With the passing of Susan Myers earlier this year, the JLP Board of Directors developed the Susan B. Myers Leadership and Community Activism award. This award reflects Susan's ability to: Instill Passion for a Cause, Lead with a Clear Vision, and have Lasting Power and Determination. We are so proud to announce that JLP Past President (1979), Lynn Hardy Yeakel is the recipient of this esteemed award. Lynn embodies these ideals and has achieved so much of what she set out to accomplish. Lynn, thank you for continuing to be a Leader in our Community!

Lynn Hardy Yeakel

Lynn Hardy Yeakel, MSM, is Director of Drexel University College of Medicine’s Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership® (IWHL) and holds the Betty A. Cohen Chair in Women’s Health.

Under Yeakel’s six-year leadership, the IWHL has grown in size and stature, earning a significant institutional commitment in the College of Medicine’s 2007-2012 Strategic Plan as one of the medical school’s top priorities. The Institute is poised to realize its goals of an expanded leadership program for women in disciplines beyond the health sciences and internationally, and a multi-disciplinary clinical model for women’s health care. Drexel also is building a new building on the College of Medicine’s campus in Philadelphia to house the Institute and its core programs. Yeakel is co-chairing a fundraising campaign to raise an additional $1.8 million for a permanent home for the Legacy Center (Archives and Special Collections) in the new building. A National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, the Institute is working with the National Constitution Center (NCC) on plans for VISION 2020: An American Conversation about Women and Leadership® in 2010, which Yeakel will chair.

Since coming to IWHL in 2002, Yeakel has launched the Woman One Award and Scholarship Fund, raising $1.5 million in medical tuition scholarships for minority women. There are currently eleven Woman One Scholars, in all four classes, studying medicine at Drexel, plus two alumnae. She is also the creator, convener, and moderator of “Conversations about Women’s Health,” a popular community education program.

A founder and former chief executive of the first and largest women’s funding federation in the nation, Women’s Way, Yeakel was a candidate for the U.S. Senate in the “Year of the Woman,” 1992, nearly unseating the incumbent Senator in a nationally-publicized race. The following year she lectured on more than a dozen college campuses and to numerous organizations across the U.S. and abroad.

Yeakel served as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1994-2000. Her leadership initiatives there included the Freedom From Fear campaign to end family violence and “Envisioning a Healthier Philadelphia,” a coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to improving access to health care. She also chaired the region’s Welfare Reform Team, the Child Health Initiative and the Combined Federal Campaign.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate and former trustee of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, Yeakel received a Master of Science in Management degree from the American College. She is a past president of the Family Planning Council and the Junior League of Philadelphia, and is former chair or co-chair of the 21st Century League, the Citizens’ Coalition for Energy Efficiency, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy and the board of overseers of the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. She serves currently as an advisor to the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, on the Boards of the Bryn Mawr Film Institute, the Women’s Law Project and the Sunday Breakfast Club and on the Advisory Board of the Penn/ICOWHI 18th Congress, entitled Cities and Women’s Health: Global Perspectives to be held in Philadelphia in the spring of 2010.

A member of the Pennsylvania Women’s Forum, the Forum of Executive Women and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Lynn Yeakel has received numerous honors and awards, including the Pennsylvania Citizen Action Award and the Lucretia Mott Award. She was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania in 1989, received the MCP/Gimbel Award for humanitarian contributions in 1987, and was named a “Woman of Distinction” by the Philadelphia Business Journal in 2004. In 2006, she was identified as a Top Connector by LEADERSHIP Philadelphia and in 2008 was honored again by that organization as one of its top 50 alumni during the celebration of its 50th Anniversary.
President’s Perspective

By Heidi Tirjan

“It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will some day give shade to people he may never meet.”
—D. Elton Trueblood (1900-1994), theologian, writer

The Junior League of Philadelphia has been planting seeds in our community for 97 years. We have seen the projects develop and grow in many arenas, but our work is certainly not done. Much of our volunteering efforts are focused on the future, whether in our own organization or in the community.

As we embark on a new focus area of teaching children, their families and the community to be good stewards of their health and the environment by reconnecting them with Nature, the impact we make won’t necessarily show up immediately. For some, this may seem disappointing as we live in a time where immediate gratification is the expectation. I ask you all to enjoy the small achievements; over time it’s amazing how these small steps transform a community and the achievement will be lasting.

Our signature focus, Outdoor Academics, started this year with RESPECT Nature Club, Campus Community Gardens and the Green Volunteer Corps. The committee members were trained, and then volunteered their time to educate others, and improve their local community. We will continue to embrace programs that will positively affect children, their families, and our community. Next year, we will add H.I.P. Kids and BOOst Camp to our community committees. I encourage you to be part of planting the seeds, developing your potential and the potential of others through mentorship, education and community improvement. I am inspired to know that years from now, the seeds that we have planted this year will spread throughout our community tomorrow and beyond.

Thank you for a great year of volunteering with the JLP! 

Annual Dinner

By Tametta Gray

It has been another great year and now it’s time to celebrate! Join us for our Annual Dinner at one of the country’s oldest and most beautiful country clubs, the Philadelphia Country Club. Cocktail hour and hors d’oeuvres begin at 5:30 pm on the Terrace, where we will be serenaded by The Larks, followed by dinner [vegetarian meal option will be available] and awards presentation.

Congratulations to Lynn Yeakel, past JLP president, the first recipient of the Susan Myers Community Action and Leadership Award. We will honor Lynn’s vast career accomplishments and commitment to community leadership.

Are you curious as to who will be named Committee of the Year? Or who wins Volunteer of the Year? How about who will take the honor of Leader or Provisional of the Year?! To find out, you will have to join us!! You deserve a night out with great friends and good food!

Thursday, May 14, 2009
The Philadelphia Country Club
1601 Spring Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035
*Complimentary valet parking provided*

Tickets available now through website for $60.00 for all members with the exception of no charge for Actives going Sustainer.

Dates to Know:

Annual Dinner
Thursday, May 14, 2009
Philadelphia Country Club
5:30 p.m.

Cobbs Creek Park Clean-Up
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Philadelphia – 63rd and Catherine
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Art Appreciation with the Cultural Clinic
By Lisa Strohl

Members of the Cultural Clinic spent a thoughtful and insightful afternoon on Saturday, March 14th appreciating various works with 18 seventh and eighth grade girls from Penn Alexander, Henry C. Lea, and Charles R. Drew Elementary Schools. The event took place at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The tour guide was none other than one of our own JLP members, Madeline Adams, an Art Educator employed by the Philadelphia Museum of Art in the Division of Education.

The event began with boxed lunches in a private conference room and a brief introduction by Madeline describing the afternoon’s events. Madeline then led us on a guided tour stopping to view and discuss several key works of art and sculpture. During Madeline’s discussion the girls were given activities where they were able to reflect and discuss on their own observations and interpretations of various works of art. We finished the tour in the Japanese Tea Garden where the girls were given the opportunity to sketch their own design of a vase.

The afternoon concluded in the conference room where the girls participated in their own art project by designing their own journals to take home. There were many creative designs using various craft and paper supplies. The girls very much enjoyed the afternoon and the opportunity to show off their own artistic interpretations and styles!

JLP Picnic Social
By Bertina Whytehead

The Placement Committee invites you to the JLP Picnic Social. Bring your families and friends out for a fun-filled day at the park! There will be plenty for everyone to do, as we celebrate the end of a successful league year with your family and friends. Please join us at Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin Township on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 from 10:00am -1:00pm. Bring your families favorite picnic dishes, we will provide light refreshments. Please RSVP on the website for yourself and the number of guests you will be bringing to the picnic social.

Thrift Shop
By Patty Franks

Happy Birthday! On March 23, 2009 the Shop celebrated five years in Ardmore. Over these past five years, we have increased our revenue each year over the previous year and increased the number of customers. We are holding our head high in this economy with the month of February being 20% higher than February of ’08, remarkable for retail. The efforts of the Thrift Shop Committee to keep the Shop open an additional day since December has been instrumental in this increase. We hope to be able to continue with this over the summer.

But as Ardmore has been good for the Shop, the Shop has been good to Ardmore. Our outreach reaches far into the community. We are part of the community service program in the Lower Merion Schools, we work with the township Youth Aid Program to give young adults a venue for community service to expunge a minor offense from their records, and we have a large and wonderful group of both male and female adult volunteers who want to work with us, just to give back to the community.

The move to Ardmore was very beneficial for the shop in the first five years, and we hope the next five years will be just as productive.
The Junior League of Philadelphia

Thrift Shop Committee

By Anne Krishnan

A revitalized thrift shop committee has overcome its small numbers this year to ring up big receipts at the cash register. The eight members of the committee have generated nearly $20,000 in sales from expanded Friday night and Sunday afternoon hours, plus nearly $11,000 from a special sales event.

The year kicked off with an extraordinary First Friday Main Line event featuring couture items from Diane Beloff, a boutique that donated inventory to the thrift shop before closing its doors. That one night generated $15,178 in total sales; subsequent First Fridays in 2008 added another $2,382 to the coffers. Many thanks to the cookbook committee members for their help providing food for the shop’s guests and to chairwomen Kim Harrar and Honey Tishgart for their leadership.

The committee members also have run the shop on Sunday afternoons from noon to 4 p.m., generating $12,598 in sales from November through March. The expanded hours have been popular among shoppers and Junior League volunteers looking for weekend shifts. As the economy has faltered and word of the new hours has spread, Sunday sales have picked up steadily. “I am delighted with the wonderful job the Thrift Shop Committee has done this year and I’m happy to see the popularity of the Sunday hours,” said Manager Patty Franks. “Their efforts have been instrumental in boosting our numbers in a down economy.” She and the thrift shop committee are still deciding whether to maintain the Sunday hours during the summer months.

First Fridays restarted after a winter break on April 3, and the committee’s last Friday evening event of the year will be on Friday, May 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The May event will feature a special treat: Sustainer Marcy Bevan’s handmade necklaces made from interesting beads collected (literally) around the world. The necklaces are all reasonably priced at $40, and 25 percent of each sale goes to the Junior League of Philadelphia. Please join the Thrift Shop committee on May 1 to enjoy some refreshments, celebrate a successful year and peruse Marcy’s jewelry.

Money and Fellowship

By Stephanie Ingersoll

On March 12th the Project Fundraising committee hosted a gold party at Stephanie MacDonald’s house. The event was a great success and Junior League members walked away with over $7000 cash after a fun evening of cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and mingling. The event raised nearly $1000 for the League! The Fundraising committee is considering hosting a follow up party next fall, so if you were unable to attend this event be on the lookout for another gold party next year. If you would like to host your own gold party, we recommend the company we worked with, Goldpartying.com. Please contact Michael Summers mpsilc@aol.com and let him know that you were referred by the Junior League of Philadelphia, and they will make an additional donation to the JLP if you decide to host a party.

JLP members were able to make almost $1000 for the League by cashing in their unused gold.

Medals – 4 – Mettle DIAD

By Krista Vaughan

The DIAD committee held an event assisting the organization Medals-4-Mettle on Saturday, March 14th. Medals-4-Mettle collects medals donated from athletes who have competed in half-marathons, marathons, and triathlons. The medals are then awarded to patients who have achieved a milestone in their treatment. Many of the medals are given to children undergoing harsh treatments like chemotherapy. The event was led by league member and the local Medals-4-Mettle chapter organizer, Carla Cue. Volunteers spent the morning removing race ribbons and sewing on new “Medals4Mettle” ribbons and prepared 64 medals to be presented to patients. Some medals will be presented to patients at an upcoming DIAD at Cooper Hospital.

First Friday Main Line at the Thrift Shop

Friday, May 1

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Featuring handmade beaded necklaces by Sustainer Marcy Bevan
Wow! It’s May and we are coming to the end of the 2008-2009 program year. The past twelve months have included a myriad of events... a historic election, a global economic crisis and meltdown, dramatic weather conditions, war and conflict, oil and gold at all time highs, and a noticeable increase of women in leadership positions. Change is the one constant. When I started my year as your Chair, little did I know all the outside forces that would have an impact on our lives personally, professionally and as volunteers. Whatever your situation, everyone has been touched by some or all of the events during this past year. Hopefully these challenging times will get behind us quickly and we can look forward to better days ahead.

Through all the turmoil I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some rewarding, fun, and fulfilling JLP experiences. The Sustainers had a very successful return of BBB&B; the continuation of a tremendous Sustainer project with the Norristown Elementary Schools, two delightful membership meetings, lovely neighborhood teas, many interesting Evening Sustainer events, bridge of all types and times, cooking, gardening, singing, and a trip to the theater. Not to mention being Advisors to Active Councils and Committees, our Thrift Shop and building, along with volunteer opportunities with the Provisional’s, Active “Done in a Day” and projects as well as Casino Night! It’s time to celebrate our accomplishments!

Speaking of accomplishments, I hope you will join me at Annual Dinner at Philadelphia Country Club on Thursday, May 14th at 5:30 pm. In addition to honoring Active members, and the Sustainer of the Year Award Recipient, JLP President, Heidi Tirjan and I have the honor of presenting the Susan Myers Leadership & Community Activism Award – in honor and memory of JLP member Susan Myers to JLP Past President, Lynn Hardy Yeakel, MSN a noted leader in women’s health and leadership initiatives among many other accomplishments. I know it will be a memorable event!

Now it’s time to pass the gavel on to next slate of board members capably led by incoming Sustainer Chair, Pam Maimone. Pam and I have had a blast working together, along with the Active and Sustainer boards and various committees. Congratulations and good luck to Pam and her 2009-2010 Executive Board including incoming Chair-Elect, Bobbie Cameron; Recording Secretary, Jane Sagendorph; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Tattersfield; and Treasurer, Stephanie Carr. Thanks to Nominating Chair, Pam Stiner, Co-chair Margie Patchesc and committee members Beth Gadsden, Susie Heller, Janet Rote, Didi Rieger, and advisor, Louise Hill, for putting together a great board for next year. Thanks to all who have said “yes”! (There still may have time to be part of our 2009-2010 board so please reach out to nominating if you are interested in volunteering)

I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year and thank you for allowing me to be part of the leadership of this wonderful organization. There is still time for some R & R in Avalon!

By Betsy Mallon

Women Building Better Communities®
Afternoon Brush-up Bridge

1st Monday and 3rd Thursday, 1 - 4 PM. Call hostess if interested in playing.

MAY
4th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Nancy Henry (610) 408-8525
21st Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Suzanne VanderVeer (610) 525-7447

JUNE
1st Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Mimi Johnson (610) 525-1443
18th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Joan Yannessa (610) 520-1911

JULY
6th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Barbara Gord (610) 975-0492
16th Afternoon Bridge (1-4PM) Phyllis Scott (610) 687-1227

Garden Club Tour

Join members of the Garden Club on a house and garden tour of "Andalusia" on Thursday, June 4, 2009 starting at 10:30.
"Andalusia", located 13 miles from central Philadelphia on the banks of the Delaware River in Bucks County, has been the country estate of the Craig and Biddle families for more than 200 years. The 100+ acre estate surrounded by virgin woodlands was purchased in 1814 by Nicholas Biddle, director and president of the Second Bank of the United States.

We will have a guided tour through the peony and rose gardens, the Pet Cemetery and the Greenwalk as well as a tour of the "Big House" which is furnished in a variety of American period styles. The Garden Club has also been invited to enjoy a box lunch at tables around the pool.

The cost of this house and garden tour is $20.00. Reservations for tour and box lunch will be taken by Mickey Cooper at 610 687-8179. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 26.

Congratulations...

Active Adie Amey won second prize for her front porches at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Sustainer Spring Membership Meeting

Enjoying the Sustainer Tea at Anne Sly’s house, Arlene Seeger, Barbara Gord, Harriet Disston and Betsey Blacque

Sustainer Nominating News

JLP Sustainer 2009-2010 Executive Board Slate

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Corresponding Secretary Mary Tattersfield
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Thank you to all the women who give their time and energy to make the JLP Sustainers a fantastic, fun and friendly group. Thank you to the 2008-2009 Sustainer Nominating Committee for their committed work ethic in bringing leaders to the board.

You are invited!
The Junior League Garden Club Annual Flower Show
“Spring-New Beginnings”

Friday, May 8, 2009
12:00 – 1:00 PM
At Dunwoody Village
3500 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

For further information, please contact
BBB&B Sets New Record

By Susan Mease

Sixty-two women and one man (second largest number ever) from Junior Leagues and Garden Clubs all over the U.S. attended the 9th edition of Bed, Breakfast, Blossoms and Barnes (BBB&B) in March and the Sustainers of the JLP raised $18,954.85. The guests were entertained at dinners at the homes of Mary Burr, Jean Yost and Barbara Deuber. The next day they were up at dawn for VIP tours of the Flower Show before the doors opened to the public, took a break for lunch at the Marriott next to the Convention Center, and then returned to the Flower Show or went to the Cezanne exhibit or did whatever they wanted to do. On the third day, they again were up early for a continental breakfast at Merion Cricket and a very entertaining introduction to the Barnes Collection presented by Alice Lonsdorf. They then toured the Barnes, came back to Merion Cricket for lunch and entertainment by the Larks and headed home.

Sally Forester coordinated reservations, and 24 Sustainers provided the welcoming homes for these guests: Jean Alsentzer, Sue Clark, Cordie Clement, Dudy Fergusson, Barbara Gord, Jane Green, Nancy Greytok, Molly Hartzell, Nancy Hebard, Louise Huber, Barbara Juda, Maureen Luke, Ann Markle, Marianne McClatchy, Susan Mease, Elizabeth Oberdorf, Deedie O’Donnell, Sue Rice, Dede Shafer, Marilyn Sprague, Pat Supplee, Robin Thomas, Suzanne Vander Veer, Jean Yost, and Sally Young. The massive job of coordinating guests and hostesses was handled by Marge Devlin, Sue Rice and Deedie O’Donnell.

Kitten Susanin and Didi Rieger coordinated the three dinners and brought on board teams of helpers to cook the meal and act as kitchen crew at each of the houses. Marilyn Sprague worked with the Philadelphia Horticultural Society for the tickets to the VIP tours and Carol Konski coordinated the Marriott Luncheon. Cindy Landreth worked with the folks at the Barnes Collection to arrange the tour and the parking and Sandy Williams and Betsy Mallon helped with crowd control; Joan Prewitt was the liaison for both functions at Merion Cricket and arranged the centerpieces used at the Marriott and at Merion. Ann Tyler organized all the volunteer drivers who shuttled guests from Merion Cricket to the Barnes and back (and didn’t lose anyone). Jan Lawton took reservations for the JLP members who wanted to attend any of the events and Mary Hinds kept the books for the whole thing.

As you see, this is a massive undertaking – exhausting but lots of fun – and “it takes a village.” The nine BBB&Bs have raised just over $110,000 in total. Some of that money has provided scholarships, paid for landscaping projects at the Jubilee School, helped restore the Lemon Hill Gazebo in Fairmont Park, helped restore the South Garden at the Waterworks, and supported the Sustainer project at the Paul V. Fly Elementary School.

The 2009 BBB&B co-chairs, Nancy Greytok and Susan Mease, wish to thank all these volunteers for a fabulous job. They worked hard, were incredibly supportive, rolled with the changes, and were great to work with.

Remember Special Days with a Gift to the Future.

In memory of lost friends or to honor birthdays and holidays you now can donate children’s magazine subscriptions to the under served Paul Fly School. These magazines are designed to encourage young readers because they are kid friendly and fun to read. The gift of reading is the best gift of all. You may donate a tax deductible subscription in any amount. Mail check, made out to JLP and marked Paul Fly Magazines to Sustainer, Sally Young. Questions: sutsme2@aol.com.
Hotline Deadlines

**July/August issue: May 25th**
**September issue: July 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

**MAY**
2 Family Picnic Social Event
14 Annual Dinner

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

Furnished country cottage for rent.

Contact Sustainer, Mary Hollingshead at 856.423.0172.