A Day at Cooper Hospital

By Teresa Montano

On Saturday, April 5, 2008, members of the Junior League of Philadelphia went to Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ for a Done-In-A-Day event. We met in the main lobby before going upstairs to the Pediatric Unit. Volunteers were able to play or read with children at their bedside, do arts and crafts in the playroom or rock babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Everyone had a very enjoyable day. We all look forward to visiting with the children again this year.

The Nominating Committee

Nominating is gearing up for the 2009-2010 JLP year. We want to take a moment to give you an overview of what the committee does and introduce you to the committee members. The Nominating Committee works to identify current and future leaders for the JLP and select the leadership for the upcoming year to the active membership. Positions slated by Nominating include the Board, The Nominating Committee, committee chairs, member advisors, and provisional advisors.

The Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 is:

Kate Farnham
Jill Jokelson
Marcelle Parrish

Kate Forester (Chair)
Jodi Kerr
Gaby Thorne

Susan Henley
Mary Kate LoConte
Amelia Warner

There are several different ways to nominate yourself or a fellow league member for a leadership position. One way is to submit the Nominating Form, which is located on the JLP website and will be available at all general membership meetings throughout the year. You can e-mail the form to nominating@jlphiladelphia.org. When filling out the form, please be specific about your interests, whether it is a particular council position, chair of a specific committee, or an advisor position. Also, please feel free to contact anyone on the Nominating Committee to discuss leadership opportunities.

It is never too early to let us know of your interest in leadership. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.
Ladies of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Summer is over….Wasn’t it just May last week? Regardless, we all have been keeping very busy with our jobs, homes, kids, animals and of course, Junior League!

Our 5 year strategic plan is underway and the board, council directors and committees are hard at work implementing our first year goals which include:

- Developing and providing focused impactful programming,
- Developing long term sustainable fundraising campaigns and financial strategies
- Increasing membership and enhancing member satisfaction
- Raising awareness of the JLP, its programs and accomplishments.

**Impactful Programming**

Project Research and Development is charged with researching new program ideas that fit with our new signature focus of “Outdoor Academics.” The Outdoor Academics focus reflects the intersection of health and the environment; focusing on reconnecting children with nature, and will address disparities in environmental education, access to nature, and nutrition. If you have program ideas for our PRD committee to research, please contact co-chairs Dana Christmas and Allison Lubert. All new projects will be educational and promote the Mission of the JLP and our commitment to volunteerism.

Campus Gardens, a new community program still in development focuses on educating children on the benefits of fresh produce as well as exposing them to nature through planting and maintaining gardens at their school. Candace Finkel, Christen Gang co-chairs of this committee, is planning the committee calendar which includes educational field trips for the school children, meeting with city officials and eventually breaking ground at the Duckery school in Philadelphia to lay topsoil prior to garden development.

This year we continue our successful Cultural Clinic, Books Aloud and Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) community committees, co-chaired by Libby Morgan and Ann Radecki, Mary Peller and Laura Longwell, and Kim Berselli and Lauralyn Jones, respectively. Look for at least 100 mission credit opportunities from the DIAD committee this year as well as mission credit opportunities from our new JLP Green Volunteer Corp. co-chaired by Ashley Allphin and Gina Thomas. This new community committee will allow us to leave a physical legacy in the City of Philadelphia and connect with our League’s robust history in Fairmount Park while enlisting the support of corporate partners and encouraging school and other community groups to volunteer.

Another new committee this year is the JLP R.E.S.P.E.C.T. (Riverbend Environmental Science Partners Educating Children Together) Nature Club, co-chaired by Carl Younce and Lauren Homel. The JLP has partnered with the Norristown Area School District and Riverbend Environmental Education Center to plan and implement a supplemental natural science curriculum for approximately 600 fourth grade students. The committee is well on their way to achieving their goal of planning and executing 6 science expo nights as well as working with the Norristown School District on the school’s first Science Fair.

**Fundraising and Finance**

Since “Outdoor Academics” is an emerging area, there is an abundance of grant opportunities for our new community committees, which has our Strategic Alliances committee, chaired by Rebecca Morley, very busy writing and applying for grants. Rebecca and her team are also working with the Building committee, chaired by president-elect, Sam Soldan to identify specific building grants that may fit with our goals to renovate our headquarters.

Finance committee chair and Treasurer, Carol Brecht is working to upgrade and enhance our financial reporting and management capabilities. An ad-hoc committee is being formed to oversee a feasibility study and conduct a capital campaign to further develop our headquarters in Ardmore. To enhance transparency into League operations, starting this year, every committee’s budget will be available to members via our website.

The Thrift Shop committee, our largest fundraising program, co-chaired by Kim Harrar and Honey Tishgart, will host a Diane Beloff preview event party on September 5th from 5-9pm. This donation from the famous store in Haverford includes such name brands as Etro, Nanette Lepore, Diane Von Furstenburg, Rene Lezard, Valentino, Anne Klein and more! Come out to shop and socialize, and see the completed Thrift Shop building façade as well as the newly painted yellow interior done by Deloitte volunteers on their Impact Day, as well as our Thrift Shop and Building committee members.

Watch for more fundraising social events from our Projects Funding committee, chaired by Stephanie Ingersoll, and of course save the date now for our 3rd Casino Night on February 20th at the Crystal Tea Room. The Casino Night Committee chaired by Amy Clark and Amy Ford has been hard at work soliciting silent auction items and developing the event.

The cookbook committee has chosen a name for our new cookbook, *Philadelphia Food and Friends*. Photo shoots will take place in the next few months. Please contact, Paula Brumbelow if you have breakfast dishes or side dishes as the committee is still in need of some innovative recipes, or sign up to attend a cookbook tasting, it’s a great way to meet new friends.

**Membership Development**

The Provisional committee, chaired by Meredith Nissen, was hard at work this summer developing an entirely new provisional program. As I write this, we already have 160 new prospects for our provisional class! The Provisional program includes partnering with our Sustainers, chaired by Betsy Mallon, on a bus tour across Philadelphia to learn about JLP past programs and where we made an impact.

The EVT committee, chaired by Tammy Gray, is working to bring you fun and informative General Membership Meetings and Trainings throughout the year. Our first General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th will focus on Women’s Health issues. Anne Guts, president of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, will speak to us about Ovarian Cancer, come find out why this is called the Silent Killer and its relationship to Breast Cancer. League members will also have the opportunity to help raise awareness of the relationship between Ovarian and Breast Cancer with a “Walk over the Ben Franklin Bridge” on September 28th.

Bertina Whytehead, chair of Placement, has been working with her team of Advisors to develop membership socials throughout the year, with the first kick-off social on September 13th. A separate Placement Fair is being developed (April 2nd), in order to learn about all of the JLP committees, prior to choosing your placement for 2009-2010.

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Thrift Shop

By Patty Franks

The month of August remained very busy for the Shop. The Building Committee and the Thrift Shop Committee organized two work days to complete the painting of the Shop and the clean-out of the basement. We appreciate their hard work. We have had a wonderful summer with our summer helpers Kate Van Allen and Hailey Snyder. They have now returned to school, but Kate will continue to help us on Saturdays as her academic schedule permits. We welcomed all the college students back as they decorated their dorm rooms, and we began to put our fall merchandise on the floor.

Please come see our completely, newly stocked Haute Couture Department after our wonderful preview party on September 5th, thanks to the generosity of Diane Beloff. A huge thank you to all who made the party possible. We also want to thank M.L. Lawrence & Co., of Haverford Square for their contributions as they retired from business at the end of July.

Susan Henley was honored as a Prudential Cares Volunteer. A donation from Prudential Realtors of $250 will be made in her name to the JLP.

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Raising Awareness

There is so much to say about the contributions our busy League of over 900 women makes to the community that we have expanded our Communications Council this year to include a Public Relations (PR) committee, co-chaired by Liz Naughton and Kristen Kavanagh, to enhance awareness of what we do. The PR committee will help promote our community activities and develop the “JLP” brand throughout the Greater Philadelphia area.

Of course we continue to keep our members aware and informed by bringing you the JLP Hotline, chaired by Amy Shively. Please send Amy pictures and articles about the work your committee is doing by the 25th of every month.

Our website is also a great place to learn about and sign up for JLP activities. Gaby Thorne, chair of the website committee, not only makes sure information is up to date, but also looks for new ways to make our website more informative and easier to use.

If you are interested in chairing one of these great committees next year, Kate Forester, chair of the nominating committee, says, “It’s never too early to nominate yourself or be nominated by another, for a particular position in the Junior League of Philadelphia.”

Thanks to all of you for volunteering with the Junior League!
Cookbook: Events Galore
A Summer Event to Remember

On Sunday June 1st, Sustainer Mary Cloud Hollingshead hosted a Summer Patio Party for a Cookbook Committee Tasting at her home in New Jersey. Not only did members and their families enjoy the food and friends, but many members also learned the fine art of croquet on the lawn.

A Fall Tasting Event

Cookbook Tasting Event - Kick off the year with good food and reunite with league members! Active Amelia Warner is hosting a tasting party from Noon to 2 o’clock in the afternoon on Saturday, September 20th at her home in Cinnaminson, New Jersey (1013 Cherry Lane, 08077). The event will have a “Fall Foods” theme. All Sustainers, Actives, and Provisionals are invited to attend and either make a dish for the event (recipes supplied by the Cookbook Committee) or pay $20 to taste recipes for our upcoming cookbook. Please sign up online or contact Laura Spina (rosemonster214@hotmail.com, 215.546.9522) or Jennifer Shacklett (Jennifer.Shacklett@mac.com, 610.220.7412) with questions. Come join in the fun!

Your help is still needed...

The Cookbook Committee has tested over 400 recipes for the new cookbook, Philadelphia: Food and Friends. While the committee has been busy over the summer testing recipes we still need recipes in the following categories:

- Appetizers
- Beverages - looking for warm drinks (coffee, tea, or chocolate creations)
- Breakfast/Bread
- Sandwich
- Philadelphia Inspired.

If you have any original recipes in this category, please submit them to cookbookjlp@gmail.com, by September 10, 2008. If you need a submission form, please contact Paula Brumbelow at brumbe@gmail.com.

An Easy Way for YOU to Help the JLP

Genuardi’s gives back to the community and you give back to the JLP. By registering your Genuardi's Club Card, you can help the JLP earn money. During the 2007-2008 year, the JLP earned $615.06 in rebates from personal member and committee member shopping. Our Group ID is 149522660. You can register by completing the form attached and return it to your local Genuardi’s or visit www.escrip.com.
GARDENFAIR

September 26–28, 2008

Join us to celebrate the Artist & Gardener.

This year’s spectacular autumn sale features more than 80 exhibitors offering everything from one-of-a-kind selections of plants to garden art and antiques. Enjoy expert gardening information, artists, celebrity lecturers, demonstrations, entertainment, and more at GardenFair’s fifth anniversary!

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As the year begins, we would like to remind members of the timeline our committee observes as we start the process of finding leaders for the next year. We encourage members to nominate either themselves or another league member for leadership positions. There are nominating forms available at the General Membership Meetings, online, and in this Hotline edition. Please feel free to e-mail completed forms to nominating@jlpphiladelphia.org. For those of you who have not yet filled out the Nominating form, please take a moment to do so and send it in ASAP so that you can be given full consideration for a leadership position next fall.

The Executive Committee is slated by January. If you are interested in an Executive Committee position (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect) interviews for these positions will start in November. The remaining positions (Council Directors and Committee Chairs) will be slated in January and February.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you have any questions about the Nominating process or timeline.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, INC.
2009-2010 NOMINATING LEADERSHIP SURVEY

The Nominating Committee is in the process of slating leadership positions for the 2009-2010 JLP year. We need your input to determine the right individuals to lead the JLP. Please complete this form and return to Kate Forester, 274 Anthony Wayne Drive, Wayne, PA 19087 or email it to nominating@jlphiladelphia.org. Thank you for your time.

Your Name: ______________________________ Phone #: ______________________________

Recommendations for future leadership positions:

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Board Positions: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect, Council Director (Communications, Community, Development, Fundraising, Membership Development), Parliamentarian (non-voting member)


Would you like to be considered to be a Member Advisor for the 2009-2010 year? [ ] YES [ ] NO

Would you like to be considered to be a Provisional Advisor for the 2009-2010 year? [ ] YES [ ] NO

Would you consider a leadership position for the year 2009-2010 JLP year? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If YES, position you would like to fill?

Would you consider a leadership position for the year 2010-2011 JLP year? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If YES, position you would like to fill?

Would you be interested in attending an ODI training seminar?

In 2008-2009 JLP year [ ] YES [ ] NO

In 2009-2010 JLP year [ ] YES [ ] NO

Please turn this in to a member of Nominating OR mail this form to the address on reverse ASAP…THANKS!
Sustainer News

By Betsy Mallon

Sustainer Chair’s Perspective

Where did the summer go? It seems the older I get the faster time passes! There are so many things to experience, enjoy, learn and grow from - if only one takes the time to get off the “treadmill of life” and sit back and take it all in! This is something I try to remind myself but it doesn’t always work.

One of my favorite little books is The Precious Present by Spencer Johnson. Once there was a boy… who listened to an old man. And, thus, he began to learn about The Precious Present. “It is a present because it is a gift,” the contented man explained. “And it is precious because anyone who receives such a present is happy forever.” The present has nothing to do with wishing…when you have the present you will be perfectly content to be where you are… the richness of the present comes from its own source…the present is not something that someone gives you…it is something that you give to yourself.

I hope that you will take the time to get off “the treadmill” and enjoy the present and that it includes time for Junior League activities! Many rewarding and fun activities have been planned or are in the planning stages for you to participate in and enjoy this year. So in addition to fitting in quality time with your spouse, kids, grandkids, friends, or some alone time, please consider some upcoming Sustainer events.

Bookmarks starts September 18th with their first selection, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. The discussion will be led by Harriett Diston and the meeting will be hosted by Sue Rice. There are now more bridge options than ever this year! Have you always wanted to learn to play bridge, but never knew where to start? Rosemarie Frankino and Annabel Wilson are running a beginners bridge class that begins in September – every Tuesday from 1 – 3 pm.

Sustainer Project

By Judy Ruse

The Sustainer Project had tremendous success this year. It not only left the Paul Fly School faculty and students incredulous and overjoyed, but the extent of the success even surprised the Sustainer Project team!

Any large success is always due to the labor of many. This past year, many wonderful volunteers worked to make this project the success that it was. Marge and Judy were so capably assisted by an incredible team. Just to name of few – Pam Crutchfield, Susan Mease, Rosemarie Frankino, Mickey Cooper, Judy Moneta, Melanie LeBoeuf, Lisa Twitmeyer, Maureen Luke, Pat Suplee, Susan Arnold, Stephanie Carr, Sally Hillyer, Julia De Moss, Phyllis Scott, Cindy Landreth, Nancy Hebard, Susie Heller, Harriett Diston and MORE. This great support made the project so successful.

This success may have gone to our heads because this coming year we have expanded our goals! Or maybe we have become a little delusional…Not only are we going to continue to collect children’s books and clothing, but we also will try some new ventures.

Happy children are better learners. So we are trying to arrange a school visit by the Philly Phanatic this Fall. A school visit by this mascot always excites and energizes the students and staff. What better way to start the school year.

Teachers who have the support of the JLP begin to dream as they never did before. Technology is a big need since it is mostly absent. The school district is under funded and not able to provide the computers and teaching aids that make such a difference. So the JLP Project team will try to secure funding in this area.

However, the backbone of our commitment continues to be books and clothing. We need to expand our network of donors. Creative ideas are sought. The Paul Fly School shares our donations with the other 5 elementary Norristown schools, so the need is endless. It is sometimes hard to believe that this nearby community has so many needy children.

Many wonderful volunteers continue to be needed. Please consider helping this project. Active members are not only welcome but sought. Heidi Tirjan, JLP President, is a great project advocate. Networking is the key to our continued success! Please contact either Judy Ruse or Marge Devlin.

There are also all the ongoing bridge groups at various times and levels. Please refer to the website or Board list included in the August mailing for specific details.

Join the Garden Club on September 22nd for a tour of Michael Petrie’s Handmade Gardens in Downingtown. Sue Rice is the program leader (she’s busy this month!) On Oct 27th they are going to Jenkins Arboretum. Joan Prewitt is program leader.

Do you really wish that you could figure out how to manage, copy or send photos on your PC?? Would you love to get or send emails with photos of your grandkids, upload, download or print them? Why not take a couple of hours for “me” time and attend Jean MacFadyen’s computer workshop on October 15th from 1 – 3pm at Easttown Library. The $5 fee and the time you invest in the class may open up all sorts of wonderful experiences and connections.

Virginia Mullan is planning one of her fabulous day trips to Washington, DC on October 2nd….stay tuned for more details.

I am thoroughly enjoying the present and hope you do too! All the best! Best regards,
Upcoming Dates 2008

Monday, September 22, 2008 at 10:30 AM
Michael Petrie’s Handmade Gardens
320 West Uwchlan Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335.
Telephone: (610) 873-2830
www.handmadegardens.net.
Michael will give us a presentation on container gardening and will give us a tour of the gardens. Bring your lunch to enjoy this lovely setting. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Rice at (610) 525-6825 or Brewsterrice1@comcast.net.

40 Somethings – New and improved!
Based on your suggestions, the 40 Somethings have teamed up with Project Research and Development to have a Done-in-a-Day style project within the JLP’s new focus area of Environmental Education.

What you asked for:
- A project that supports the mission, vision and focus area of the JLP
- A project that would make a difference in the Philadelphia Community
- A project where we could bring our children to begin their learning of building a better community through volunteerism
- A project that could be completed in just one day

What we came up with:
- The 40 Somethings will partner with the active “Green Volunteer Corps”.
- We will have a done-in-a-day style event in Fairmount Park in the spring
- The event will be structured such that we can include the children young and old of 40 Somethings

What we need:
- You!

- We will need volunteers for the actual event which is still taking shape
- We need volunteers to work in conjunction with the Green Volunteer Corps in the planning of the event

Please contact Anne Samek Hopkins at annesh509@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

We’re Baaaaaack! March 4-6, 2009
Bed, Breakfast, Blossoms & Barnes returns!
We Welcome New Committee Members
There are still opportunities to be a part of the fun – We are looking for hostesses to house guests, homes for dinner parties, coordinators for the Thursday luncheon, Barnes trip and Friday luncheon organizers, cooks, drivers and helpers.

Please contact Nancy Greytok or Susan Mease if you’d like to know more or to be kept abreast of the “doings.” You won’t want to be left out.
Susan Mease 610-353-5627
Susan.mease@bridgesettlementcorp.com
Nancy Greytok 610-525-8663
nangrey@comcast.net

BOOKMARKS
The Bookmarks will meet on September 18th at 7:30 pm at the home of Sue Rice, 618 Woodlease Road in Bryn Mawr to discuss Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please call Sue Rice @ 610-525-6825.

October Sustainer General Membership Mtg
SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, October 21st
Sustainer Fall Membership Meeting
Dinner at Wyndham, Bryn Mawr College Campus
Special speaker - Jane Dammann McAuliffe, New President, Bryn Mawr College

Sustainer Computer Training
Managing Photos on Your Computer
LEARN TO: Save, Download, Upload, Access Photos Online
DATE: October 15, 2008 1-3 p.m. (bring your laptop if you like)
WHERE: Easttown Library, Arronson Room
720 First Ave, Berwyn, PA 610-644-0137
COST: $5/person (friends welcome) Makes check out to JLP. Send to Jean MacFadyen, 1426 Redwood Court, West Chester, PA 19380. Helps defray cost of room.
RSVP by October 10: Jean MacFadyen 610-363-0245

SUSTAINER DAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC
Visit the Residence of the Ambassador of France
Tour the Newseum – The Interactive Museum of News
Enjoy The National Gallery of Art
When: Thursday, October 2
Time: Bus will depart at 6:15am from: Proclamation Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr
Cost: $95 per person, reservations limited, priority for JLP members. Lunch will be additional cost.
Questions: Call Virginia Mulligan at 610-649-0113.
To Make Reservation: Please send a check for $95 (per person), payable to the JLP to: Virginia Mulligan, 129 Cheswold Lane, Haverford, PA 19041.
Please include your name, address, and phone number.

The Junior League of Philadelphia Garden Club
We are open to all members of the Junior League, both Active and Sustainer Members and we encourage you to attend our meetings and trips.

Photographs from the Sustainer Board Meeting

Virginia Mulligan and Sandy Williams having a blast at the Sustainer Board Meeting on June 8th.

Judy Moneta, Pat Suplee, Pam Stiner, Stephanie Carr and Burse Holleran at Pam Crutchdield’s home during the Sustainer Board Meeting.
Hotline Deadlines

October issue: August 25th
November issue: September 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 1/4 page ads, $125 for 1/2 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

SEPTEMBER
5  Thrift Shop Preview Shopping Event
13  Done in a Day at Cooper Hospital
13  General Membership Social Kick-Off – Potluck meal and Ice Cream Social
16  General Membership Meeting
28  “Walk Over the Ben Franklin Bridge” for Ovarian Breast Cancer Awareness

OCTOBER
16  General Membership Social Event at Strikes Bowling Lounge in Philadelphia

FEBRUARY
20  Casino Night

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

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

In your own home (save on gas!). On your own computer. Topics of your choosing. Go at your own pace. What could be more ideal?!
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Jean MacFadyen 610-363-0245.