our organization. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season full of peace, joy, and most of all...light.

Susan

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NOMINATING
Take the Lead!

By Kate Forester

Do you want to lead but think you do not have the experience? Do you want to hone your skills? The JLP provides a perfect environment for developing leadership. Good leaders are made, not born. If you have the desire to be a leader, then you can become an effective one. Good leaders develop through a constant process of education, experience, training, and self-study. The JLP gives us all the opportunity to take advantage of leadership education, training, and experience. We are a training organization, and to acquire that training, you have many options; for example, you may participate in Mission Credit events through various committees such as Done in a Day (DIAD) and Reading Rocks!. The Education and Volunteer Training Committee (EVT) also provides us with numerous trainings throughout the year. Additionally, you have the opportunity to attend the AJLI’s Organizational and Development Institutes that provide invaluable information and direction.

Do you want to lead but think you have too much going on in your life to take a JLP leadership role? We all know that life can be hectic. There are varying levels of leadership to which you can aspire within the League. Some years, you can take a prominent role such as a Board or Chair position, while in other years you can be an active committee member, Member Advisor, or Provisional Advisor.

What better way to set an example and enrich your life than to take a JLP leadership role? We all know that leadership can be hectic. There are varying levels of leadership to which you can aspire. Some years you can take a prominent role such as a Board or Chair position, while in other years you can be an active committee member, Member Advisor, or Provisional Advisor.

Do you know how to promote yourself or someone you believe has leadership capabilities? The Nominating Committee encourages you to take a leadership role. You can nominate yourself or a fellow member by completing the form on the JLP website or at a General Membership Meeting. You may also speak with any one of the Nominating Committee members. The committee is eager to hear from you! Please contact any of us: Alison Dyer, Rachel Reavy, Andrea Dutton, Jodi Kerr, Amelia Warner, Kris Risi, Mary Kate LoConte, Susan Henley, and Kate Forester.

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This opportunity is not limited to Junior League members; please share this information with your friends and family! Anyone with a Genuardi’s Club Card can register their card on eScrip and choose to support the Junior League of Philadelphia.

Here are a few pictures from our very successful 2nd Annual Neiman Marcus Fashion Show. This year’s events featured the fall and winter designs from fashion designer Kay Unger, Chantecaille cosmetics, and delicious refreshments. A good time was had by all.
The Thrift Shop Committee hosted a joint social and First Friday on November 2nd. It was a very festive atmosphere with the Committee donating the food served at the event. The committee will host another event in the spring on April 4th. We want to express our thanks to all who participated and made the event a success.

In addition, thanks go to those who participated in the Suburban Square event for non-profits, which generated knowledge of the League and interest in the Shop. On Wednesday, November 14th, Peggy Cook Bradley sent over her energetic group of volunteers from Germantown Academy for a day of community service for the third year in a row. There are usually more than a dozen student volunteers, and they do a wonderful job of preparing the Shop for the holidays.

Come see us! We have a great new gift table.

**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

If you are interested in hosting an Area Meeting the week of February 18, 2008, please contact EVT Committee member Maria Crossin at maria.crossin@gmail.com

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**It Is The Giving Season**

By Paula Brumbelow

The Cookbook is well under way this year and at the end of October, we have collected over 200 recipes and have tested already a quarter of those recipes. We would like to thank everyone who has helped out so far in helping make this a successful awareness piece of the newest fundraiser for the Junior League of Philadelphia.

Many of us at this time of the year are looking to donate money to a good cause that is also tax deductible. The Member Sponsorship level in the Cookbook is a great opportunity for you. For a donation of $250, you will receive your name in the book, a copy of the book, and two Ways and Means Credits (Sustainers will receive two books). The proceeds from the book will go directly back to the JLP and will allow us to develop and run programming throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

Member Sponsorship level is also open to committees who would like to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Brumbelow at brumbe@gmail.com or 267-258-6862.

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**Larks: Open to Actives in the New Year!**

by Anne Markle

The philosophy of the Larks’ music director, Anjali Gallup-Diaz, is that the Larks have a lark whatever the occasion, because we are privileged to be doing what we love: singing! The payoff 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!

Actives, this is your opportunity to join the Larks - and it can count as one of your volunteer commitments! Please call me, Anne Markle, President of the Larks, at (610) 964-1910 or e-mail me at adextr@verizon.net. I would love to hear from you and will put you in touch with the director if you wish to audition.

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SUSTAINER PROJECT FOR 2007-2008

The Sustainer Project Committee has designated the Paul V. Fly Elementary School in East Norriton Township as the beneficiary of this year’s Sustainer project. This wonderful school, which has been awarded the National Blue Ribbon School designation for its academic excellence, serves the greater Norristown community and enrolls 530 students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Approximately half of the students are from the city of Norristown, which on a smaller scale suffers from most of the inner city problems of Philadelphia; the other half are from the neighboring middle-class suburbs. For a number of students, English is a second language. There are significant economic, mental health, and learning issues among the student body, and for many of the students, the school is the only stable environment in their lives, providing nutrition and medical and dental care as well as traditional academic learning. The student body is racially mixed (55% white and 45% minority) as well as socio-economically diverse, but appears to be happily integrated.

The Fly School’s academic success is due in large part to an amazing staff that supplements the educational needs of the children with many non-educational initiatives and donations. These extras include a clothing boutique in the nurse’s office where certain children, who may have come to school in the same clothes for a week or more, can obtain fresh/new clothing. The staff also provides holiday food baskets to the school community and has obtained a grant of approximately 300 winter coats per year from a manufacturer.

Even with the wonderful Fly School teachers and staff, many of the Fly School children have unmet serious, basic needs, AND THIS IS WHERE THE SUSTAINERS CAN HELP.

A. Needed Donations:
1. Clothing: winter hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, boots, packages of underwear and socks, sneakers, t-shirts, and jogging suits. Hats, gloves, sneakers, underwear, and socks must be new.
2. Books: Currently each teacher must personally supply her own books in order to have a classroom library. All reading levels needed, from early childhood (3 years old) to post-5th grade reading level. Teachers would like some books to be “character education” books, such as the Berenstain Bears series, etc.
3. Thanksgiving Basket Items: although the teachers and staff prepare Thanksgiving food baskets, there is a need for puzzles, decks of cards, jump ropes, Nerf-type balls, and similar toys/games to include in the baskets together with books or small clothing items.

Any of the above items can be brought to the various Sustainer Committee/Interest Group meetings.

In addition, you may contact Marge Devlin at 610-647-4122 or tmdevlin159@comcast.net or Judy Ruse at 610-687-3468 or jruze@verizon.net for additional drop-off locations.

B. Future Activities:
1. There will be a “fleece hat making” workshop on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm at Lisa Twitmyer’s. If you are interested in joining the fun or in some preliminary simple sewing, please contact Lisa at 610-687-3677 or LETW@aol.com.
2. Possible “road trip” to Rice’s Market in Doylestown to purchase clothing and toys at a deep discount. If you would like to participate, please contact Susan Mease at 610-353-5627 or susan.mease@bridgesettlementcorp.com. Thanks in advance for any help you can give to this year’s project—once again, it is an opportunity for Sustainers to have fun while doing good!

KEEP IN TOUCH
If you have access to e-mail, be sure the JLP office has that address (and update it if you change). The E-Line is now being e-mailed every Tuesday and that is a great way to keep up with news of upcoming League events. Of course, the office has to know your e-mail address to send the E-Line to you.
SUSTAINER NEWS

Sustainers in Action

By Pam Crutchfield

One thing that I have been looking forward to this year is the opportunity to interact with each of the Sustainer interest groups! A good start was playing bridge with Sarah Ann Boenning’s “original” Bridge Club group, which has been in existence for 42 years! Marcie Bevan and Barbara Juda invited me to substitute in their evening group. Both of these experiences involved bridge, of course, along with some lively conversations sharing tidbits of information about League happenings as well as friends and families. Stephanie Carr and Jane Harrington’s bridge groups, always well attended, are next on the calendar. Special thanks to these leaders for enabling us to have such enjoyable camaraderie for the Sustainers!

Next was a visit to the JLP Sustainer Garden Club Fall Flower Show, “Laughter is the Best Medicine,” at Whitehorse Village. The entries were beautiful, clever, and creative. The residents and other guests were quite impressed and deeply appreciative of the talent and efforts provided for their enjoyment. Kudos to Barbara Wadhams for leading a tour of the lovely local gardens and to Shirley Messina for her continuing leadership.

Schuy Wood was a gracious hostess for the Travel Abroad/USA group at her home. Special thanks to her for keeping the ball rolling for a potential trip. Nancy Schwab, Sandy Floyd, and Nancy Greytok will be researching a unique excursion for the fall of 2008.

The theater trip to see “Curtains” was a huge success. Phyllis Scott and Judy Macgregor organized excellent arrangements for a delectable luncheon, provided snacks on the trip home, secured the tickets, and more!

By the time you receive this Hotline, the Project Committee will have met and finalized plans to collaborate with the Fly Elementary School in Norristown. A huge pat on the back to Marge Devlin and Judy Ruse for accepting this opportunity to help plan for some of the needs of these (nearly 500) deserving children. I know we all will want to get involved and give them lots of support!

I recently came across this “Recipe for a Happy Christmas” and would like to share it with you:

Fill a house with equal parts of love, hope, and peace.
Add the joy of children and the strength of older people.
Season with the music of laughter
and some mistletoe kisses.
Warm before a crackling fire and serve with tidings of comfort and joy!

Happy holidays to all of you!

Save the Date: Tuesday, Dec. 4

Day Trip to Washington, DC

We will visit (1) KREEGER MUSEUM (designed by architect, Phillip Johnson) highlighting a permanent collection of works by Renoir, Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso, Chagall, Rodin, Kandinsky, and Cezanne, as well as African and Asian art & sculptures.

(2) TUDOR PLACE: 179 years in ownership by descendants of Martha Washington. These 8.5 acres in Georgetown provide a lush setting for this historic landmark of Neoclassic American architecture, which houses over 100 artifacts of George and Martha Washington. This is the most important and largest collection of our first president outside of Mount Vernon.

(3) THE SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI: Housed in the Lars Anderson Home (c. 1902) which rivals most embassies. We will enjoy visiting a magnificent ballroom, historic library, French collections, priceless tapestries, and rooms representing the original 13 colonies with applicable artifacts as well as decoration. The Society was founded by Gen. Henry Knox with support from George Washington, and the motto is, “He gave up everything to serve the republic.” Many important, historic men have belonged to this prestigious group.

Details concerning price, departure place and time will follow. A $10 non-refundable deposit made out to the JLP and sent to Virginia Mulligan will hold your place.

Upcoming Dates 2007

DECEMBER

3rd Afternoon Brush-up Bridge
Mimi Johnson, (610) 525-1443
4th Sustainer Trip to Washington, DC
Virginia Mulligan, (610) 649-0113
13th Cooking Klatch
Cookie Exchange
(10 a.m.)
18th JLP Sustainer Bridge Christmas party
(12 p.m.)
Sara Ann Boenning, (610) 525-6488

JANUARY

17th Bookmarks
Hostess T.B.D., Leader
Anne Clouser

FEBRUARY

13th Neighborhood Teas
20th Sustainer Board Mtg
(6 p.m.) - home of Winnie Dougherty
21st Bookmarks
Hostess Sally Young
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DECEMBER
2- Provisional Class meeting
4- Development Council meeting
4- Community Council meeting
4- Sustainer day trip to Washington, D.C.
5- Fundraising Council meeting
6- Sustainer Board Meeting
8- Reading Rocks!
Mission Credit opportunity
18- Communications Council meeting
19- Board Meeting

JANUARY
2- Fundraising Council meeting
3- Development Council meeting
12- Cookbook tasting event
21- PAC meeting
23- General Membership Meeting
26- DIAD at JLP office
30- Board Meeting

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