

# Hotline

The Junior League of Philadelphia • Celebrating 95 Years of Volunteer Service: Looking Back and Moving Forward • January 2008

## Important Dates:

### January Mission Credit Opportunity

January 26th – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the JLP office.

### January General Membership Meeting

January 23, 2008

Location: Suburban location—please check the website or e-Line for details. Time: 6:30 p.m. sign-in, 7 p.m. meeting begins. Please R.S.V.P. online, as space is limited.

Meeting topic: Women's Health and Well-Being, featuring a variety of speakers and experts.

Members may select their choice of earning either a Meeting Credit OR Mission Credit, because there will be a strong training component in the panel's presentation. If you have any questions, please contact your Member Advisor.

## Behind the Façade



By Diane Oliva

During the last area meeting at the JLP Headquarters, members could not help but notice the six-foot wide hole in the masonry wall that separated our two buildings. The hole is due to Chris Ryan and his team at Glenveagh Construction. Yes, ladies, it's official. The long awaited façade renovations have begun at the JLP Headquarters!

“The Junior League's new façade and brickwork will look great after the restoration.”

Glenveagh Construction will be restoring the building's façade. This work will be completed by early 2008. This exciting restoration will transform the two buildings into one and

will include re-pointing the brickwork, adding insulated glass, new wooden framework, a new awning, and many other enhancements. The second floor renovations will consist of removing the center staircase, partially breaking down the masonry wall dividing the two buildings, replacing the floors, taking down walls, and building new ones.

Our building is in the Ardmore Historical District; therefore, all plans required approval by the

Historical Architectural Review Board. “In the past, I have had had much greater challenges with historic buildings, but due to the great plans of your architect, the problems were not as challenging,” says Chris Ryan, owner of Glenveagh Construction in Newtown Square. While the building's façade will get a fresh new look, its overall architectural integrity will remain beautifully intact.

Examples of Glenveagh Construction's work appear all over Ardmore. Among their recent renovations are Pennywise Thrift Shop, Gregory FCA Communications, and Milkboy Coffee. In addition to commercial work, they also perform residential work. Their specialty is matching new additions to existing finishes and creating exterior finishes. “The Junior League's new façade and brickwork will look great after the restoration,” says Ryan. JL

# President's Perspective:

## Happy New Year!

by Susan Mostek



We all make our New Year's resolutions and they all seem to deal with improvement. We want to improve our health, our weight, our finances, our relationships, etc...

The next question becomes, are the changes we are trying to make realistic and can we actually achieve them? The New Year for the JLP started June 1, 2007, so January is actually a great time to evaluate our resolutions. At the beginning of this year, the Board of Directors undertook many initiatives: we set out to develop a new focus area, a new strategic plan, a new marketing plan, and to facilitate extensive building renovations. Needless to say, we have been very, very busy. Here is where we stand:

- Focus Area – This fall, PAC met and voted on a new focus area. You were emailed a survey regarding our projects and new focus area in September. While we do not have an official title for it as of the time I write this, we have pointed ourselves in the direction of Environmental Education. The relationship that humans have with their environment is critical not only to their physical development, but also to their mental well-being. The JLP strongly believes that we will be able to create programs that can have a significant impact in the Philadelphia region. Stay tuned for information regarding new community projects and initiatives concerning our environment, nutrition, fitness, sustainability, and much, much more.
- Strategic Plan – This summer, we began working with an external consultant to develop a new strategic plan. You were emailed another survey relating to this plan. In the interim, the Board worked on an Environmental Scan, an Organizational Review, and a separate survey. The external consultants conducted a staff workshop in October and then interviewed several

non-JLPers to understand their perspectives of our organization in the community. On a Saturday morning in December, the Board and several JLP members (Sustainers and Actives) gathered to evaluate all of this research. It was fascinating! We are now assessing the results of this meeting. We are on target to have an operating strategic plan by spring. More information will be forthcoming.

- Marketing Plan – I am delighted to report that the JLP has partnered with Innovative Print and Media Group, Inc. to develop materials to help promote its visibility. We have developed a general brochure that many of you have seen by now. We have also developed a folder with three different brochures that will be used for specific opportunities—sponsorship, community partnerships, and recruitment. In combination with our website launch last year, we are well on our way to having the resources at hand to successfully market our organization.
- Building Renovations – The September Open Houses gave you an opportunity to tour our Headquarters. It is an absolutely incredible space. With the help of Jeff Martin of JTA Associates, Inc, we were able to develop a vision for our building. We are now exploring ways to fund these renovations that hopefully will allow our building to promote the JLP Mission for years to come. I am also happy to report that the façade renovations began in November, and they should be nearing completion. I encourage you all to come see the wonderful changes that not only help the JLP, but also improve the entire streetscape of Ardmore!

I am happy to report that the JLP's resolutions have not gone by the wayside. The Board has tackled these issues in the hopes of improving our organization, and we hope that these changes will make for a more satisfactory membership experience for all of you.

Susan 

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Dear Members,

Exciting news this month as we are pleased to announce that Butler Bag LLC has joined forces with us in a fundraising effort. For those of you who don't know, Butler Bags are quickly gaining notoriety as the world's first inner-compartmentalized handbags. Creator Jen Groover and Butler Bag LLC are the fastest growing handbag company in history and they are taking the world by storm with their fusion of high-fashion and functional convenience. All JLP members will receive a 20% discount on any one item in the Butler Bag Collection through January 31st with \$10 from each sale going to the JL. Not only will you be helping in the cause, you will be putting yourself at the forefront of style! But beware:

as Butler Bag owners across the world will attest — be ready to constantly answer the question "Where did you get that bag?!" 



# Community: Painted Pumpkins & Drum Circles: Reading Rocks Kicks Off Its New Year

By Emily Estes



Painting pumpkins with Brandi Schwartz and Heather Coupe at the Reading Rocks at the Y! Festival.



During the Reading Rocks at the Y! Festival, guests learn to play the drums with musician Ron Carter.

The Reading Rocks Committee kicked off their 2007-2008 year with a Halloween themed festival on October 27th at the Christian Street YMCA. The festival focused on promoting literacy in children in grades K-6. Due to the rainy weather, the turn-out at the event was less than expected, but several families attended. The children decorated and personalized pumpkins, competed in a beanbag toss, colored in Halloween coloring books, and created their own book ownership cards. For each activity completed, every child received a

sticker which they were able to redeem for age appropriate books. The highlight of the event was the appearance of Ron Carter, who entertained the kids with his drum playing and story telling.

The second Reading Rocks event, a holiday themed event, was held on December 8th at the Roxborough YMCA. League members can earn a Mission Credit by volunteering at these events. Check online for details or please contact either Kristin Tiliakos or Liz Blum for more information about these events. [JL](#)

## Nominating Characteristics of a Leader

By Kristin Risi

The Nominating Committee would like to share with you some characteristics that have proven invaluable when holding a leadership position in the JLP.

**COMMITMENT** to the JLP and to anyone who relies on you for information, and to getting things accomplished. We are all busy in our day-to-day lives, but we must realize that, once we commit to being a leader, we must follow through in all aspects.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS** are key to being a great leader. Both verbal and written communication is a big part of any leader's job, whether it is running your committee meeting, or addressing the entire league at a General Membership Meeting.

**MOTIVATION** to keep working, even in the face of anxiety. Motivation is also an important skill to impart to others – it can be contagious throughout your team if you can stay motivated and energetic about what you do!

**DEDICATION** to our Mission, our processes, and to our members. If you truly believe in what we do and what we stand for, this should come easily!

An **OPEN MIND** toward change and new ideas. This is how the JLP learns, grows, and improves. Leaders often need to help others accept changes, too.

And a **SENSE OF HUMOR!**

If you feel you have some of these characteristics and are interested in using them to lead, please make sure to fill out a Nominating Leadership Survey or call a Nominating Committee member today! [JL](#)

### 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](mailto:maria.crossin@gmail.com). [JL](#)



Aces are wild and so was last year's Casino Night as party-goers gambled the night away.



## The Big Deal

By Kristen Bowman Kavanagh

The Junior League of Philadelphia will be holding its second annual Casino Night Silent Auction & Gala: The Big Deal-Black & White & REaD All Over fundraiser on Friday, February 29, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Tea Room (in the Wanamaker Building) in Center City, Philadelphia. The event is open to all, including Provisionals, Actives, Sustainers, and the general public. Join us for what will be a fabulous evening to benefit the JLP's literacy campaign.

Bring your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and perhaps a hot date for an exciting night of Vegas-style gambling, music, gourmet buffet dinner, and drinks. We will have an impressive assortment of auction items and prizes for our casino winners, including golf items, sports memorabilia, jewelry, gourmet food and wine, fine dining, unique boutique items, airline tickets, children's goods and activities, and much more!

Tickets are \$125 per person, which includes cocktail hour, buffet dinner, open bar, and \$100 in casino chips. VIP Tickets are also available for \$175 per person and include unlimited access to the High Roller Room, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, premium open bar, and \$300 in casino chips. Ways & Means credits are available to JLP members: 2 credits for tickets, or 3 credits for VIP tickets. Black, red, or white formal attire is preferred.

Tickets can be purchased online with a credit card at [www.JLPhiladelphia.org](http://www.JLPhiladelphia.org). If you would like to purchase your tickets by mail, please send a check payable to: The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc., 27 West Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003. Questions? Contact the Casino Night Committee Public Relations Chairs **Liz Naughton** (610) 355-0228 or **Kristen Bowman Kavanagh** (215) 901-6494. 

## Fundraising Give the Gift of Flowers

Grower Flowers donates 10 percent of any gifts ordered and 20 percent of any Growers Fresh orders to the JLP with the affiliate code of 47576. Grower Fresh orders are fresh from their farm. Orders can be placed by phone at (888) 321-7673 or via the website at [www.GrowerFlowers.com](http://www.GrowerFlowers.com). Why not treat yourself to a bouquet today? 

## Community DIAD

Serving breakfast at the  
Ronald McDonald House

3925 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 387-8406 ext 302

13 volunteers needed

**Saturday, January 26, 2008, 8:15 a.m.**

RSVP on the website, as space is limited

Questions: **Allison Lubert** at

[allisonmarie23@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmarie23@gmail.com) or (917) 748-3905.

Serving dinner at the  
Ronald McDonald House

3925 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 387-8406 ext 302

13 volunteers needed

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 5 p.m.**

RSVP on the website, as space is limited

Questions: **Allison Lubert** at

[allisonmarie23@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmarie23@gmail.com) or (917) 748-3905.

*New Job! New Baby! Don't forget to share your good news with your fellow Junior League members. Send the news of your personal triumphs to the Hotline:*

*[hotline@jphiladelphia.org](mailto:hotline@jphiladelphia.org)*

## Upcoming Tasting Events

January 6, 2008

Hostess: Emily Martin  
1812 Manor Road • Havertown, PA  
Noon to 2 p.m.

January 12, 2008

Hostess: Amelia Warner  
1013 Cherry Lane • Cinnaminson, NJ  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

January 22, 2008

Hostess: Anna Hosea  
2112 Spruce Street • Philadelphia, PA  
6 - 8 p.m.

Members can help in the following ways: bring a dish, bring wine or pay \$20 to participate. All events are listed on the website, and RSVPs are required. If you are bringing a guest, they must sign up for one of these options, as well.

## KUDOS

Our thanks to **The Van Cleve Collection of Paoli** for a donation to the Thrift Shop of a large selection of dresses for the holidays. The Van Cleve Collection, a chic boutique located on Lancaster Avenue in Paoli, has generously donated a bounty of gaily colored silk party dresses, both long and short, in a range of sizes from 2-14. Come on down and get your dress on!

Kudos to **Heidi Tirjan** and **Belinda McLeod-Quinn** for organizing a fabulous Strategic Planning Retreat!

Kudos to **Noel Kramer**, **Susannah Rinker** and **Project Fundraising** for a great job on the Blue Tulip Event!



Congratulations to **Maureen Dever** and her family on their new baby. Born December 3, 2007: **Lillian Claire Dever**, parents **Maureen & John Dever**, sister **Anne Dever**



## The Thrift Shop Wows Crowds During Suburban Square Festival

By Jennifer Rigby Minton

Suburban Square held its Annual Community Festival on Saturday, September 29th. Various nonprofit organizations set up booths to raise awareness of their purpose in our community.

“Our booth showcased the Shop’s prestigious award, the Best of Main Line Life 2006 Thrift Shop.”

The Junior League Thrift Shop proudly represented the JLP by distributing brochures on JLP history and current community projects. Our booth showcased the Shop’s prestigious awards, including “Best of Main Line Life 2006 Thrift Shop.”

Visitors to our booth loved the “Look for Less” fashion display that compared recent fashion magazine clippings to the Shop’s similar autumn outfits available at thrift shop prices.

The Thrift Shop took this opportunity to sell several JLP scarves and tote bags. Thanks again to **Michelle Balut**, **Bryn Prieston**, and **Sara Beyer** for making it all happen! Kudos also to **Maura Burke** and **Sara Beyer** for their efforts in creating a fun evening at our November Thrift Shop social. Please look out for information coming soon detailing our April spring social. There is no time like the present to satisfy your shift requirement. Saturday shifts book well in advance. If you have time to donate some additional assistance to the shop this month, please check out the website for available time slots. The JLP and the Thrift Shop greatly appreciate your support! 

*Shutterbugs! The Hotline is eager to publish your photos. Don't forget to send your committees' photos with accompanying photo captions to the Hotline. Contact the Hotline editor if your committee would like the Hotline Photo Editor to cover your event.*

# Larks: Open to Actives in the New Year!

by Anne Markle

Rehearsals start in early January for fun spring performances! 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 oppor-

tunity to join the Larks. It counts as one of your volunteer commitments. Please call me, Anne Markle, president of the Larks, (610) 640-1910 or email me: [adextr@verizon.net](mailto:adextr@verizon.net). I would love to hear from you and will put you in touch with the director if you wish to audition. **JL**

## JLP Baskets Support HELP Philadelphia

By Regina Raiford Babcock

The Junior League of Philadelphia provided Thanksgiving Baskets on November 17th for the women and children of HELP Philadelphia, a non-profit agency based in West Philadelphia. Under the umbrella of the national organization HELP USA, and along with Philadelphia Health Management Corporation and Childspace Cooperative Development, this agency promotes self-sufficiency among low-income families by building independent living skills.

"The Junior League volunteers were very impressed with the mission of the HELP

Philadelphia organization," says **Kim Berselli**, DIAD Committee. Eligible families participate in an intensive twelve- to eighteen-month program that ultimately qualifies them for a Section 8 Certificate, entitling them to permanent affordable housing.

During this DIAD event, volunteers assembled baskets and handed them out to the residents. These nutritious baskets helped to foster a memorable family celebration for these needy families. "We hope this long standing partnership continues," says Berselli. **JL**

### Hotline Deadlines

*February issue: December 25th*

*March issue: January 25th*

*April issue: February 25th*

*May issue: March 25th*

The Hotline is eager to accept your articles and story suggestions. Please feel free to contact us with your articles and proposals to make this newsletter better.

To publish the Hotline in a timely manner, articles are to be submitted via email at [Hotline@JLPhiladelphia.org](mailto:Hotline@JLPhiladelphia.org). Each article must have a byline and a headline.

Remember, the Hotline also accepts advertising: \$15 for classified ads, \$40 for business card-sized ads, \$60 for ¼ page ads, \$125 for ½ page ads, and \$225 for full-page ads. The dimensions for the ad sizes are: 8"x10.5" full page • 5.25"x8" half-page • 4"x5.25" quarter-page

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### Keep In Touch

If you have access to email, be sure the JLP office has that address (and update it if you change). The e-Line is now being emailed on the 15th and 30th of every month and is a great way to keep up with news of upcoming League events. Of course, the office has to know your email address to send the e-Line to you!



# Sustainer News

By Pam Crutchfield

## Sustainers in Action

Let's continue the spirit of the New Year and lift our glasses with a toast to the Sustainer Project Committee, and all of you out there who very generously gave of your time, energy, and contributed gifts to the deserving children at Fly Elementary School during December! Hats off to **Judy Ruse** and **Marge Devlin** for their leadership. Thanks to **Lisa Twitmyer** for hosting and teaching a "simple, quick sewing lesson" on warm fleece hats to give to the children. Unofficially named the "Betsy Ross Sewing Group," some have suggested it might "morph" into a new sustainer interest group!

Special toasts are in order for **Joan Prewitt** and **Betsy Daly** and the Cooking Klatch ladies. Recently, I joined them for their second luncheon meeting and enjoyed a scrumptious meal prepared with recipes for the upcoming JLP Cookbook. Kudus are due to all for their efforts testing submissions for the Cookbook Committee.

The Evening Sustainers November dinner meeting, featuring a "Top Doc" speaker, was awesome and enjoyed by all.

The Sustainer Garden Club had field trips to the antique barn, house and gardens of Howard McNeil. They also visited the PA



The Sustainer Fall Membership meeting at Aronomink was well received. Among the attendees were seated L-R: Heidi Tirjan, JLP President-Elect, and Pam Crutchfield, Sustainer Chair. Standing L-R: Faeze Woodville who spoke on "Women in an Islamic Culture," Susan Mostak, JLP President, Jane Green and Mary Tattersfield, the two co-chairs for the event.

Horticulture Society and learned how to make beautiful jewelry out of flowers. Please call **Shirley Messina** if you are interested in visiting one of their programs.

January, to many of us, is an excellent month to "hibernate" with a good book or two by a fire. One book that I have enjoyed is thought provoking and humorous: *Half-Life of a Zealot*. It is written by Junior League member **Swanee Hunt** of Texas, daughter of the legendary oil magnate H.L. Hunt and a former ambassador to Austria — also a popular speaker at the spring '07 AJLI Annual Conference. Swanee's autobiography brims over with her accounts of volunteer and professional work, raising children,

strengthening women's leadership and funny accounts of her life as an heiress. Each book that she signs contains this quotation on the front page:

*"Envision a world in which every person is valued. No lives are discarded as statistics. No one is marginalized."*

It occurs to me that our current sustainer project with Fly Elementary fits right into the meaning of the above and exemplifies what the Junior League mission is all about — I hope you will agree!

Happy New Year to all of you!

## Project Welcome Back

Do you have friends who are former Junior League members? Encourage them to join our Sustainer's group. It is a wonderful way to reconnect with friends and make new ones. It is easy to rejoin! For more information contact Susie Heller at 610-688-8875 or e-mail [susieheller@verizon.net](mailto:susieheller@verizon.net)

## A Reminder

It is not too early to start thinking of your candidate for Sustainer of the Year Award.

Your nomination should be someone who: has effectively demonstrated volunteerism; is a proven ambassador for the JLP community; is an inspiration to fellow sustaining members; has made a unique contribution to the JLP; and, performs above and beyond what is expected. Former recipients are: Anne F. Simpson, Susan W. Myers, Barbara B. Bond, Betsy Lundquist,

Sally Hillyer, Mary P. Burr, Marilyn W. Sprague, Marge Devlin, Sally Forester, Suzanne Vander Veer, Sandra Williams, Nancy Greytok, Jean N. Alsentzer, Virginia C. Mulligan, Susan Mease, Jane K. Sagendorph and Kitten Susanin. An illustrious company, but they cannot receive the award again, so don't nominate them. You will be receiving a ballot in your January packet. Fill out and please return to Pat Suplee, 40 S. Roberts Rd., Bryn Mawr PA 19010. Thank you.

# Update On Sustainer Project For 2007-2008

As discussed in last month's Hotline, the Sustainer Project Committee has designated the Paul V. Fly Elementary School in East Norriton as the beneficiary of this year's Sustainer project. The Committee is "up and running" under the wonderful leadership of **Judy Ruse** and **Marge Devlin**. At a Committee meeting on November 14, the members: (i) identified the tasks to be accomplished, (ii) finalized a timeline for the various components of the project and (iii) completed (in under 2 hours) 63 adorable fleece hats for the Fly School children — amidst many chuckles and memories of days as JL Actives.

The Sustainer Project Committee is thrilled that the Blossom Fund is donating \$2,000 of its hard earned funds to the Fly School project — a wonderful vote of confidence in the project as well as a generous donation of funds needed to realize the ambitious goals of the Sustainer Project Committee. These funds and



Pat Suplee, Susan Mease and Mickie Cooper were part of the team that gathered at Lisa Twitmyer's to mass produce fleece hats for the children at Fly Elementary School, part of the Sustainer Project



These were some of the hats produced for the children of Fly Elementary during just one work session. Now that we know how to do this, there are probably going to be lots of JLP grandchildren wearing these hats too!

additional donations from JLP and the community, together with the enthusiasm and hard work of the Sustainers, guarantees that many of the pressing needs of the Fly School will be met.

By the time this you read this, a contingent from the Sustainer Project Committee will have made an early Saturday morning "road trip" to

Rice's Market in New Hope to purchase such items as winter hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, boots, packages of underwear and socks, sneakers and toys at a very deep discount. The clothing items will be provided to needy Fly School children, and the toys will be included in the holiday baskets prepared by the Fly School staff.

Although the holidays have passed, it is not too late for you to help! The Committee decided to break the project into two components with the book drive slated for early in 2008. Therefore, the Committee is requesting that donations of gently used or new books be brought to the various Sustainer Committee/Interest Group meetings or to a drop-off location. Information about the drop-off locations will be provided by email. You also may contact **Marge Devlin** at (610) 647-4122, [tmdevlin159@comcast.net](mailto:tmdevlin159@comcast.net) or **Judy Ruse** at (610) 687-3468, [jruse@verizon.net](mailto:jruse@verizon.net) for additional information. The Fly School needs books at all reading levels for classroom libraries, from early childhood (three-year-olds) to 8th grade reading levels. Teachers would like some books to be "character education" books, such as the Berenstain Bears series, etc.

In addition, cash donations (to be used to purchase certain books and other items specifically requested by the teachers) will be very much appreciated. Please send your gifts to **Judy Moneta**, 200 N. Wynnewood Ave., Apt. B-104, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

Again, thanks in advance for any help you can give to this year's project — it is both a rewarding and fun opportunity to make a difference. 

# Evening Sustainers

## Junior League Evening Sustainers Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange

Wednesday, January 9, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Hostess: **Barbara Deuber**  
776 Newtown Road  
Villanova, PA 19085

Bring any (wrapped) unwanted gift you received this Holiday. Gifts not chosen will be donated to the Thrift Shop. Along with your gift please bring:

A-L Hors d'oeuvres  
M-R Dessert

S-Z Salad or Casserole

R.S.V.P. by January 3, 2008 to Nancy Henry  
416 Chandlee Drive  
Berwyn, PA 19312

Questions call: **Marianne McClatchy**  
(610) 355-1976

Directions: West on Lancaster Ave. Left onto Radnor-Chester Rd., through light at Conestoga Rd. Bear right at top of hill onto Newtown Rd. 

## Junior League Garden Club

Joint meeting with Weed and Seed  
Garden Club

When: Monday, January 14, 2008 at 10 a.m.

Where: 601 N. Ithan Avenue, Bryn Mawr  
Ballam Auditorium (Please park in  
parking lot and not in the front circle)

Charles Cresson, noted lecturer, garden designer, consultant, and author will speak on "The Flowers of Winter." Even in winter, the

garden is alive and growing with a succession of flowers that revel in the cold, many thriving in the shade. Bulbs carpet the bare ground and shrubs waft their fragrance on warm days. Learn how to enhance the twigs, bark, and evergreens in your winter landscape with real flowers.

Guests are most welcome. Please respond to **Shirley Messina** (610) 525-7335 or [Dieselem@aol.com](mailto:Dieselem@aol.com).

**Mark Your Calendars!** First Friday Thrift Shop Social on April 4, 2008 Special Welcome to Sustainers Who Are Invited to Go To Dinner after the Social.

## Sustainer Teas

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

R.S.V.P. to the hostess of your choice by February 4th. If a hostess is full, please try another location.

### Center City

Afternoon Tea 12 – 2 p.m.  
At the home of **Cindy Landreth**  
731 Spruce Street  
(215) 592-8398 • [LSLandreth@aol.com](mailto:LSLandreth@aol.com)

### Berwyn

Afternoon Tea 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
At the home of **Cammy Wagner**  
2221 Buttonwood Road  
(610) 889-9747 • [wagnercv@aol.com](mailto:wagnercv@aol.com)

### Wayne

Afternoon Tea 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
At the home of **Janney Ryan**  
517 Louella Avenue  
(610) 687-1352

### Bryn Mawr

Afternoon Tea 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
At the home of **Jean Yost**  
502 Glenview Road  
(610) 527-3271 • [jjost@aol.com](mailto:jjost@aol.com)

### Chestnut Hill

Afternoon Tea 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
At the home of **Patty Griffith**  
5503 Flourtown Road, Wyndmoor  
(215) 836-0350 • [pgriffith@navpoint.com](mailto:pgriffith@navpoint.com)

### Voorhees, NJ

Afternoon Tea 4 - 6 p.m.  
At the home of **Olga Del Sol**  
107 Forrest Hills  
(856) 753-0431



It was a happy and excited band of Sustainers who set off for New York for lunch and a matinee of "Curtains" starring David Hyde Pierce. It didn't matter how early they had to meet the bus, everybody was wide awake and ready to talk and visit.

# 95 Years Of the JLP: Looking Forward

by Lauren Homel

As part of our ongoing series celebrating 95 years of the JLP, instead of reflecting back on our history, let's look forward to our future. What better way to view the future of the JLP than from the eyes of some of our newest members, the Provisionals. Two members of our Provisional class, Janelle Johnson and Kathleen Morton, share their perspectives on the JLP and its history and future.

While 95 years ago, most of our members were probably married, living in the suburbs, and not working outside the home, it seems times are changing. Both Janelle and Kathleen are single with no children, work full time, and enjoy the hustle and bustle of city life! And, while it used to be that women learned of the Junior League via word of mouth through their friends and relatives, here, too, is a sign of the times. Janelle learned what she wanted to know about the JLP by visiting our fabulous website and responding to her first Admissions event over the Internet!

But, what definitely has not changed over the years is the Provisionals' love of volunteering and helping others. Besides joining the JLP, both of these women offer their time in other ways to the community. Janelle is a mentor for Stepping Stones Scholars, a tutoring program for elementary and middle school students, and Kathleen has worked with Habitat for Humanity and is an active alumna in her college sorority. Both felt that joining the JLP would be a great opportunity to meet more women, gain exposure to a variety of volunteer opportunities, and improve their career networking abilities. Kathleen hopes to work with kids more in the future and is focused on their well-being and nutrition and Janelle has set her sights on higher education administration and helping kids get into college. So, we can see why joining the JLP, with our current mission and focus, would be a great fit for these two!

It's always very refreshing to hear from Provisionals because it reminds you of things about the JLP that you might take for granted over the years, like our wonderful thrift shop, the Main Line Closet. Upon their recent class visit to the Shop and our headquarters, Janelle and Kathleen were both very impressed. During their tour, they learned about our League, some of our most successful projects over the years, and the details about the Shop itself, our prestigious, and consistently profitable, fundraiser. For Kathleen, it really raised her awareness of the JLP and made it all seem more real.

Our 95 year history and our long future both depend on great leaders to provide direction and guidance to this organization. It's encouraging to know that our Provisional Program is training our next leaders to steer the JLP ship. Kathleen is a leader for the Kids in the Kitchen team and Janelle is a team leader for the Cookbook mini-project. While Kathleen knew she wanted to be a leader from the beginning, Janelle was a bit more hesitant, but has found that she's really pretty good at it and looks forward to chairing a committee sometime in the future! It's opportunities like these during the Provisional year that cultivate the leaders of the JLP for tomorrow!

Upon thinking of the 95 year history of the JLP, Kathleen puts it clearly, "Well, we must be doing something right! Our organization, and what we do, have probably been continually improved over the 95 years. It's great to think that we are making history now!" Similarly, Janelle likes that she is part of a group with such a long history. "I look forward to what's in store," she says. Well, if these two women are indicative of our newest members, there should be lots of great things in store for everyone in the JLP! **J**

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## Upcoming Sustainer Dates 2008

### JANUARY

- 8th JLP Sustainer Bridge  
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Sara Ann Boenning,  
(610) 525-6488
- 9th Evening Sustainers White  
Elephant (6:30 p.m.)  
home of Barbara Deuber
- 10th Cooking Klatch (10 a.m.)  
Jane Acton
- 14th Junior League Garden Club  
joint meeting with Weed and  
Seed Garden Club at Beaumont  
(10 a.m.)
- 17th Bookmarks – Hostess T.B.D.,  
Leader Anne Clouser
- 22nd JLP Sustainer Bridge  
(10:30 a.m - 3 p.m.)  
Sara Ann Boenning,  
(610) 525-6488

### FEBRUARY

- 5th JLP Sustainer Bridge  
(10:30 a.m - 3 p.m.)  
Sara Ann Boenning,  
(610) 525-6488
- 13th Neighborhood Teas
- 19th JLP Sustainer Bridge  
(10:30 a.m - 3 p.m.)  
Sara Ann Boenning,  
(610) 525-6488
- 20th Sustainer Board Meeting (6 p.m.)  
– home of Winnie Dougherty
- 21st Bookmarks –Hostess Sally Young

## Save the Date: Tuesday, April 13th

JLP Sustainer Spring Social  
Sunday, April 13, 2008  
5 - 8 p.m, at the  
Merion Tribute House, Merion, PA  
More details to follow!!!



Top Photo: Gabrielle Thorne, Samantha Soldan and Libby Morgan gather in the kitchen at the December 1st Tasting.

Middle Photo: Martha Hess and Kristen Corcoran have time to catch up during the busy holiday season at a tasting event.

Bottom Photo: Both Sustainers and Provisionals have a chance to get to know each other at the tasting hosted by Sustainer Cynthia Adams.

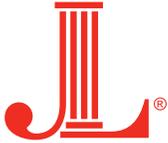


## Holiday Wrap Up

By Patty Franks

With the holidays behind us, we look forward to an early spring and the completion of the construction. The increased space will be wonderful as will the new, clean look to the front of the Shop.

As we approach the slower winter months, I would like to appeal to you for some quality donations, possibly a piece of good jewelry you never wear, or a fur coat, or a nice piece of furniture. Perhaps even you could speak to your favorite boutique about a donation of leftover inventory. If everyone could donate just one thing of value, it would keep us going through the winter. ↓



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## Upcoming Dates

### JANUARY

- 2nd Fundraising Council meeting
- 3rd Development Council meeting
- 6th Cookbook tasting event
- 12th Cookbook tasting event
- 19th Books Aloud! Workshop
- 20th Cultural Clinic event
- 21st PAC meeting
- 22nd Cookbook tasting event
- 23rd General Membership Meeting:  
Mission Credit OR Meeting  
Credit opportunity
- 26th DIAD at JLP office: Mission Credit  
opportunity
- 26th DIAD at Ronald McDonald House:  
Mission Credit opportunity
- 30th Board meeting

### FEBRUARY

- 5th Development Council meeting
- 5th Community Council meeting
- 5th DIAD at Ronald McDonald House:  
Mission Credit opportunity
- 6th Fundraising Council meeting
- 9th Reading Rocks at the Y! Mission  
Credit Opportunity
- 11th Training with Dr. J. Koob: Mission  
Credit Opportunity
- 12th PAC meeting
- 13th Sustainer Teas
- 16th Cultural Clinic event
- 16th Books Aloud! workshop
- 20th Sustainer Board meeting
- 27th Board meeting
- 29th Casino Night at the Crystal Tea Room

More details about all of these events and more can be found on the JLP website calendar:  
[www.JLPhiladelphia.org](http://www.JLPhiladelphia.org).