The Project Fundraising Committee is excited to announce our next fundraiser with Saks Fifth Avenue. Please save the date – Sunday, December 7th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We are planning a fun event that you won’t want to miss! Join us for an afternoon of makeovers, mimosas, and light bites.

Saks Fifth Avenue is bringing in makeup artists who will be offering complimentary make-up applications with many of their makeup counters: Chanel, Armani, Laura Mercier, Nars, and Sisley, to name a few. In addition to makeup consultations you can mingle with your friends and begin your holiday shopping.

Tickets for the event will be $40 in advance through the Junior League website. Non-Junior League members will be able to sign up via our external website. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event for $45. Members receive one ways and means credit for each ticket purchased. All attendees will receive a $20 Saks Fifth Avenue gift card and a gift bag filled with cosmetics samples. In addition, Saks Fifth Avenue has generously offered to donate a portion of all proceeds from the event to the Junior League.

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with, and meet new, JLP friends. Please be sure to mark your calendars, tell your friends and come to Saks Fifth Avenue just off City Line Avenue in Bala Cynwyd!
Recently, many of us went on the JLP Community Impact Bus Tour. We visited new programs, recent past programs and our historic restoration works in Fairmount Park. One of the highlights for many of us was our visit to H.E.L.P. Philadelphia, a transitional housing program that builds self-sufficiency among homeless and low-income families by developing key independent living skills. Many of us volunteered here between 1999-2004 when our signature focus was WWOW (Working Wonders Off Welfare). We were met with open arms by Mrs. Naomi Byrd, a volunteer coordinator, and JLP Active member Mary Kate LoConte, who still volunteers at H.E.L.P. Philadelphia on a regular basis. It was great to see pictures of women who had successfully transitioned to full independence and also hear stories of women graduating from college or becoming entrepreneurs once they left the H.E.L.P. Philadelphia program. We as a League still have a presence here through our Done-In-A-Day programming and through volunteers like Mary Kate who give their time outside of Junior League requirements. As part of the greeting from H.E.L.P. Philadelphia we were given a poem, which I believe captures the spirit of volunteering:

**Being A Volunteer**

It’s not for money, It’s not for fame,  
It’s not for any personal gain.  
It’s just for love of fellow man.  
It’s just to lend a helping hand.  
It’s just to give a tithe of self,  
That’s something you can’t buy with wealth.  
It’s not for the medals won with pride,  
It’s for that feeling deep inside.  
It’s that reward down in your heart,  
It’s that feeling that you’ve been a part  
Of helping others far and near  
That makes you be a volunteer!  
(Author Unknown)

Thanks to all of you that volunteer. You do make a difference. Have a great holiday season and a happy new year!

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By Amanda Cylc

Did you know that the city of Philadelphia is the home to over 3,000 murals? The members of Cultural Clinic and female students from Drew, Lea, and Penn Alexander elementary schools learned this and much more on the Mural Arts Tour. Lead by the City of Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program, the committee’s first event on October 11th started the year with a bang, combining both education and fun. The day started with lunch at Chili’s in University City where each girl colored her own contribution to the larger group mural. Afterward, the Mural Arts trolley picked up the girls and the League members and off they went, viewing nearly 30 different works. The girls saw West Philadelphia and its rich outdoor artwork in a whole new light. Everyone was graced with a little celebrity presence as many of the girls knew people featured in the murals! The volunteer docent did an excellent job narrating each piece with lively information and complimented the girls on their maturity and artistic appreciation, as the same tour is given to college students. The day commenced with information for the girls about various free art projects around the city in which they can participate. For any artists in the group, they certainly found a great outlet for their budding talents. And all participants had a wonderful fall day enjoying the city’s abundant outdoor artwork.
**Suburban Mission Credit Opportunity**

The R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Nature Club Committee kicked off its inaugural year on October 21st with a science night at the Gotwals Elementary School in Norristown. In partnership with the Riverbend Environmental Education Center, the R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Committee will hold science nights for fourth graders of all six Norristown elementary schools. The students and their families participate in a variety of activities geared towards increasing their knowledge of ecosystems and to encourage exploration of their local environment. The Committee would like to invite volunteers for mission credit opportunities for the upcoming events - January 13, January 29, and February 10. Additional details and sign-up available on the JLP website.

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**Welcome JLP Treasurer-Elect, Jeannette Schlegel**

Recently JLP Treasurer, Sarah Turner, resigned due to her relocation to Alabama. According to our league by-laws, the Treasurer-Elect, Carol Brecht, assumes the position of Treasurer. Nominating has slated Jeannette Schlegel to fill the vacant position of Treasurer-Elect. Jeannette has served on the Computer Literacy Committee, Laws of Life Committee, Healthy Habits Committee and Project Research & Development Committee. Should you have any questions, please contact Kate Forester, Nominating Chair at khforester@gmail.com.

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**SKI WEEKEND**

The Membership Council is putting together a ski weekend at Bear Creek Mountain and Spa Resort January 23-25, 2009. If you are interested in joining us for a fun filled weekend of skiing, tubing and a spa weekend, contact Bertina Whytehead at b_whytehead@hotmail.com or call 484-453-8699.

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**Thrift Shop**

By Patty Franks

The Shop has experienced a record breaking fall in terms of money realized and customer satisfaction. The fall is usually very busy with Halloween and preparation for the holidays, but our fortuitous donation of the Diane Beloff Collection has put us over the top.

Beginning in November, the Shop has been open from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Sundays. This will continue at least through the holidays and if we have an enthusiastic reception, we will continue on. The Shop is being run by the Thrift Shop Committee on Sundays. Actives can sign up for shifts from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Quota can be done between 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. No donations from the public, please.

We would love to have donations of your castoffs from previous holiday gifts. They could be someone else's treasure for this year. Our bottom line is totally controlled by the quality of your donations.

The Shop looks very pretty for the season. Please come see us.

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**JLP Member Advisor Holiday Party**

By Bertina Whytehead

Seasons Greetings to all members! This year the Placement Committee Member Advisors will be hosting holiday parties for the active members. This is a way to toast the excellent start of the League year and celebrate all our hard work. Below you will see your Member Advisor's name with the date and location of your holiday party. Look forward to receiving an evite for your rsvp.

- Elena Anastasia - Dec 4th 7 pm at Elena’s home in Wayne, PA
- Candace Balch - Dec 3rd 7 pm at Plate in Ardmore, PA
- Tiffany Baldino - Dec 3rd 7 pm at Plate in Ardmore, PA
- Jennifer Carr - Dec 3rd 7 pm at Plate in Ardmore, PA
- Maureen Dever - Dec 10th 7 pm at Solaris in Chestnut Hill, PA
- Emily Estes - Dec 4th 6 pm at Rembrandt’s in Philadelphia, PA
- Barbara Hafner - Dec 3rd 7 pm at Plate in Ardmore, PA
- Colleen Sellers - Dec 4th 6 pm at Rembrandt's in Philadelphia, PA
- Andrea Undercofler - Dec 4th 7 pm at Andrea's home in Wayne, PA
- Nancy Zanni - Dec 10th 7 pm at Solaris in Chestnut Hill, PA
- Jennifer Havey- January 2009 TBA

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**Communications Council Approval Update**

We now have a mailbox for the Communications Council Director. All committees requesting approval for information to be sent League-wide or to the public should send their content to communications@jlphiladelphia.org instead of sending to Nancy Scarlato. This new mailbox will reduce the confusion that results when leadership changes. Please feel free to email Nancy (NScarlato@aol.com) with any questions or concerns.

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**Cookbook Update - Philadelphia: Food and Friends**

The Cookbook Committee has been busy finishing up the recipe tasting and is now working hard at writing the text and sponsorship. We have approved over 235 recipes for the cookbook that not only reflect our region, but the favorite recipes of our members and friends. Without your recipes we would not be able to have such a high quality cookbook. If you would like to sponsor the cookbook at any amount please contact Paula Brumbelow at brumbe@gmail.com with any questions.
Support the Junior League while you do your holiday shopping!

Shop your favorite brands such as Target®, Macy’s®, Best Buy®, Nordstrom® and Barnes and Noble® along with 1,300 other retailers who are donating a portion of their online proceeds to support our mission of the Junior League of Philadelphia. You do the shopping – they give a donation! How does it work?
1. Enter the shopping mall and select an online retailer to visit at: http://ajli.fundlinkllc.com/
2. Designate Junior League of Philadelphia as the beneficiary
3. Start shopping!

Thank you for supporting the Junior League of Philadelphia!
Also, don’t forget that Talbots will donate 10% of all gift card purchases to the Junior League of Philadelphia! To purchase a gift card visit http://www.talbotsgiveback.com/ajli/store.php, choose the Junior League of Philadelphia as the beneficiary and then select the denomination of your gift card. Your gift card will be sent to you by mail, free of charge, and is redeemable at Talbots stores, online, or through their catalog. Talbots gift cards make the perfect holiday gift!

Vineyard Vines Bags are Back!

Following the success of last year’s bags, we are again partnering with Vineyard Vines to create a custom Philadelphia-themed tote bag! The totes are custom designed by Vineyard Vines “Classic” tote with Philadelphia themed silk trim in raspberry. The Philadelphia theme features the Liberty Bell, pretzel, and the iconic LOVE sign. This design is exclusive and only available through the Junior League of Philadelphia. The tote is natural colored twill with navy base and handles and the lining is blue and white gingham. It has a zip closure, four interior pockets and measures -18” x 12” x 6”. The Vineyard Vines “classic” tote retails for $95. The JLP is selling it for $75. Additionally, members receive a Ways and Means credit for each bag purchased.
Pre-order your tote bag today on the Junior League website. A portion of each sale benefits the Junior League of Philadelphia. We anticipate that the totes will be delivered the second week of December.

Hidden Potential, Bright Future

By Kate Farnham

As you volunteer with JLP, what are you bringing to the table? All of us bring particular passions or talents to JLP, such as the desire to work with schoolchildren, run a great fundraising event, or help improve our environment. However, some of us possess important skills we may not even realize we have!

Do you enjoy networking and getting to know your peers? Do you manage people or accounts at work, or fundraisers at your child’s school? Are you the person in your group who negotiates compromises, builds consensus, and helps everyone agree on what to do next? Have you coordinated a book group or alumni committee? Do you mentor junior colleagues or the young people in your life? If you can do any of these things well, you have what it takes to become a committee chair, chair elect, member advisor, or provisional advisor in JLP! Perhaps you are already leading through advising other members or chairing a committee – would you like to be involved at a higher level? If it’s not a good time for you right now, look at the people around you. Most likely you have a friend or fellow committee member whose leadership potential is apparent to you.

As you give your time and talent to your placement this year, give some thought to your next steps with JLP. If you’ve ever wondered what you could achieve in a leadership role, or thought of a better way to accomplish what you’re doing right now, why not step forward and find out? While most JLP members are hard at work on their current placements, the Nominating Committee is looking 1-2 years ahead to slate the women who will lead us into the future. If you aspire to help guide that future, nominate yourself to a new role! And while you are at it, nominate your friends as well. Fill out a Nominating Form or contact any member of the Nominating Committee (Kate Forester, Kate Farnham, Susan Henley, Jill Jokelson, Jodi Kerr, Mary Kate LoConte, Marcellle Parrish, Gaby Thorne, and Amelia Warner) as soon as possible. Give JLP the benefit of your hidden potential!

BBB&B Looks “Blooming”

At the end of September, the BBB&B Committee was thrilled to have 39 paid reservations in hand from guests from all over the country who are looking forward to visiting Philadelphia and its Flower Show. We have interest from more people and have started a waiting list hoping that more beds will become available. Anyone who is interested in hosting one or more guests for two nights, we would be happy to accommodate you. It’s fun to make new friends from all over the U.S. The work involved is minimal while the time spent is enjoyable and rewarding.
Please give Nancy Greytok (610-525-8663) or Susan Mease (610-353-56270) a call if you wish to join us. And, in advance, we thank you!
Sustainer News
By Betsy Mallon
Sustainer Chair’s Perspective

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a wonderful time during this hectic season and takes time to enjoy “the present” in addition to the presents – both given and received. For so many in this country and around the world it will be exceptionally challenging during these volatile economic times. Now more than ever as members of the Junior League, as we count our blessings for all we have, please remember how important it can be to lend a hand when/where needed. We know we will find it rewarding and a gift unto itself.

Speaking of giving and helping, thanks so much to everyone that has collected books, made felt hats, knitted sweaters and hats, purchased or donated clothing and contributed in so many ways to our Sustainer Project at the Paul V. Fly School in Norristown. The school, principal, teachers and children are so appreciative and awed by our presents and presence at the school and their fantastic committee, we look forward to even greater success during the second half of our league year. Can you say “collaboration with other organizations” and “grants for computer labs”?!?

The BBB&B committee is running full speed ahead (with slight limitations due to knee replacements) and reservations are pouring in so please contact Nancy Greytok or Susan Mease if you can help in any way. They are particularly in need of hostesses willing to offer a bedroom and bath for out of town guests. As Susan explained recently, “it doesn’t have to be a room out of Southern Living…it just has to be empty.”

Back in October Nancy Hebard, Maureen Luke, Pam Maimone and I had the opportunity to participate in the Active General Membership Meeting – a Community Bus tour of our past and present projects including tours of the Water Works, Belmont Mansion and H.E.L.P. Philadelphia, among others. (This meeting grew out of the actives interest in the provisional bus tour held in Sept.) Thanks again to Marilyn Sprague for your expertise and advice on the script. By the way, I was going to share a story about the heart-warming visit to H.E.L.P. Philadelphia, but President Heidi Tirjan beat me to it and handed in her article before me. Please be sure to read her article in this issue!! (Well she is President after all!)

Also in October we had a fabulous Fall Membership meeting and dinner at Wyndham House, Bryn Mawr College. I mentioned this in my November article which, of course, I had to submit a month before the event – so now I can elaborate!! KUDOS to Sally Hillyer and Beth McCarthy for hosting a lovely evening and for securing such an interesting speaker, the newly inaugurated president of Bryn Mawr College and internationally known scholar of Islamic studies, Jane Dammen McAuliffe.

After sharing the latest happenings at the college (the College’s undergraduate and graduate Social Work students volunteer with the Norristown School District) Dr. McAuliffe presented a glimpse of her expertise in the Qur’an and its interpretations, especially relating to women, early Islamic history, and the interrelationships between Islam and Christianity. She also allowed us to see into her life as a woman in academics, a wife, mother and grandmother. I could have listened to her for hours!

Best Wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

Marilyn Sprague

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Christmas at Longwood

Dazzling floral displays, stunning trees, holiday music, 500,000 outdoor lights, dancing fountains and ice skating under the stars create a Christmas fantasy at Longwood.

Join us for a festive evening at beautiful Longwood Gardens. A bus will transport the group from the Radnor Hotel, 591 E. Lancaster Ave., St. Davids, PA to Longwood Gardens. Admission ticket to Longwood and a delicious box supper will be provided. Reserve your spot soon as space is limited.

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008

Time: Bus will leave from the Radnor Hotel promptly at 6:00 PM

Cost: $50 - Send checks to Marcy Bevan, 1117 Maplecrest Circle, Gladwyne, PA 9035

Questions: Contact Tracy Gkonos 610-647-8590 or Marcy Bevan 610-896-8589. 

Did you receive a gift for the holidays which is not quite right for you?

On Monday, January 5th, 2009 The Evening Sustainers’ White Elephant exchange will be held at the home of Nancy Greytok (339 Strathmore Drive, Rosemont, PA) at 6:00 P.M.

If you wish to attend, please notify Marcy Bevan at 610-896-8589 or via email bevamn@wharton.upenn.edu

Bring a wrapped gift for the exchange! (Nothing we have seen at this event before…please). Also, please plan to bring some part of the meal for 6 people. Based on your Last name: A-C Wine, D-H Hors D’Oeuvres, I-R Salad or Casserole and S-Z Dessert. 

Save The Date
Sustainer New York Theater Trip
Wednesday April 15, 2009
Shopping, Lunch and Tony Award Winner Matinee
Contact: Marianne McClatchy and Anne Sly
Afternoon Brush-up Bridge
1st Monday and 3rd Thursday, 1 - 4 PM.
Call hostess if interested in playing.

DECEMBER
1st Afternoon Bridge (1 - 4PM) Annabel Wilson (610) 688-7816
18th Afternoon Bridge -- No Session

JANUARY
5th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Barbara Gord (610) 975-0492
15th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Jean Murdock (610) 642-7283

FEBRUARY
2nd Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Marge Devlin (610) 647-4122

Sustainer of the Year Award

Now is the ideal time to start thinking about a candidate for the 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.
- Performs above and beyond what is expected.

The following names are former recipients, illustrious company, but cannot receive the award again, so please don’t nominate them: 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. Alsentrzer, Virginia C. Mulligan, Susan Meade, Jane K. Sagendorph, Kitten Susanin, and Judy Ruse.

You will be receiving a ballot in your January mailing packet. Fill out and please return to Pam Crutchfield, 134 Piqua Circle, Berwyn, PA 19312. Thank you.

Memories from the October Sustainer Meeting

On October 21st, Sustainers, new transfers and guests gathered at the Alumnae House of Bryn Mawr College for our annual Fall Sustainer Membership meeting followed by a presentation from Jane Dammen McAuliffe, the new President of Bryn Mawr College. President McAuliffe spoke about the Qu’ran and its writings about women. She also provided a brief snapshot of Bryn Mawr College today and its impact on the education of women.

Save the Date!
The Big Deal Casino Night: Green Tie Gala
Friday, February 20, 2009
7 o’clock in the evening

The Crystal Tea Room
Wanamaker Building, Philadelphia

Dinner, Dancing, Vegas-Style Gambling, Silent Auction, and Live Auction emceed by Bill Henley and Lori Wilson

Tickets: VIP $175 General $125

Tickets will be available online at www.JLPhiladelphia.org
The Larks Team Up with Garden Club & Paul Fly School Committee To Make The Season Bright(er)

By Joyce Williams Cafiero

This December, The Larks, our Junior League singing ensemble, will again team up with the Garden Club, to make about 100 Christmas arrangements, which will be distributed to retirement home residents, after a typical Larks Wednesday morning of singing and fellowship with the elderly.

The colorful arrangements will be constructed with greens and holly from the Garden Clubs’ home plantings, plus bits of ribbon, ornaments, sparkle and glue.

“Last year’s first collaborative effort was such a success”, according to Larks President, Anne Markle, “we plan a repeat a ‘greens & crafts’ day at the home of Lark alto, Gail Parker, of Wayne”. This year’s production day is Tuesday, December 9th.

Last year, Gail’s home was transformed into a Christmas workshop, where as many as 20 Garden Club and Lark members worked hand-in-hand on their miniature masterpieces. Of course, the inevitable sharing of ideas and holiday memories, plus the treats to munch in the kitchen, made a joyful occasion all the more special. The results - fantastic small arrangements, made with many hands, and lots of talent.

This year, The Larks will surprise the residents at their Wednesday, December 10th performance of carols and sing alongs, with little freshly-made gifts of cheer. The smiles, tearful gratitude, and delighted looks of appreciation from last years’ recipients were evidence of holiday success. The groups are looking forward to another such occasion.

Meanwhile, The Larks are doing “double duty” on the Santa Claus front. They often do two performances a day during the holidays...there are so many seniors who enjoy the sing along carols. This same day, December 10th, the Larks will carol at Golden Living Center, formerly Rosemont Manor, and team up with the residents there, who asked if they could prepare some Christmas gifts for the Junior League to distribute! How could we refuse?

The ongoing, successful Paul Fly Elementary School project, co-chaired by Marge Devlin and Judy Ruse, came to mind. After some discussion, it was decided that the residents, mostly in their 80’s and 90’s, would make 100 no-sew scarves, in various brightly-colored fleece fabrics, and donate them to our Christmas efforts at Norristown’s Fly School.

Here’s an example of intergenerational cooperation, which pairs ‘give-back seniors’ with youngsters in need, and utilizes the Junior League Larks as catalyst and conduit. May our message of volunteerism and our spirit of the holiday season continue!

Sustainer Project

By Judy Ruse

The greatest challenge for the Sustainer Project is finding new sources of children’s books. Having collected large quantities of books over the past 3 years, we depleted many of our usual donors. However, the need has never been greater for children’s books. This year we are collecting books for all Norristown public elementary school classrooms.

The book situation has stabilized at Paul Fly School. The addition of Scholastic classroom libraries in each of the 32 Paul Fly classrooms was possible by a generous grant from the Huston Foundation. Both teachers and students enthusiastically report increased reading and enjoyment of the books. The school library is restocked and now offers many more reading choices for the children.

We know there are many children’s books out in the general public that are no longer being used. We need the help of all JLP members, family and friends. Creative recruiting of other community groups, i.e. scouts, churches, businesses, etc. are needed for book drives. Donations from yard sales, church fairs etc. are possible sources.

Children’s magazines are another wonderful way to encourage young readers. Classroom teachers are most anxious to use these colorful, well researched magazines. Examples include National Geographic Kids, National Geographic Little Kids, Cricket, Spider, Ladybug, Babybug, Ranger Rick, Sports Illustrated Kids, Click, Muse, Dig etc. The annual subscriptions average $20-$30. If you would like to sponsor a subscription, contact Judy Ruse or Marge Devlin.

Evening Sustainer Schedule

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Hotline Deadlines

**February issue: December 20th**

**March issue: January 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

**DECEMBER**

5   First Friday at the Thrift Shop
6   DIAD at Cooper Hospital
6   Tacony Creek Park Vine Removal

**JANUARY**

12  General Membership Meeting at the Free Library of Philadelphia
13  RESPECT Nature Club Mission Credit Opportunity
29  RESPECT Nature Club Mission Credit Opportunity

**FEBRUARY**

10  RESPECT Nature Club Mission Credit Opportunity
20  Casino Night

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

**APRIL**

2   Placement Fair
20  Mandatory Voting Meeting

**MAY**

2   Family Picnic Social Event
14  Annual Dinner

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