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Leadership Pathways: Have You Charted Your Course?

By Jeanne Andronowitz

The paths to leadership within the Junior League of Philadelphia are numerous and unique to the individual. However, at the very foundation lies a dedication to the League, strong organization and communication skills, and a foundation in leadership drawn from either personal or professional experience.

The goal of the Nominating Committee is to identify qualified individuals for leadership positions within the League and to enhance our organization by placing women in positions that allow our members to grow professionally and personally, develop new skills and experiences, and contribute to the advancement of the JLP's Mission and Vision. Leaders are identified through self nomination; by other leaders within the League such as Board Members, Management Council Vice Presidents, and Committee Chairs; by other members; and by committee nomination based upon experience with the Council and/or review of member skills and experience. This process allows for someone who has leadership abilities, but is perhaps not known to the Nominating Committee, to be considered for leadership positions. The Nominating Committee has six guiding principles, which are to:


- Match the needs of the organization to the strengths of its members, in the determination of its Leadership, so as to foster the growth and development of the League
- Identify candidates who are capable of fulfilling the requirements of the position as laid out in the job description and possess the key leadership capabilities
- Ensure that the best qualified individual is slated, utilizing an objective evaluation process
- Acknowledge diversity in the acquisition of leadership skills (within and outside of the League; personal and professional, etc.)
- Support the right of members to pursue leadership positions while balancing the leadership needs of the League
- Educate the members about the nominating process

Think about how you can increase your impact and further develop your leadership skills. When determining your leadership path, Nominating suggests the following

- Conduct a personal assessment
 - How much time do you have to give to the JLP?
 - Do you want a leadership role?
- Do your research
 - Open a dialogue with Committee Chairs
 - Talk with members currently in the role
 - Reach out to members of the Nominating Committee
- Take advantage of trainings provided by the JLP and the Association of Junior Leagues International
 - Review the offerings provided by JLP University
 - Self nominate to attend an ODI conference
 - Take on additional responsibilities within your committee
- Submit an application to Nominating
- Complete your requirements


Reach out to one of the members of the Nominating Committee to discuss potential leadership paths; the key leadership capabilities for the JLP; and the various job descriptions as well as to learn more about the nominating process. The members of the Committee can be reached directly or you can send an email to: nominating@JLPhiladelphia.org.

2010/2011 Nominating Committee:

Jeanne Andronowitz	Candace Balch	Amy Clark
Kristen Corcoran	Annie Ford	Ashley Hiser
Stephanie Ingersoll	Andrea Undercofler	Christina Van Riper 

President's Perspective

By Dianne Smith

As I write this note to you, I have just returned from the Presidents of Large Leagues (POLL) Conference in Dallas. POLL is one of three Affinity Groups formed by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) to enable Leagues of similar size and geographic region to collaborate and communicate more effectively. Approximately 25 other Junior Leagues from across the United States attended the Conference to share information and ideas with one another that we could then bring back to our own Leagues. The primary points of discussion at this meeting were based on proposed changes in operational policies made by the AJLI Board of Directors last spring. These changes, if approved, will affect every member League beginning in 2012. POLL has assembled a task force to evaluate the basis for these recommendations and to allow us as a group to speak with one collective voice. Our membership in the Association is very valuable and is a key element to our continued success. It is important that AJLI's value proposition remains strong and that resources be better positioned to measure their progress. Further discussion is expected at AJLI's Winter Leadership Conference in New Orleans, so I will be getting more information over the next month or so. There will be a question and answer session with a vote to follow at the AJLI Annual Conference to be held here in Philadelphia in May. The results of this vote will be sent to the JLP membership via e-Line as soon as they are made available. 




JLP volunteers show off their breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House

League Volunteers support Ronald McDonald House

By Anne Krishnan

JLP volunteers provided a wide range of support for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House over the holidays. Eight League volunteers rang in the new year by cooking breakfast for 15-20 guests at the Front & Erie house. In just 30 minutes, they made waffles, sausage patties, two huge skilletts of hash browns, and hard-boiled eggs. There were no idle hands – our volunteers also unloaded the House's four dishwashers and left the kitchen spotless. The volunteers then had an opportunity to tour the

house and see the terrific facilities available for families with children at the nearby St. Christopher's, Shriners, and Temple hospitals. Just a few weeks earlier, a dozen League volunteers also helped raise money for the Ronald McDonald House by wrapping gifts at The Shops at Liberty Place. Keep an eye out for additional Ronald McDonald House cooking dates in the spring. 



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Area Meeting Locations for February.

The following is a list of locations for the Area Meetings being held the week of February 14, 2011. R.S.V.P. online, as space is limited.

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Liz Naughton

Sign-in is at 10 a.m.
124 Spring Tree Drive
Newtown Square, PA 19073
liznaughton@verizon.net
610.355.0228
Limited to 20 members

Bertina Whytehead

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
Crossroads Coffee House
1270 Township Line Road
Drexel Hill, PA 19026
b_whytehead@hotmail.com
484.453.8699
Limited to 30 members

Jill Jokelson

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
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jjokelson@yahoo.com
215.925.4647
Limited to 15 members

Meghan Zamborsky

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
1822 Christian Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146
mzamborsky@gmail.com
202.361.6302
Limited to 12 members

Colleen Hellman

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
JLP Headquarters
27 W. Lancaster Ave.
Ardmore, PA 19003
chellman@gwmail.gwu.edu
240.888.5179
Limited to 25 members

Mary Kate Lo Conte

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
7 Dylan Court
Glen Mills, PA 19342
mloconte@themergzgroup.com
484.315.8483
Limited to 20 members

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Odile Gelinard

Sign-in is at 10 a.m.
8035 Seminole Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118
ogelinard@comcast.net
215.247.6956
Limited to 15 members

Lauren Stienes

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
438 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
schafedog9@hotmail.com
215.518.1324
Limited to 12 members

Jane Hoffman

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
305 Valley Place
Wayne, PA 19087
janebhoffman@gmail.com
610.688.1459
Limited to 20 members

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Kate Farnham

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
988 Saint Matthews Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425
klfarnham@comcast.net
610.827.9245
Limited to 20 members

Laura Bahnck

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
13 Pear Tree Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
lcollins131@hotmail.com
267.252.7917
Limited to 15 members

Christina Royer-Scheible

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
309 Brookmead Drive
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Croyer3@yahoo.com
215.514.4004
Limited to 15 members

Katrina Gamez

Sign-in is at 6:30 p.m.
816 Corinthian Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19130
katrina.gamez@gmail.com
617.216.8187
Limited to 14 members

Thrift Shop Update

By Patty Franks

The Shop will slowly begin filling the floor with spring beginning on **February 1**. We will be hanging spring merchandise for quota and boxing winter items. It is always a delightful transition into spring. We would love to have some nice furniture and high-end items to keep up revenues over the winter months. Hopefully, we will not have too much snow to keep shoppers housebound as the weather did last winter. **JL**




A Night in Rome (almost)

By Johnelle Whipple

Come to a cooking class at the Viking Cooking School on Friday, February 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. to learn to cook a classic Italian meal. The class is hands-on, so you will be cooking with the instructors and then enjoying the meal you prepared. Complimentary wine will be served with dinner. See the menu below.

- Marinated Roasted Red Peppers and Olives
- Homemade Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli with Tomato-Pancetta Butter
- Veal Scaloppini with Prosciutto and Sage
- Chocolate Gelato with Cherries rolled in Bittersweet Chocolate.

You will receive two Ways & Means Credits. Sign up now; limited space is available. Questions? Please contact **Johnelle Whipple** at johnelle.whipple@gmail.com or **Elizabeth Moyer** at eamoyer@hotmail.com. 

Keeping Up with the JLP Website


By Lauren Homel

The JLP Website Committee is hard at work keeping our digital face to the world up to date and looking its best! Here are some things we've been up to lately:

- We've rearranged some of the items on the member navigation. Here are some tips for working with those changes:
 - Once you log in, you'll immediately see a sub-link to access your Member Profile. As a reminder, you can find all year-end tax information related to your Junior League activities (monetary donations, sponsorships, Thrift Shop donations, etc.) on your Member Profile page. You might need this as you are working on your 2010 taxes in the next few months! Also, on your Member Profile page is where you can upload a photo of yourself, which helps all of us recognize one another in cyberspace and in person. So, if you don't have a photo on the JLP website, please add one soon!
 - There is now a special link dedicated to our very own JLP University, a leadership training and development program designed especially for our members. All course information is on this page, as well as a link to the course materials.
 - On the *Hotline* page, you'll now find links to archived *e-Lines* as well. In case you can't find your *e-Line* in your Inbox, you can look on this page and read the *e-Line* here.
 - The Information page is in the process of getting a makeover as well. We are streamlining where and how

this information is stored on the website, plus adding some new information so that you will have everything you need at your fingertips. Stay tuned!

- The Calendar of Events, our League calendar, has a color legend at the bottom of the page. This color legend can help you determine at a glance if an event is a social event, fundraiser, or is associated with a special program such as the Mayor's Initiative.
- The Website Committee recently held several online webinar training sessions for League members. One session topic was an overall refresher course for how to use the JLP website and where to find things. The other topic was an overview of the Group Share functionality on the website. We were recently upgraded to the latest and greatest version of Group Share and wanted to make sure the transition was as smooth as possible for our members. There are some new features with the latest Group Share, but mostly the difference you'll see is in the interface and how and where items are laid out. In case you missed the Group Share training, you can find the presentation on the Information page on the website.

Lastly, if your committee is up to some exciting things that you'd like to highlight on the website's homepage for all to see, please let us know and we'll get your story posted. We like to keep the homepage as interesting and fresh as possible! If you have any ideas for the Website Committee, or any questions or concerns at all about using our website, please don't hesitate to contact us at website@JLPhiladelphia.org. We'd love to hear from you! 

New Direction for Campus Community Gardens Project

By Katrina Gamez

At the January General Membership Meeting, JLP members approved a change to the parameters of the Campus Community Gardens project from building a playground/garden at the Tanner G. Duckrey Elementary School to building a garden at Tree House Books and providing a green-themed mural and indoor classroom plants to the Tanner G. Duckrey Elementary School. The Committee had been working with the community and the School to gain advocacy for the garden by hosting a number of gardening and healthy eating workshops, but various administrative issues with The School District of Philadelphia had stalled the project for the past three years. There were also budget constraints to the proposed garden at Duckrey Elementary School that would have made the project cost-prohibitive.

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Roll Out the Green Carpet With the 2010-11 Provisional Class

By Julie Ermentrout

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. and the Provisional Course Committee are proud to present the first Green Carpet Event at The Piazza at Schmidt's in Northern Liberties. The members of the 2010-2011 Provisional Course have been hard at work preparing what is sure to be a fantastic spring fundraiser.

Please join us for a glamorous night of fashion, food, and fun: Enjoy food and spirits from local restaurants; Visit vendor tables to learn about environmentally friendly businesses in our community; Learn about the latest trends in eco-couture and cosmetics; Stop and pose as the "paparazzi" take your photo on the green carpet; Listen and watch as models and members of the JLP stroll down the runway in fashions from prominent local designers and boutiques.



The event will take place outdoors at the beautiful Piazza at Schmidt's on **Saturday, April 2** from 7 to 10 p.m. with a rain date of April 9. The event is open to the general public. Tickets are \$40 each for general admission and \$75 for VIP admission, which includes a front row seat and swag bag. Each ticket purchase will earn one Ways & Means Credit for JLP members. Cocktail attire is suggested. Proceeds will support our mission and our Signature Focus, Project GREEN: Using Nature to Nurture. 

Sustainer News Sustainer Chair's Perspective


By Bobbie Cameron



February: the only thing it has going for it is Valentine's candy and not the crummy kind my husband, John, buys at the last minute from the drugstore, even though I have told him over and over that I only like really good vanilla butter crèmes. And, don't get me started on the grocery store, bottom-of-the-barrel-with-petals-dropping-all-over-the-place "bouquet" of wilted flowers.

I know, I know, it's the thought that counts, so while I'm on the subject of being thoughtful, and I know you don't need to be reminded, with so many fabulous events planned for us over the next few months, we just might forget to R.S.V.P. by the due date. I've committed this social offense, pleading my case and throwing myself at the mercy of a gracious hostess, and I know sometimes it just can't be helped. The chairs, co-chairs, hostesses, and cooks have gone to a lot of work to bring us the neighborhood teas on **February 3**, Amadeus at Walnut Street Theatre on **February 15**, the Spring Membership Luncheon and meeting at Merion Golf Club on **April 5**, and the Sustainer Spring Social on **April 16**, and we should all respect the deadlines.

Speaking of hostesses, remember we are hosting the AJLI Annual Conference **May 12-14, 2011**. We are counting on our fabulous Sustainers to step up to the plate and to sign up early and often when volunteer schedules are posted. The entire League has heard about the Phabulous Philly Sustainers so let's not disappoint.

By the way, as much as I complain about that lousy box of stale candy and the droopy flowers, it would not be Valentine's Day without them, and it's one of the many reasons I love John...but don't tell him. I still want those vanilla butter crèmes! 

Sustainer Spring Membership Meeting

Don't miss the Sustainer Spring Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, April 5**, at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA. There will be a reception and cash bar at noon (soft drinks complimentary), followed by lunch and our meeting at 12:30 p.m. Come socialize with good friends and help us honor the Special Sustainers and the Sustainer of the Year! The cost is \$35 per person. Please send a check made out to JLP to **Louise Hill**, 511 North Rose Lane, Haverford, PA 19041. Any questions, call **Phyllis Suckow** 610.649.3916 or **Louise Hill** 610.649.0717. 


2011 Sustainer of the Year Award Deadline for Submissions is February 25, 2011

Please be sure to submit your nomination for the 2011 Sustainer of the Year Award. The Award will be presented at the Sustainer Spring Membership Meeting. Your nomination should be someone who:

- has very effectively demonstrated voluntarism;
- is a proven ambassador for the JLP in the community;
- is an inspiration to fellow Sustainer members;
- continues to make unique contributions to the JLP; and,
- goes above and beyond what is expected of her.

The following is the list of names of the former recipients. These distinguished recipients cannot receive the award again:

Anne F. Simpson, Susan W. Myers, Barbara B. Bond, Sally Hillyer, Mary P. Burr, Marilyn W. Sprague, Marge Devlin, Sally Forester, Suzanne Vander Veer, Sandra Williams, Nancy Greytok, Jean N. Alsentzer, Virginia C. Mulligan, Susan L. Mease, Jane K. Sagendorph, Kitten Susanin, Judy Ruse, Judy Moneta, and Pam Crutchfield.


You can submit by mailing or emailing your nomination. Email is preferred. The form was in the Winter Sustainer mailer and is also available via the member portion of the JLP website. Please send or email your nomination by **February 25, 2011** to **Pam Maimone**, pmaimone173@comcast.net, or 173 Little Turtle Way, Berwyn, PA 19312. 

New Direction for Campus Community Gardens Project

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In November 2010, representatives from the JLP met with Tree House Books, a non-profit organization utilized by the students of Duckrey Elementary School and located half a block away from the School. Tree House Books was looking for help to improve their outdoor space. They had planted a rudimentary vegetable garden in spring 2010 that was wildly successful with and enjoyed by the children in the neighborhood. Tree House Books' Executive Director wanted help to expand the program by building a more efficient garden, so kids in the neighborhood can grow their own produce and share it with their families. With support from the JLP, Tree House Books can achieve this goal. For the JLP, there will be no administrative issues in building the garden at Tree House Books because it is not connected to the School District, and it will be one quarter the cost of the original garden proposed at Duckrey Elementary School.

While the Campus Community Gardens Committee will not be building a garden at Duckrey Elementary School, the Committee will continue to work with the School by creating a "green themed" mural in the School's cafetorium (a cafeteria/auditorium in one) in the late spring of 2011. On January 17, the Committee also participated in the School's community service day and provided easy-to-maintain indoor plants for grades K-6.

Happily, the change in parameters has refocused the Committee back to its original intent, which was to build a garden that could feed people in the community. 

Festive Arrangements Delight Lark Audiences

By Graham Boose

In a joint project, members of the Garden Club and the Larks made festive arrangements for residents of area retirement homes. The Larks presented their holiday concert and then distributed the arrangements to residents of Riddle Village and Presbyterian Village. Additional arrangements were delivered to the Wayne Senior Center. Over 100 arrangements delighted the eyes and hearts of the recipients. Nancy Henry, Joan Prewitt, and Gail Parker chaired the workshops. Nancy Hebard, Betsy Daly, Beth Graves, Sue Rice, Pat Masters, Sandy Williams, Mary Tattersfield, Virginia Mulligan, Jane Acton, Ellen Lloyd, Harriet Disston, Pam Williams, Joan Yanessa, Margy Conlon, Graham Boose, Jill TenBroecke, and Suzanne Vander Veer helped make the arrangements. 



From left, Joan Yanessa, Graham Boose, Joan Prewitt, Gail Parker, Jill TenBroecke, Jill Franks, and Ellen Lloyd deck the tuna cans with boughs of holly, pine, hemlock, and yew.



Lark Suzanne Vander Veer delivers a holiday arrangement.

Evening Sustainers At the Penn Museum for the Exhibit *Secrets of the Silk Road*

By Teresa Montano

Date: **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

Time: 5:30 p.m. Optional box supper at the Museum
6:30 p.m. Tour (timed entrance, one hour, audio as available)

Cost: \$16 Tour (Group Rate) Ticket entitles holder to visit other galleries
\$16 Optional Box Supper


Parking: Discounted parking available

R.S.V.P.: By **Monday, March 7, 2011**

Checks payable to: The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.


No. of Tour Tickets: _____ at \$16 and

No. of Box Suppers _____ at \$16 (note diet restrictions)

Mail to: **Judy Moneta** at 200 N. Wynnewood Ave., B104, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Phone: 610.658.6324 or email: jam1617@msn.com 

It Was the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Jill Fanks

From performing, to caroling, to making arrangements, to enjoying festive parties, December was a very busy and quite fulfilling month for the Larks. On December 6, several of the Larks attended the Sustainers' board meeting, where they led the group in singing Christmas carols. Two days later, the Larks trouped to two nursing homes in North Philadelphia. The following Tuesday, several joined the Garden Club for their annual collaboration in making flower arrangements for residents of nursing homes, where they also entertained. The final event of 2010 occurred on December 17 at the Germantown Cricket Club where some of the Larks and their husbands and friends dined and caroled for the guests. 

Afternoon Brush-up Bridge

Afternoon Brush-up Bridge is now held from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday and third Thursday of each month at the hostess homes listed below. It is also held on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of each month at Dunwoody with **Ginny Price** coordinating snack hostesses. Please call individual

hostesses if interested in playing.

FEBRUARY

- 7 **Marge Devlin** 610.647.4122
- 11 **Ginny Price** 610.355.1484
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June issue: *April 25*

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

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| February 2 | JLP University: Strategic Planning and Evaluation |
| February 5 | Everything's Coming Up Roses |
| February 9 | JLP University: Governance and Board Leaders |
| February 12 | DIAD Philabundance |
| February 13 | BOOST Camp Event |
| February 15 | Area Meetings |
| February 16 | Area Meetings |
| February 16 | Science Night at Whitehall Elementary School |
| February 17 | Area Meetings |
| February 17 | JLP University: Public Affairs Advocacy |
| February 22 | New Mom's Training |
| February 25 | Viking Cooking School: Girls Night Out in Rome |

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

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