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Let The Party Begin!



Viva Casino Night: From blackjack to roulette, last year's Casino Night was a fun-filled success. This month's event promises to be even more exciting. Come out and join in what promises to be a memorable night.

Important Dates:

February Mission Credit Opportunity

Don't forget the Reading Rocks Mission Credit Opportunity on February 9th at the Christian Street YMCA. RSVP through the JLP website for this great volunteer opportunity.

March General Membership Meeting
On March 24th, General Membership Meeting at the PECO Building, 2301 Market St., Philadelphia at 6:30 p.m.

By Elisabeth Naughton

The JLP's 2nd annual Casino Night Gala will be held February 29, 2008, at 7p.m., in the Crystal Tea Room at the Wanamaker Building in Philadelphia. After raising an impressive \$50,000 last year for the JLP's literacy projects, we are confident that this year we can build on this success.

This year's theme is The Big Deal – Black & White & REAd All Over. Partygoers will be decked out in black, white and red attire. A fantastic evening is planned, including appetizers and a dinner buffet by Finley Catering, open bar, Vegas-style gambling, and a silent auction with many unique and exclusive items planned, including gift certificates to restaurants, salons, and clothing and gift stores, sports memorabilia, and a handmade wool rug.

A General ticket is \$125.00 per person. This includes cocktail hour, buffet dinner, open bar until 10 p.m., and \$100 in casino chips. VIP tickets are also available for \$175 per person, which includes unlimited access to the High Roller Room, cocktail hour, buffet dinner,

premium open bar, and \$300 in casino chips. Active members will receive 2 Ways and Means credits for the \$125 ticket or 3 Ways and Means credits for the VIP ticket. Any JLP member who purchased her tickets before January 15th received an extra \$50 in chips and a raffle ticket for a fabulous spa package.

Any JLP member (with the exception of the Board or Casino Night Committee) who brings in a corporate sponsor will also benefit:

- \$500 corporate sponsor gets you an upgrade to a VIP ticket
- \$1000 sponsor gets you 1 free VIP ticket
- \$5000 sponsor gets you 2 free VIP tickets

Individuals and families may also make a donation to support Casino Night and the JLP's literacy programs. Individual donation levels are as follows:

Royal Straights	\$500
Kings & Queens	\$300-499
Full House	\$200-299
Aces	\$100-\$199
Wild Cards	up to \$99

Remember, Casino Night is February 29, 2008. We look forward to seeing you there! JL

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

President's Perspective

Thankful for Thrift

by Susan Mostek



What is a vital part of Ardmore's historic district, full of great deals, and currently the most visible face of the JLP? The answer is, of course, the JLP Thrift Shop. In 1945, the Outgrown

Shop started as a community project in Philadelphia and today has grown into one of the most successful thrift shops in the country. It has had several locations but now has its home in Ardmore on the first floor of our Headquarters. It is our largest fundraiser and brings in close to \$600,000 profit a year for our organization. We turn this money right around to fund our community projects and operating expenses.

This successful venture could not operate without the support of our marvelous staff. There was a time when the majority of our

members stayed at home we could staff the Shop with volunteers. However, the majority of our members now work outside the home, and in keeping with our members' needs, we have staffed the Shop with employees who have the best interest of the JLP at heart. In this way, the Shop continues to fulfill the needs of the community around it and the needs of our organization. However, the JLP does ask that you work your Thrift Shop shifts. Not only does it provide the much needed person-power to keep the Shop running, but it also gives you an opportunity to see the JLP in action. Most people associate our membership in this organization with the Thrift Shop. Nearly every time I tell someone I'm a member of the Junior League – I hear a response about how great our Thrift Shop is. The Thrift Shop is an integral part of who we are, as well as an integral part of Ardmore. Not to understand the Shop and the community it serves (which is an incredibly diverse population) is to miss out on what it

means to be a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia. Your quota contribution and your shifts are not just obligations to cross off your task list, but rather opportunities to really be a part of the League and all it has to offer.

Our building's extensive façade renovation is nearly complete and it will bring our Shop even more visibility. I encourage you to visit the Shop often and see the improvements unfold. Thank our staff members for their tireless dedication, and see how the Shop is evolving. These really are exciting times. Come be a part of them!

I look forward to seeing you all at Casino Night — another of our great fundraisers. Bring your family, friends and coworkers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize and help support the JLP's programs all at the same time.

Stay warm, Susan 

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Community

Deep Focus: Cultural Clinic Focuses on Photography and Art



The Cultural Clinic Committee at The Galleries at Moore College



Elizabeth Gilly explains photography



JLP women with some of the girls from Drew, Lea, and Penn Alexander Elementary Schools

“Women to Watch” was a great opportunity to show the girls art by women from their community.”

By Jackie Taylor

On Saturday, November 17, Cultural Clinic Committee members and seventh, and eighth grade girls from Drew, Lea, and Penn Alexander Elementary Schools participated in a gallery tour of two special exhibits at The Galleries at Moore College of Art, led by Elizabeth Gilly, the Galleries' Outreach and Public Programs Coordinator. The girls also had fun participating in arts and crafts. Finally, lunch was followed by a tour of the College, the nation's oldest women's art school.

The elementary school girls were drawn to the exhibit entitled "Facts Fantasies and Fictions," which emphasized painting, more than the photography exhibit entitled "Women to Watch: Photography in Philadelphia." "Facts Fantasies and Fictions" features works that present real, constructed,

and imagined narratives by three artists, two of whom are Philadelphia-based. The girls were attracted to the bright colors and interesting stories in the artwork. "Women to Watch: Photography in Philadelphia" features works by five established and three emerging women artists working in Philadelphia. Attending "Women to Watch" was a great opportunity to show the girls art by women from their community.

During the gallery tour, Gilly presented the ten girls with worksheets designed to engage them and make them view the art with certain questions in mind. All the girls took the worksheets very seriously and asked insightful questions as well, such as "how was that image made?" The Cultural Clinic Committee and Gilly educated the elementary school girls about photography techniques

and history, and how to capture or present a story.

During lunch at the cafeteria at Moore College, the girls participated in hands-on arts and crafts reflecting their experience during the gallery tour. After lunch, Gilly led them on a College tour, during which they were able to see students in the fashion design and metalwork departments working in the studios, and they saw painting students about their own age painting a model. The girls really enjoyed asking the Moore College students questions about their work. Many of the girls have shown an interest in attending art school.

Overall, the day was a success, with the Cultural Clinic Committee members spending quality time with the girls and providing a mentoring experience. 

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 

Nominating

Nominate a Leader

By Susan Henley

The Nominating Committee is in the process of slating positions for next year and we need your input to find our future leaders. Whether you are new to the League or have been a League member for some time, you may be uncertain how people are placed into leadership positions. This should take some of the mystery out of the nomination process.

Each year the Nominating Committee slates all of the following positions: Executive Board Members, Council Directors, Committee Chairs, Member Advisors, Provisional Advisors, the PAC members-at-large, and the Nominating Committee members. In addition to slating leadership, Nominating selects individuals to attend various trainings throughout the year, including ODI. If you are interested in attending ODI, please let Nominating know.

It's easy to nominate someone for a leadership role: just fill out a Nominating Survey! This survey can be found on the JLP website under the "forms" tab. Please take a moment to fill the form out and return via email to nominating@jphiladelphia.org or mail to **Alison Dyer**, 61 Steeplechase Road, Devon, PA 19333. These forms are also helpful in letting the Nominating Committee know

that you yourself are interested in leadership. Many leadership positions are filled by people who step up and self-nominate, which helps to ensure that the Nominating Committee is fully aware of your interests.

Once the Nominating Committee has received the surveys and spoken to various chairs and council directors, we begin to interview candidates for the positions that need to be filled. The Nominating Committee will then contact the potential candidate to ask her if she would be interested in serving in the appointed position.

If you have any questions about the Nominating process or would like to discuss leadership opportunities, please feel free to approach any of the members of the Nominating Committee. We look forward to hearing from you! 

Nominating Committee

Alison Dyer (Co-Chair)
Rachel Reavy (Co-Chair)
Andrea Dutton
Kate Forester
Susan Henley
Jodi Kerr
Mary Kate LoConte
Kris Risi
Amelia Warner

Kay Unger Trunk Show!

Come out for an exclusive trunk show featuring Kay Unger's collection at the elegant Van Cleve Boutique, Thursday, March 6, 2008, 12:30 to 8:00 p.m., 68 East Lancaster Avenue, Paoli, PA, (610) 647-5055. JLP to receive 10% of proceeds. Kay Unger, herself will be on hand to answer questions and assist you with your selections. Enjoy an afternoon tea or an evening of sophisticated cocktails. Check out the website for more details. 

VanCleve
Collection



Fundraising

Say It with Flowers

Grower Flowers donates 10 percent of any gifts ordered and 20% 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 1-888-321-7673 or via the website at www.GrowerFlowers.com. Celebrate Valentine's Day with the gift of flowers.

Restaurant Recipe Tasting Party

February 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Come and join the Cookbook Committee as they taste the recipes that have been donated by local restaurants and chefs. We have collected recipes from Tango, Nectar, Fork, Twenty Manning, White Dog Café, and many more. This event will be hosted by **Jennifer Morgan** at her home in Newtown Square. This is open to all Actives, Provisionals, Sustainers, and guests.

Everyone attending has an option of bringing a dish, bringing wine, or paying \$20 to attend (each person must sign up for one option).

25 Roscommon Drive, Newtown Square. Please RSVP through the website.

If you have any questions, please contact kristen.corcoran@morganstanley.com . 

KUDOS

Kudos to the entire Fundraising Committee for all of their hard work on the upcoming Casino Night. 

Community DIAD

Serving dinner at the
Ronald McDonald House

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

13 volunteers needed

Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP through the website.

Contact: **Allison Lubert** at
allisonmarie23@gmail.com or (917) 748-3905.



Sustainer News

By Pam Crutchfield

Sustainers in Action "Re-thinking White Gloves and Pearls"

Snow is in the forecast, with the possibility of being snowbound a perfect time to reflect and plan for the future. I joined some Sustainer leaders to get a head start on these subjects in early December, along with the Actives' leadership team. The sticky white stuff was anticipated — but it didn't happen! We "brainstormed" on JLP issues regarding Sustainers as well as Actives. Looking back, I have begun to think that it was interesting that all of us seemed to want to employ the "white glove touch" approach to finding possible solutions for the subjects needing attention. It was certainly evident that the "white glove treatment" (one definition: striving for perfection in accomplishing any task) is still the number one choice among your leaders, young and old alike! And, yes, white pearls were evident among the women present, complimenting the "blue-jeaned" as well as

the "gray-haired." Traditions continue!

On another note, the early January Evening Sustainer "White Elephant" exchange at the home of **Barbara Dueber** was a blast! Lots of laughs and fun were experienced by all while unwrapping crazy, unwanted gifts. Fortunately, the JLP Thrift Shop will benefit from a few of the unusual objects of desire. Thanks to **Cynthia Adams** and **Marianne McClatchy** for organizing this very popular event.

Sustainers taking the December trip to Washington, DC experienced the "white glove treatment" with **Virginia Mulligan's** special attention to all of the details. The four tours of unique landmark sites were outstanding. Big thanks to **Suzanne Vander Veer** for educating the travelers with an insightful history of the unique Society of the Cincinnati.

By now, you should have received your Sustainer spring mailing packet. Please look it over carefully — you will not want to miss out on an activity! In addition, the Sustainer project with the Fly Elementary School continues with a concentration on collecting books for the classrooms. Please contact **Judy Ruse** and **Marge Devlin** to get involved.

Let's hope the lovely white snowflakes don't keep us from attending the February 13th neighborhood teas at members' homes. Special thanks to **Barbara Gord** and **Karen Nagel** for their "white glove" approach and careful planning for your enjoyment.

Hope to see you at the teas (with pearls on, of course!).

Phase II Of The Sustainer Project

As many of you know, Phase I of this year's Sustainer Project was a huge success — culminating on December 12, 2007, when members of the Sustainer Project Committee delivered several carloads of new clothing, toys, and books to the Fly Elementary School in East Norriton, the beneficiary of this year's Sustainer Project. The school staff was thrilled to receive our donation and overwhelmed by what the JLP Sustainers have accomplished in a few weeks.

The Committee made over 100 fleece hats and spent a very cold Saturday morning at Rice's Market in Bucks County searching out socks, underwear, mittens/gloves and miscellaneous toys at bargain prices (followed by a nice, warm lunch at Waterlilies in Lahaska). The items were sorted and packed in vans and delivered to the Fly School to be included in holiday baskets that were given to needy school families. The remaining clothing will be placed in the nurse's office and given to the children as needed.

Now it is time for Phase II of the Project. ALL JLP Members (Actives and Sustainers) are invited to participate in a book drive for the benefit of the Fly School. Please bring your donations of "gently-used" or new books to the various Active Committee meetings and Sustainer Committee/Interest Group meetings or to a drop-off location. Information about the drop-off locations will be provided by email. You also contact **Marge Devlin** at 610-647-4122, tmdevlin159@comcast.net or **Judy Ruse** at 610-687-3468, jruse@verizon.net for additional information.

The Fly School staff is hoping to obtain sufficient books and related materials to establish libraries in all kindergarten through 6th grade classrooms. In addition, the teachers would love to have Scholastic Magazine learning kits. Since the Sustainer Project Committee has a very limited budget (BBB&B donated \$2,000, of which \$1,000 was used to purchase socks, underwear and similar necessities), and the learning kits cost

approximately \$300 each, we are seeking donations for this purchase. Please send your gifts (in any amount and made out to the JLP) to **Judy Moneta**, 200 N. Wynnewood Avenue, Apt. B-104, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

Thank you again for the tremendous support you have given to the project thus far — and for the continuing support we anticipate receiving for Phase II.

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!



Mickie Cooper and Judy Ruse were part of the team of five vans and a truck delivering new clothing, toys, and books to Fly Elementary School in East Norriton. Some of the clothing will be used to stock the school nurse's "boutique" to help children who come to school day after day in the same clothes. The rest of the items will help with holiday baskets that the staff prepares for school families who need a helping hand.



The afternoon bridge group meeting at Barbara Gord's house: L-R Judy Whalen, Marge Devlin, Suzanne VanderVeer, Ginny McIntire, Barbara Gord, Ann Vaughan, Phyllis Scott. Not pictured is photographer Pam Crutchfield.

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.** 

Lecture At Waverly Heights In Gladwyne

Lynn Marsden Atlas, Curator of the exhibit of paintings by Cecelia Beaux at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts

Wine and tidbits to follow
Tuesday, February 5 at 7:45 p.m.

Fee: \$10 in advance, check made to the JLP and mailed to **Virginia Mulligan**

Well-known local lecturer Mary Schnabel will speak on how the late 19th century wealthy New York tycoons transformed New York into a thriving, exciting dwelling place for the social elite.

Wine and tidbits to follow
Tuesday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 in advance, check made to the JLP and mailed to **Virginia Mulligan: 129 Cheswold Lane, Haverford, PA 19041** 

Spring Sustainer Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

St. David's Golf Club

12:00 p.m. Reception and Cash Bar

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

The JLP Sustainer of the Year and Special Sustainers will be honored. Entertainment by the Larks.

\$22.50/person

Please check your invitation in the upcoming mailing for more details and RSVP information. 

**Save the Date:
Sunday, 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!!!

Junior League Garden Club



In early December, the Larks and the Garden Club had a great time joining together for a very special outreach program. They made beautiful Christmas arrangements and the Larks distributed them to the residents of the nursing homes where they gave a very festive performance. A joyous holiday spirit was shared by all!



Suzanne VanderVeer, a member of the Larks, presents one of the holiday decorations to a member of the audience at a Larks performance.

Bookmarks

February 21 - *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

"Not quite novel or novella, McEwan's masterful 13th work of fiction most resembles a five-part classical drama rendered in prose. It opens on the anxious Dorset Coast wedding suite dinner of Edward Mayhew and the former Florence Ponting. The looming dramatic crisis is the marriage's impending consummation, or lack of it."

Hostess: Sally Young Leader: Jane Guthrie

March 20 - *Suite Française* by Irene Nemirovsky

This is the first two parts of a planned five-part novel whose highly successful author, living in Paris at the time, was also a Jew, and was arrested and deported to Auschwitz. A month later she was dead. Her daughters' having hidden the manuscript allows us now, 64 years later, to read the masterpiece.

Hostess: Rosemarie Frankino Leader: Mary Tattersfield



A busload of Sustainers had a great day on the Washington, DC day trip organized by Virginia Mulligan. They gathered in the Italian Embassy for a photo op.

Sustainer Teas

Sustainer Neighborhood Teas

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Please 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 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

At the home of **Cindy Landreth**

731 Spruce Street

(215) 592-8398 • 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

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 • jyost@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

Voorhees, NJ

Afternoon Tea 4 - 6 p.m.

At the home of **Olga Del Sol**

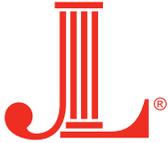
107 Forrest Hills

(856) 753-0431

Volunteers willing to help prepare for the teas, call: **Barbara Gord** (610) 975-0492 or **Karen Nagel** (610) 649-5508.

Project Welcome Back

Do you have friends who are former Junior League members? Encourage them to join our Sustainer 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 susieheller@verizon.net.



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Hotline Deadlines

April issue: February 25th

May issue: March 25th

June issue: April 25th

July/August issue: May 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. 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.

Upcoming Dates

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**

MARCH

- 1st Kids in the Kitchen: Mission Credit Opportunity
- 4th Development Council meeting
- 4th Community Council meeting
- 5th Fundraising Council meeting
- 24th General Membership Meeting
- 26th Board meeting

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.

More details about all of these events and more can be found on the JLP website calendar: www.JLPhiladelphia.org.