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Ask Friends, Neighbors, and Colleagues to Join the JLP!

By Ashley Hiser

Do you have friends, neighbors and colleagues whom you know would enjoy being a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.? The Provisional Course Committee already started planning for the 2009-2010 year, and we need the support of Actives and Sustainers in our recruitment efforts.

We will be hosting eight 'Meet & Greets' in various locations including Southern New Jersey, Philadelphia, and the Main Line. These 'Meet & Greets' will be informal information sessions where prospective new members can speak with Actives and Sustainers about what it means to be a part of the JLP, our mission, and our signature focus. If you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues whom you think might be interested in learning more about the JLP, then please share these 'Meet & Greet' dates and locations.

All of these events will be posted to the League website, www.jlphiladelphia.org, and we would love for you to sign-up if you are able to attend! Please contact **Ashley Hiser**, Provisional Course Committee Chair, or **Ashley Allphin**, Provisional Course Committee Chair-elect, if you have any questions. 

2009-2010 Provisional Recruitment 'Meet & Greet' Dates

July 23 at 7 p.m.

Kildare's Irish Pub • 826 DeKalb Pike in King of Prussia

July 28 at 7 p.m.

Distrito • 3945 Chestnut Street in University City, Philadelphia

July 30 at 7 p.m.

Kildare's Irish Pub • 4417 Main Street in Manayunk

August 4 at 7 p.m.

Kelly's Tap Room • 1107 Lancaster Avenue in Bryn Mawr

August 6 at 7 p.m.

Pizzicato • 248 Market Street in Old City, Philadelphia

August 8 at 12 p.m.

Seasons 52 • 2000 Route 38 at the Cherry Hill Mall

August 11 at 6 p.m.

Racquet Club of Philadelphia • 215 S. 16th Street in Center City, Philadelphia

August 18 at 6 p.m.

Public House • 1801 Arch Street in Center City, Philadelphia

Elevator Construction Begins at the Thrift Shop

By Jennifer Bonniwell

All over the country, summer means construction. And the Thrift Shop is no exception. The Shop is currently undergoing an internal makeover to install an elevator. The elevator will provide access from the basement up through the third floor on the west side of the building – essentially, along the wall between the furniture room and the rest of the Shop. Entrance to the elevator will be from the current furniture room. Improvements also include installing a door at the current entrance to the furniture room and a second entrance to the furniture room near the storefront. After the improvements are completed, the old furniture room will be turned into the receiving area for donations. The current space where donations are accepted and sorted will be turned into additional floor space.

The Shop remains open during construction, although nearly one-third of the Shop is restricted. Given the space limitations, the Shop will not be accepting quota donations of furniture, large

electronics or toys until early fall. Please hold those items until the construction project ends.

The Shop still needs your best quality donations – now more than ever. During construction, the Shop needs to make up for the lost floor space by selling clothing and accessories that will earn the biggest profit. In particular, the Shop needs high quality summer attire and children's clothes, as well as the haute couture women's and men's clothing that are one of the big reasons the Thrift Shop is considered one of the best on the Main Line.

During this down economy, gold prices are up. So, at least for this summer, the Shop will give quota credit for donations of real gold jewelry. This includes broken or damaged jewelry – so long as its real gold – such as a necklace with a broken clasp, a lonely single earring or just jewelry from an ex-boyfriend or husband.

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Annual Dinner Speech: Aunt Sam Wants You!

By Sam Soldan

Thank you all for attending this year's Annual Dinner. Of course, I gave a considerable amount of thought to what message I wanted to convey tonight. I started with the most logical topic-my great enthusiasm for our new focus area, but rapidly came to the realization that, at this point, most of you have heard me pontificate on this very topic on multiple occasions. I then decided to focus on the historical significance of our rapidly approaching centennial and the power and flexibility of our organizational dynamics. But, ultimately, I resolved to keep my message simple and focus on our Mission.

As you are all aware, there are three critical components of our Mission. The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc., is an organization of women committed to 1. promoting voluntarism, 2. developing the potential of women, and 3. improving the community through

the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We do an excellent job promoting certain aspects of our Mission, namely—promoting voluntarism and -improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. But we often neglect the third, somewhat more selfish component-developing the potential of women. We need to remember that this critical part of the Mission applies to not only the women that we serve in the community, but also to ourselves.

As one League year comes to a close and the next begins, we are typically focused on the details of the commitments of our placement choice and balancing the requirements of the League with the seemingly ever-increasing demands of our work and family lives.

However, as we enter the 2009-2010 League year, I ask you to take a moment and consider your upcoming League experience from a different perspective-how can your League experience develop your potential? What skills, interests, and untapped talents can the League foster within you? What opportunities have you yet to explore within the League? How can you make the most of your involvement in the League? Instead of concentrating on the balancing act that we all must do to fit our League activities in with everything else on our plate (and I do not mean to minimize that Herculean task), reflect

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The first official meeting of the 2009-2010 JLP Board of Directors.

From left to right: [top] Susan Henley (Treasurer-Elect), Alison Dyer (Secretary), Rachel Reavy (Parliamentarian), Laura Longwell (Community Council Director), Dianne Smith (President-Elect), Sam Soldan (President), Ford Shively (special guest), Amy Shively (Communications Council Director), Jeannette Schlegel (Treasurer), Marcelle Parrish (Nominating Chair), [bottom] Laura Snead (Fundraising Council Director), Bobbie Cameron (Sustainer Chair-Elect), Pam Maimone (Sustainer Chair), Liz Kolb (Development Council Director)

Not pictured: Justine Hansen (Membership Development Council Director)

Elevator Construction

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The Shop had some much needed help cleaning out its basement in advance of the construction. On June 5, Deloitte provided more than 20 volunteers to help clean out and update the Shop as part of its annual Volunteer IMPACT Day. The Deloitte volunteers cleaned out the basement and helped pay to remove two full truckloads of trash, including an old oven and decade-old display cases left over from the old Harrison's department store. Deloitte also provided a retail merchandizing consultant, who provided expert advice on how to better organize and merchandize the store to increase sales.

The Shop's summer hours remain unchanged: Monday to Saturday, 10 - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 - 4 p.m. 

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Sunday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

President's Speech

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upon the value that the League can bring to your life and the unique role that it can play in developing and unleashing your potential. In truth, although most of us join the League to contribute to our local community, we should take time to remember that our experience in League is an important investment in ourselves-in my estimation, time well-spent.

The strength of the League lies in the diversity of our members—in their diversity of opinions, perspectives, strengths, and talents. The onus is on each of us to determine the best way that the League and our interactions with our fellow members can enhance our personal growth and development. While I would never presume to tell anyone what particular niche the League should occupy in your life, I am confident in sharing the following with you—as with many things in this world, membership in the Junior League of Philadelphia is quite simply a situation where the more you put in, the more you get out. For those of us who truly give of ourselves to our League experience, the League rewards us by expanding our horizons, opening our minds, increasing our confidence, giving us clarity of purpose and providing us with invaluable, lifelong friendships. This was truly crystallized for me this winter when I attended the funeral and memorial service of Susan Myers. At the end of her life, Susan was surrounded by two families—her biological family and her League family. Both of these families were there to pay tribute to Susan's life and her myriad accomplishments and celebrate the role that this astonishing woman had played in their lives. Susan Myers, our great champion for the waterworks, was a woman who realized great potential, in part, through her League experience.

Clearly, one way that we can exploit our League experience to the fullest is by taking on a leadership role in the organization. Recently, I was presented with an incredibly thoughtful gift, a collection of letters written to me by past JLP Presidents reaching back to the 1960s, offering advice on how to approach the coming year. There were two pervasive and rather surprising themes in these letters. First, it was revealed to me that most of these women did not start out in the League with the goal of becoming JLP President and didn't really envision

themselves in the role until they found themselves there. Second, these letters were almost devoid of what I had expected to see—practical advice on how to conduct myself, organize the year, serve as the “face of the League” or lead the Board. Instead, these women almost universally opened up about what this experience had meant in their lives and how leadership in the League was a gift that they have always cherished and one that enriched many aspects of their lives in entirely unanticipated ways making them better friends, wives, mothers, employees, and leaders in the community.

So, what final message do I leave with you this evening? Aunt Sam Wants You! When that call from Nominating comes or when you have the opportunity to invest a little bit more of yourself in the League, instead of dwelling on how much time it will take or what a pain in the ass it is going to be, before you make a decision either way—please try to take a minute to reflect upon the gift being presented to you and the golden opportunity to develop your potential. **J**

Samantha S. Selde

Annual Dinner

by Amy Shively

On May 14th, JLP members met at the Philadelphia Country Club to celebrate together at the Annual Dinner. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to all our award recipients including Volunteer of the Year to **Ashley Allphin**, Committee of the Year to the Thrift Shop Committee, Leader of the Year to **Kim Harrar**, Provisional of the Year to **Olivia Tarbox** and Sustainer of the Year to **Judy Moneta**. In addition, we honored **Lynn Yeakel** as the first recipient of the Susan B. Myers Leadership and Community Activism Award. **J**



The Casino Night Committee is looking for items for our fabulous silent auction.

When you are out and about this summer, don't forget the possibility of a donation from your favorite vacation, fun, and leisure spots!



- Hotels & Resorts
- Boutiques
- Country Clubs
- Spas & Salons
- Restaurants
- Amusement Parks
- Wineries
- Sporting Events
- Art Galleries
- Theater

If you have something to donate or a lead please contact the committee at casinonight@jlpphiladelphia.org

{ The Possibilities Are Endless }
February 2010

JLP Gets Press from Local Blogger

by Dan U-A

http://youngphillypolitics.com/fairmount_park_and_leveraging_civic_involvement_philadelphia

Fernhill Park is Germantown's little piece of Fairmount Park. Over the years, along with Southwest Germantown itself, Fernhill struggled. In the early 1990s, the park went from being a place that was an asset, to a dirty place where you didn't venture after dark. The only piece of the park that was consistently and vibrantly (and legally) used was the basketball courts. However, over the last ten years, with a lot of work of neighbors, the park has come back in a big way. Saturday was another piece of that work: cleaning, working and planting in the park to keep it as an important piece of Germantown.

So, with that in mind, I was 'drafted' into service by Mama U-A, and spent the afternoon back in the homeland, with the Friends of Fernhill Park, about eight staff members from Fairmount Park, kids

from the Wissahickon Charter School and scores of women from the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. (As an aside, I hadn't heard much about the Junior League before yesterday. According to their website, the group 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." Their level of commitment, seen with 6 hours of sweat equity in Southwest Germantown was great.)

Over the course of the day, bags and bags of trash were picked up. Invasive trees and vines were cut away. Native plants were put in the ground. Grounds were seeded with wildflowers. A mural was started. It was a crazy amount of stuff for one day. 

Fairmount Park Thanks the JLP

On behalf of Fairmount Park, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc., especially the 2009 Provisional members, for your extraordinary efforts to restore and enhance Fernhill Park. April 19 was a great day for the Park the community!

We at Fairmount Park salute the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. for your spirit of community involvement. We greatly appreciate your endeavor to not only improve the appearance of the Fairmount Park system but to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in this great City.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Focht

Executive Director, Fairmount Park 



Jackie Strzepek, Heather Knowles, Lauren Mobley and Andrea Park

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following members for reaching these significant milestones:

15 years

Kristen Propp
Nancy Scarlato

10 Years

Mary Kate Lo Conte
Andrea Dutton
Marcelle Parrish
Deborah Riess
Susan Mostek
Alexia Hudson
Kimberly Harrar
Cornelia Viera

5 Years

Kathleen Andre
Candace Balch
Jennifer Bonniwell
Nicole DiSalvo
Molly Dupee
Katherine Forester
Tametta Gray
Deborah Harvey
Elizabeth Kolb
Bryn Prieston
Jeannette Schlegel
Andrea Undercofler
Krista Vaughan
Amelia Warner
Bertina Whytehead

Actives Going Sustainer

Kathleen Andre
Gerda Gallop- Goodman
Alexia Hudson
Jodi Kerr
Susan Mostek
Georgiana "Georgie" Noll
Patricia Ruff
Nancy Scarlato
Lisa Strohl
Ellen Thomas
Gina Thomas
Gabrielle "Gaby" Thorne
Cornelia Viera 



Sustainer News

By Pam Maimone

Sustainer Chair's Perspective

Hope you are having a nice and meaningful summer. What a great community we live in to enjoy with wonderful opportunities to make a difference in people's lives.

Talking about our community and the impact the JLP has made, many Sustainers attended the dedication ceremony in the South Garden of the Fairmount Water Works on June 9. This was to celebrate the completion of the final phase of the restoration campaign and the achievements of countless supporters including the JLP.

Let us all welcome our New Sustainers: **Kathleen Andre, Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Alexia Hudson, Jodi Kerr, Susan Mostek, Georgie Noll, Patricia Ruff, Nancy Scarlato, Lisa Strohl, Ellen Thomas, Gina Thomas, Gaby Thorne, and Cornelia Vieira.** This is your "new beginning." We are so glad to add your talent, enthusiasm, and passion to our incredible Sustainers. Please take every opportunity to sign up and join in the many activities and projects. You will be energized and we want to get to know you better.

We will have many opportunities this year to be truly one League and to sustain and support each other. On Saturday, **September 12,** Sustainers will participate with the Active Membership Council and Provisional Committee to provide a warm welcome to the 2009-2010 Provisional Class. Sustainers will be asked to share JLP history, including being tour guides in the City. Current and past projects will be showcased. We also are working with the Active Membership Council to plan some other combined activities with the Provisionals and to expand participation with the Actives. Please say Yes when volunteers are requested. You'll be enriched.

Many people are very busy planning activities and projects. The Paul Fly School/Norristown School District project team, under **Judy Ruse's** leadership, is full of energy and will want your involvement. **Linda Dutton** and **Phyllis Scott** have been very busy planning our Fall Membership meeting, which will be held the evening of **October 29,** at Waynesborough Country Club in Berwyn; they have arranged for a special guest speaker. **Pam Crutchfield** and **Ann Tyler** have already planned a great NYC theater trip for **November 18.** **Judy Moneta** and **Mary Hinds** are busily planning a wonderful Evening Sustainer program. Look for the August mailings where you'll see many places to get involved. Also, for internet users, please check out the JLP website and watch for emails.

Pam

Success Continues at the Paul Fly School

By Judy Ruse

Successful JLP projects often have the common ingredient - a large team of dedicated volunteers. The Paul Fly School project is no different. As co-chairs, **Marge Devlin** and I have had the steady help of enthusiastic, energetic supporters. Little could have been accomplished without their tireless help.

Lisa Twitmyer takes our prize for her wonderful contributions that are so essential to our project's success. She coordinates the spending of our Blossom gift money for children's clothing. No one knows how to shop for quality clothing at lowest prices as well as Lisa. We have been able to donate as much as 25% more clothing than projected. She also has made countless fleece hats and collected book donations from Radnor Library.

Pam Stiner volunteered to help the 2nd grade teachers Friday mornings this past spring semester. She consistently appeared

cheerful and ready to do anything. The students became comfortable with her and interacted easily. She helped some with reading and/or writing assignments, administered missed spelling tests, and shared insights on her recent trip to Egypt. Both students and teachers looked forward to her weekly visits.

Other outstanding project volunteers include **Mary Hinds, Sally Young, Pam Crutchfield, Pat Suplee, Harriet Disston, Stephanie Carr, Sally Forester, Deedie O'Donnell, Mickey Cooper, Betsy Mallon, Nancy Hebard,** and many more.

As we conclude this project next year, we have some new ideas and dreams for the Paul Fly School. One wish is to turn this project over to other community organizations.

We need the help and expertise of EVERYONE, both sustainers and actives; join in the fun! 

Letter of Thanks from Paul Fly School

An email sent from Mary Ellen Lonsdale to **Judy Ruse, Marge Devlin, and Dorothy O'Donnell** regarding volunteers for Paul Fly School:

Dear Amazing Ladies,

Many thanks to you all for your fabulous support of Paul Fly School and our students over this school year! From the Phanatic's visit in September and all of those wonderful Phillies shirts, the clothing, books, handmade hats and scarves, technology support to the weekly time and patience you gave to the kids all the way through to June, words cannot adequately express our appreciation.

You have touched many lives with your efforts and we truly were amazed by all you did for us!

Please pass along my thanks to Pam for her work with our 2nd graders and her sharing of her journey to Egypt with the 3rd graders too!

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy summer!

Mary Ellen Lonsdale and the Paul Fly Staff 📌

Garden Club News

by Joan Prewitt

A Garden Club Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Jenny Rose Cary of the Temple Ambler Horticulture Department. A student who maintained at least a B average and had financial need. 📌



Jean Murdock, Jane Acton, Graham Boose, Sue Rice, Nancy Henry, Virginia Mulligan, and Mary Cloud Hollingshead present scholarship check to Jenny Rose Cary.

Afternoon Brush-up Bridge News

Because of the popularity of Afternoon Brush-Up Bridge, a new group is forming to accommodate those interested in playing at this level. The new group will be called "Brush-up Bridge, Too" and will meet in the game room at Dunwoody twice a month. If you are interested in participating, contact **Ginny Price** at (610) 355-1484 or vpinteriors@aol.com. The first meeting will be on **September 9**, at 1 p.m.

Brush-up Bridge will continue to meet on the first Monday and third Thursday from 1 – 4 p.m. in members' homes. Please call the listed hostess if interested:

AUGUST

3rd at **Lorrie Pennell** (610) 647-2881

20th at **Suzanne Vander Veer** (610) 525-7447

SEPTEMBER

14th at **Jean Murdock** (610) 642-7283

24th at **Annabel Wilson** (610) 688-7816

OCTOBER

5th at **Marge Devlin** (610) 647-4122

15th at **Sue O'Brien** (610) 382-9246

Save the Dates

Junior League Garden Club Tours

Monday, September 28

10 a.m.

Morris Arboretum
in Chestnut Hill

&

Monday, October 19

10 a.m.

Behind the Scenes
at Longwood Gardens

Sustainer New York Theatre Trip: *Billy Elliot, The Musical*

Wednesday, November 18 (matinee)

A **2009 Tony Award Winner** of 10 awards including best musical, director of a musical, book of a musical, choreography, and an unprecedented shared-by-the three best actor/musical award for the trio of boys who played Billy.

Time is allowed for shopping and lunch at an area restaurant. Questions call **Ann Tyler** at (610) 293-3533 or **Pam Crutchfield** at (610) 296-4436.

To R.S.V.P., please submit \$195 (check made out to JLP) to **Ann Tyler**, 258 Ravenscliff Road, St. Davids, PA 19087. Please be sure to include name, address, phone, and e-mail.

Note: If the trip is not filled by Sustainers, seats may open for guests. Please indicate on your R.S.V.P. if you would like to bring a guest and a waiting list will be established. 

Sustainer Fall Membership Meeting

Thursday, **October 29**

Waynesborough Country Club

440 Darby Paoli Road, Paoli

Guest Speaker

F. William McNabb III

President and CEO of Vanguard

Come and learn from an expert!

5:45 p.m. - Reception/cash wine bar

6:30 p.m. - Dinner and business meeting

7:45 p.m. - Program

Dinner and program - Only \$32 per person

Evening Sustainers

We are busily planning - watch for e-blasts, the Sustainer August mailing & Hotline.

Contacts: **Judy Moneta & Mary Hinds.** 



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Hotline Deadlines

September issue: July 25th

October issue: August 25th

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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

August 7 First Friday at the Thrift Shop

September 12 Provisional Kick-Off

September 15 General Membership Meeting

February 20, 2010 The Big Deal Casino Night

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 Cloud Hollingshead
at 856.423.0172.