The JLP Partners with American Girl, LLC.

By Jennifer Morgan

On March 3 and 4, The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. will produce and host the Philadelphia area’s annual American Girl Fashion Show® at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern. The fashion show will present a myriad of exciting historical and contemporary costumes for girls and the American Girl® line of dolls while educating families about American culture in a vibrant social setting.

The American Girl Doll Event Committee is being co-chaired by Regina Colantonio and Hilary Fuelleborn, who also served as co-chairs for the successful Harvest Hustle 5K Run/1 Mile Walk. The JLP joins several other Leagues throughout the country, including the Junior League of Pittsburgh and the Junior League of Boston, in hosting an American Girl Fashion Show®. Previously a successful fundraiser for The Saturday Club of Wayne, the event has raised over $750,000 for charitable causes over the past nine years.

The newly forged partnership with American Girl, LLC. and its American Girl Fashion Show® is one in which the JLP is especially proud. Both organizations believe in fostering a commitment to volunteering and community service. The JLP is looking forward to making the show a permanent fundraiser for years to come. A portion of the proceeds from the show will benefit the JLP and our Healthy Living and leadership training initiatives.

The JLP expects this year’s event to surpass prior productions, as the American Girl® Corporation recently unveiled two additions to its line of dolls inspired by historical events: Cécile™ and Marie-Grace™. Cécile™ and Marie-Grace™ portray unlikely friends, as their joint story is set in antebellum New Orleans. Cécile™, a free, young woman of color, and Marie-Grace™, a young white woman who moves to New Orleans in 1853, navigate the turbulent backdrop of pre-Civil War Louisiana and Creole society. Their friendship transcends race, economic class, and hardship as the girls endure a yellow fever epidemic similar to the one that ravaged Philadelphia in 1793. Inspired by the Crescent City’s colorful history and efforts to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, the dolls represent American Girl®’s commitment to building community and educating today’s girls about our shared cultural heritage.

In addition to Cécile™ and Marie-Grace™, the American Girl® line includes additional 18-inch dolls representing other time periods and celebrates the diverse cultures that shaped American history. Each doll features its own line of historical fiction books and each has related costumes and accessories for both the girls and dolls to bring their stories to life and encourage creative role-play. Many of these items will be modeled during the fashion show.

“This event is a fantastic opportunity for the League to partner with a beloved and iconic American brand. Our committee looks forward to continuing the tradition of The Saturday Club, of presenting a weekend of fabulous shows to our membership and the community while raising funds for the League’s community programs,” stated Co-Chair Regina Colantonio.

The American Girl Fashion Show® will showcase local girls as models. Young ladies between the ages of 5 and 7 who wear a size 6x and those aged 7 through 10 and wear a size 10 are welcome to apply to pose as runway models. Please contact Hillary Fuelleborn at hilary.fuelleborn@gmail.com or Regina Colantonio at Colantonio@blankrome.com for more information.

Tickets for the show will go on sale at the end of January. The cost for regular seating is $55 and VIP seating is $65. A plated lunch is included in the ticket price. Accessory items and souvenirs will be available for purchase at the event. An American Girl® doll hair salon will also be open for on-site appointments. Members will receive one (1) Ways & Means credit for each ticket purchased.
President’s Perspective

“A Century of Achievement. A Future of Promise.”

If every person inspires the person next to them to take action, things will change for the better... and, they are changing. At the September General Membership Meeting, by an 80 percent vote, we took the first step toward issue-based community impact by selecting Healthy Living as our new League issue. The most inspiring aspect of that meeting was the passionate dialogue between members. You care deeply and you are engaged in the direction that we are going. This is truly exciting for our League.

I want to thank you for your participation in the interactive activities at the September Open Houses and the November Area Meetings where we started to define what Healthy Living means to our membership and how we can use this focus to make a unique difference in the community. Your participation is taking action and helping to define the League’s future.

At the Centennial Gala in April, it is the goal of the Board to announce our Centennial Project, as well as our community partner and the goals associated with it. Look for additional opportunities to become involved over the next couple of months as the Board communicates with potential partners and continues to engage the membership in shaping our Healthy Living initiative.

I am also proud to announce that the Taste of Fall and Harvest Hustle 5K Run/1 Mile Walk fundraisers were both huge successes. We had over 428 attendees at Taste of Fall and raised nearly $19,000—a 22 percent increase over budget. The Harvest Hustle Committee braved the betting rain to set up the run/walk event. They hosted an enjoyable affair with over 220 attendees. Neither of these events could have happened without the dedication of the chairs, committee members, and sponsors. Thank you to all!

Finally, during this season of giving, I ask you to please consider giving back to the League in three ways:

1. Donate to our Annual Fund. Continue to help us help others and celebrate our 100 years of service with a gift to the JLP Annual Fund. A special thank you to those who have already supported us and to our generous donor for matching all funds contributed by December 1, 2011.

2. Support our newest fundraiser. The American Girl Fashion Show® will be held on March 3 and 4 at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center. We are currently looking for models, auction donations, and volunteers for the pre-events that will lead up to the show. Keep your eye out for ways to get involved.

3. Consider becoming a leader. Our country is in a leadership crisis, and, as a training organization, the JLP is the perfect place to experiment and learn. Some of my most rewarding experiences have been as a leader in the JLP.

Enjoy the holidays and Happy New Year! Stay safe and healthy.

Jodi Kerr

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By Jennifer Fleck

We hope you will join us as we celebrate The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.’s 100 years of service at our Centennial Gala on April 14, 2012, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Please Touch Museum, Memorial Hall in Philadelphia. It promises to be an evening filled with gourmet dining, dancing, exciting silent auction items, raffles, and more.

Tickets and sponsorship information is available on the JLP website. Ticket pricing is as follows: Young Friends (under the age of 30) – $150; Standard Ticket – $165; Benefactor (those wishing to donate to the JLP as well as purchase a ticket) – $250. Sponsorship levels start at $250 as well.

The Centennial Gala Committee is currently focusing its efforts on obtaining individual and corporate sponsors as well as in-kind donations for the silent auction. The money raised from the Centennial Gala will go toward the JLP’s new Centennial project, which will be unveiled at the event. To that end, the committee would appreciate any corporate contacts you can provide, such as employers, professional partners, or community organizations you may be involved with.

If you would like to recommend a corporate sponsor, make a monetary donation to the event, or donate an item for the silent auction, please reach out to Auction Subcommittee Chair Mary Akhimien at makhimien@cbh.com or Fundraising Subcommittee Chair Beatrice Smith at beatrice.a.smith@gmail.com. All donors will receive name or logo placement on event materials.

If you have any additional questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Centennial Gala Co-Chairs Jennifer Fleck at jenniferfleck6@hotmail.com or Stacy Miro at samiros@hotmail.com.
The JLP’s Mission and Vision: A Historical Look over the Past 100 Years

By Past President Helen S. Weary

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. was founded in 1912 following the model set by the New York Junior League started in 1901. Women in the Philadelphia area sought constructive use of their free time by serving their surrounding community. Our mission, then and now, is to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and to improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

During the First and Second World Wars, JLP members worked in local hospitals. They also helped train women for their new voting responsibility. In the mid-1920’s, the JLP restored Sweetbriar Mansion in Fairmount Park which became the organization’s headquarters until 1948. Between 1929 and 1938, JLP members made Children’s Heart Hospital their chief beneficiary. And so it goes, 100 years of women meeting together, finding needs in which they have an interest, and then developing ways to meet those needs. Historic preservation, particularly in Fairmount Park, has been a key area of attention. Providing services for children has also been a primary focus throughout the history of the League.

Over the years, we have partnered with many service agencies and schools in the Philadelphia area. Our partners have come to us with ideas, and we have gone to them as well. We have supported literacy, sex education, services for handicapped children, guiding programs, medical transportation services, the arts in many forms, senior services, shelters, and fresh-start programs. We love to take on projects in Fairmount Park, sometimes mixing our historic preservation and environmental interests with services for children. While I don’t believe anyone has tallied the dollars provided by the JLP for social causes over the last 100 years, I suspect the number would soar to the millions.

We have raised funds in many different ways, from selling motorcar hood ornaments to producing theatrical performances to sponsoring 5K runs. Since 1945, the Thrift Shop has been our major fundraiser and a huge asset to the community as a constant source of affordable clothes and household goods. After five location changes in more than 50 years, the Thrift Shop moved to its current location in Ardmore in 2003. The building also houses the JLP Headquarters, previously located at Sweetbriar Mansion and the Free Quaker Meeting House.

Times have certainly changed since 1912, but the dedication of our members has remained constant. In 1912, our members were privileged women without the right to vote and, in many cases, without a higher education. In 1967, when I joined the League, I was the only Provisional working at a paid job. There were no cell phones and computers, and there were only a few meetings held in the evenings! Today, most of our Provisionals are college graduates working in the professional world. Most of them come to us self-sponsored, no longer needing proposers and seconders.

These remarkable women join us mainly for the numerous learning opportunities we offer—especially experiential learning. Never having balanced a checkbook, I was elected League Treasurer for two terms. This was an opportunity I would not have had elsewhere, and the JLP and I survived and successfully completed an IRS audit in the process. The League finds a place for you and you find your place in the League. The organization is wonderfully flexible. It accommodates its members’ needs and abilities. Dream it up, figure it out, plan it, and execute it! So now we celebrate—as well we should—100 years of learning and caring, community service, and friendship, all under the banner of The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. Congratulations on a century of achievement!
What Does an Owl Eat For Breakfast?
By Danny Barbat-Gonce

Students in the Norristown Area School District can answer that question! Through the Riverbend Environmental Science Partners Educating Children Together, elementary school students were guided through the dissection of owl pellets, discovering what owls and other birds of prey eat. They also got up close and personal with wiggly worms, learned about the delicate parts of a flower, and made their own window sill greenhouses.

During the school year, the RESPECT Nature Club Committee and Riverbend Environmental Education Center plan and coordinate Science Expo Nights for students in the Norristown Area School District. These events encourage students to learn more about science and nature. The events were initially designed to support the fourth grade science curriculum; however, for the 2011-2012 school year, the events will be open to students in all grades. In September and October, the Science Expo Nights engaged over 185 students, their families (including their grandparents), and friends. Everyone was excited by their discoveries. The first event of the school year was held at Cole Manor Elementary School on September 27. The second event, held at the Hancock Elementary School on October 14, was a joint math and Science Expo Night.

If you would like to help us touch the lives of children through scientific discovery, please join us on January 19, 2012, at Whitehall Elementary School; February 23, 2012, at Paul V. Fly Elementary School; and March 27, 2012, at Gotwals Elementary School. All of the schools are located in Norristown. For more information, please contact the RESPECT Nature Club Committee Co-Chairs Kate Farnham and Elizabeth Moyer.

In the Garden with Tree House Books is Off to an Exciting Start
By Katrina Gamez

The In the Garden with Tree House Books Committee improves the after school environment and physical surroundings of underserved children at Tree House Books, a nonprofit community organization located in North Philadelphia. The committee also educates these children about urban, sustainable agriculture and nutrition.

In the spring of 2010, the committee donated, decorated, and installed two rain barrels at Tree House Books to collect and distribute water to the garden of spring vegetables that the committee had previously planted. These rain barrels were recently recognized in a report that the American Society of Landscape Architects submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Continued on page 10
HIP Kids Celebrate at Smith

By Jaime Kenworthy

With backpacks full and binders ready, the children at Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse celebrated the back-to-school season with the HIP Kids In the Swing Committee. On September 10, led by Madeline Adams and Krista Vaughan, the children enjoyed an obstacle course that guided them on a scavenger hunt through the playground. They also learned about healthy eating by preparing a wholesome trail mix and made their own pencil cases and bookmarks. Excitement was in the air as the kids packed away their latest accessories for the start of school on Monday!

On Saturday, October 29, the HIP Kids In the Swing Committee celebrated Halloween with Smith. Despite the cool weather, several hundred children dressed in their Halloween costumes joined us for a Halloween parade. After the parade, members of the committee showed off their costumes and worked with the kids on many fun activities. There was a professional face painter, a pumpkin ring toss, a pumpkin beanbag toss, and a spooky game of Simon Says. Arts and crafts included a make-your-own Halloween mask and using fun Halloween stickers and stamps. The event was a great success.

On Saturday, November 12, we hosted an indoor Fall Festival to celebrate Thanksgiving. Led by Paula Klotzbach and Sarah Wennik, the kids enjoyed making placemats with a “What are you thankful for?” theme as well as fall-themed wreaths. They also learned about healthy eating as they traveled to different craft stations and collected healthy-themed stamps. We all had a great time!

Thanks to all for joining us at our events over this past summer and fall. Look for the HIP Kids Sliding Home Committee for additional events at Smith through the winter and spring.

BOOST Camp Committee Hosts Fall Events for CSCP

By Olivia Tarbox

This fall, the BOOST Camp Committee was busy planning two events and spreading the word about the work that the committee does for residents in the Philadelphia area.

On Saturday, September 16, several members of the committee helped plan and execute activities for the children attending the Cancer Support Community of Philadelphia’s (CSCP) first annual Wings of Hope Benefit Concert and Butterfly Release event. Members took the children’s photos and helped them make foam frames for them. Other activities included experimenting with sand art and making a healthy trail mix snack. The event was a great opportunity for the committee to meet the new families at CSCP while supporting the JLP’s community partner.

On Sunday, October 23, the committee hosted its first event. Children enjoyed fall–themed activities, including assembling Halloween–themed foam refrigerator magnets and scary masks, making a healthy trail mix snack, and decorating nametags for use at future committee–hosted events. David Lowe from Riverbend Environmental Education Center spoke about different animals, including their habitats and how they prepare for winter. Sitting outside in the sun on CSCP’s campus, David introduced the children to a live snake, toad, guinea pig, and turtle and displayed several fur pelts and skulls belonging to animals native to the area. The children enjoyed touching everything, unlike some of the parents and committee members.

After a successful start to the year, the committee is eagerly planning its next three events.
Members Participate in DIAD Events
By Ashley Allphin and Nina Rogers

On October 15, JLP members volunteered at Shiverfest at Riverbend Environmental Education Center. The day was filled with pumpkin decorating, haystack jumping, and other fun fall-themed activities for families. Evening events included a haunted hike and storytelling by campfire. The proceeds from Shiverfest support Riverbend’s ability to bring relevant, innovating, and impactful programs to more than 10,000 children annually.

JLP members had a frighteningly good time at the Philadelphia Zoo’s Boo at the Zoo event on October 23. The JLP joined over 300 volunteers to assist the zoo with the event which included handing out candy to trick-or-treaters. The zoo had over 20,000 visitors and was very appreciative of the League’s help. A few members of the JLP even dressed up in costume.

On November 5, JLP members volunteered their time with the children at Ronald McDonald House. The children enjoyed a healthy breakfast prepared by the members. Check the JLP website for additional DIAD opportunities.

Path to Leadership
By Stephanie Ingersoll

The Nominating Committee is in the process of slating leadership positions for the 2012–2013 League year and we need your input to determine the right individuals to lead the JLP. 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, gain new experiences, and contribute to the advancement of the JLP’s Mission and Vision. If you know someone you think would be a successful leader in the JLP, whether it’s someone you have worked with on a committee or even a self-nomination, we encourage you to reach out to the Nominating Committee.

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

• Conduct a personal assessment. How much time do you have to give to the JLP? Would you like to be in a leadership role?
• Do your research. Discuss the responsibilities with those who are currently serving in the role. Review the position’s job description on the JLP website. Open a dialogue with members of the Nominating Committee.
• Take advantage of trainings provided by the JLP and the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. Review the offerings provided by JLP University. Self-nominate to attend an Organizational Development Institute conference.
• Submit an application to the Nominating Committee. The application can be downloaded at www.JLPhiladelphia.org/?nd=leadership.
• Complete all of your requirements.

Joann Falciani, Nominating Chair, welcomes you to contact her at falcjoann@comcast.net if you have any questions or you would like to make a nomination. She is also available to discuss potential leadership paths as well as learn more about the nominating process. You may also contact the Nominating Committee at nominating@JLPhiladelphia.org.
Second Annual Taste of Fall Exceeds Goals
By Whitney Connelly

Almost 400 attendees welcomed the fall season on Sunday, September 25, at the second annual Taste of Fall. League members and Philadelphia area residents enjoyed the beautiful weather while taking in all that the event had to offer, including farm stands, children’s activities, an array of items from local vendors, delicious, freshly prepared food, and a variety of seasonal beverages. Attendees perused silent auction and raffle items while sipping crisp white wine and watching their children dance to the sounds of the band playing.

The committee, led by Co-Chairs Amanda Bruno and Kate Davis, secured renowned area restaurants to provide fabulous treats along with a variety of beverages. Almost a dozen restaurants participated in the event, including Pub & Kitchen, Rembrandt’s, and Firinji. Elevation Burger brought us their delicious, signature sauce. We also tasted the flavors of the season with Art in the Age’s samplings of Root and Snap hand-crafted spirits. Guuppy’s Good Times poured appropriately colored bright orange Conshy Crushes and both Flying Fish Brewing Company and Triumph Brewing Company provided autumn brews. The committee would like to give a special thanks to these sponsors, many of whom participated at last year’s event.

We extend our most sincere thanks to the Cancer Support Community of Philadelphia for allowing us to use their beautiful grounds again; they are a credit to the City of Philadelphia and a great partner of the League. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and helped to make the event a success. We look forward to seeing you all again at next year’s Taste of Fall.

JLP University: Fall Semester
By Sarah Kenning, Lauren Stienes, and Bertina Whytehead

The Education & Volunteer Training Committee commenced its second year with a semester of classes that ranged from event planning to team building to understanding public affairs advocacy. PowerPoint presentations from these classes are available on the JLP website.

Andrew Mozenter of Concentrics, Inc. returned for a second year to teach Conflict Resolution: The Medicine Wheel. Members worked in groups to identify themselves in one of four styles: Warrior, Diplomat, Critical Thinker, or Visionary. Participants then completed interactive exercises to understand each style’s strengths, opportunities, and challenges in working with individuals represented by other styles. By the end of the session, participants had learned techniques to work in harmony with others, regardless of their style.

John Forberger from Oxford Communications led The Power of Public Relations in the Nonprofit World training at Drexel University on October 13. He stated that nonprofits often make two key mistakes in their PR campaigns: not tracking how successful their campaigns are and not having a consistent core message with each communication. Participants reviewed tools available to assist nonprofits in tracking and promoting their causes including Facebook Causes, Kickstarter, North Social, and PitchEngine.

On October 20, JLP Sustainer Alexia Hudson taught an outstanding session entitled Public Affairs Advocacy. She first defined advocacy and described how, if carried out effectively, it can have an impact on the community. She described several key steps in the advocacy process including researching a cause, gathering evidence, lobbying, formulating an action plan, and partnering with groups that share the same values. The session ended with an open forum for brainstorming where participants answered several questions regarding how they could use what they had learned to make an impact on the JLP and elsewhere.

JLP University has several trainings scheduled for the spring semester, including Fundamentals of Fundraising, Public Speaking, Strategic Planning and Evaluation, and JLP Career Path: Road Map to Leadership. Please check the JLP website for more information. Members will receive one (1) Mission Credit for each class attended.
Thank You for Making the First Annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/1 Mile Walk a Sensational Event!

By Andrea Falciani

The Harvest Hustle Committee thanks all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for helping make the first annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/1 Mile Walk a hit! The event proved to be a wonderful time for those who participated. Over 130 runners and walkers turned out for a morning of fitness and fun to support the JLP. B101 spun tunes, Lilly Pulitzer sponsored a hospitality tent, and Barbour provided water and an exciting raffle. After the main events, runners and walkers were treated to a delicious array of fruit, bagels, soft pretzels, Powerade, coffee, and cookies from our generous sponsors: Produce Junction, Fill-A-Bagel, Powerade, Hope’s Cookies, Starbucks, Corner Bakery Cafe, and Pretzel Boy’s. Natalie Roznovsky and Poisah-Marie Hardy, professional masseuses, also provided complimentary sports massages to runners and walkers following the race. All participants received a reusable shopping bag with the Harvest Hustle logo filled with lots of coupons and a limited edition Harvest Hustle 2011 t-shirt. At the awards ceremony, the female overall winner took home a Lilly Pulitzer scarf along with a spa basket worth $400 while the male overall winner scored an Eastern Mountain Sports backpack and his own Lilly Pulitzer scarf. Prizes of gift certificates and pumpkins were awarded to the winners in each age category. We can’t wait for the Second Annual Harvest Hustle in fall 2012!

Exciting Social Events Planned

By Victoria Boaz and Jara Freeman

The Member Enrichment & Recruiting Committee is off to a great start. We kicked off the 2011–2012 League year with a welcome back Happy Hour at Devil’s Alley in Center City. On October 1, a group of JLP members toured the Yards Brewing Company and learned how the local and sustainable brewery creates their craft beers. Afterwards, a social was held in the tasting room.

Highlights for the winter and spring will include an afternoon tea at the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia, Ladies’ Hat Day at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair, cooking lessons at The Restaurant School, and Mommy and Me playgroups.

We’re also looking forward to ice skating at the Penn Ice Rink at the Class of 1923 Arena, attending a polo match, antiquing at The Philadelphia Antiques Show, a wine tasting event, a roller skating party, and a trip to Elmwood Park Zoo.

We hope that you will join us at these events. Check the JLP website for additional events throughout the year.

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Clean up. Brush up. Learn something new. Customized to your needs. It’s time to act. Give me a call. League member. Jean MacFadyen, 610.365.6245, macflearn@verizon.net

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The JLP Launches Another Blockbuster Provisional Year

By Sara Solow

Last year, the JLP broke records by welcoming a Provisional class of over 140 women. This year, the League is off to another vibrant start, adding 111 Provisionals from across the Philadelphia and South Jersey region. The Provisional year started on September 10 at the Union League of Philadelphia. There was an electric feeling in the air as the women gathered for a delicious brunch, learned about the history and mission of the League from JLP President Jodi Kerr, and met their Provisional Advisors. Provisional Chair Julie Ermentrout was delighted with the turnout. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead such an enthusiastic group of women who truly embody the mission and vision of the JLP,” she shared.

The Provisional class has been busy! On October 8, nearly 40 Provisionals participated in the League’s Legacy Bus Tour. The tour made stops along the Schuykill River and in Fairmount Park at sites where the JLP has sponsored remarkable community projects in Philadelphia. Provisional Kendra Daniel shared: “I grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and the history of the city is something I’ve always appreciated. It was great to learn about the League’s involvement in improving some of Philly’s most beautiful places.” Katie Adams, another Provisional, related: “I loved seeing the League’s handiwork across a wide spectrum of communities in Philadelphia over the decades.” Next, on October 22 and 29, the Provisional class participated in the Fall Service Project at the Wissahickon Environmental Center. The women were very hands-on cutting vines, repairing trees, and helping maintain this treasured nature preserve. In November, the Provisionals attended Area Meetings and began to discuss their spring service project.

These events are only the beginning of what promises to be a fantastic year for the JLP’s Provisional class. As Provisional Advisor Juliet Horton shared, “What is perhaps the most exciting are the friendships these women are forging. What I love is that the Provisionals in my group are already getting to know one another and forging relationships. In addition to our community projects, there are many social gatherings where they are gaining a sense of what they can accomplish together.”
JLP Thrift Shop Quota Parties

By Katie Wolfe

Have you thought about your New Year’s resolutions yet? Maybe they will include getting more involved with the JLP, meeting new people, or cleaning out your closet. If you are looking to get rid of unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac, or furniture, please join the Thrift Shop Committee for the first quota party of the year on Sunday, January 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Actives and Sunday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Provisional members. The theme for both events is “New Year’s Resolutions.”

Space will be provided to fulfill your quota in a fun environment, and we will have healthy snacks for you to enjoy while you’re doing it! If you have already met your quota for the 2011–2012 League year, please consider giving an angel donation to a member of the Provisional class. We welcomed over 100 Provisional members this year, many of whom have recently moved to the Philadelphia area from other parts of the country and will have difficulties meeting their quota requirement. During the quota party for Actives, we will be collecting angel donations for the Provisional class. We will have bags available to fill as well as notes cards for you to write a simple message welcoming the Provisionals to the League. We hope to see you there.

JLP Centennial Society Established

By Jodi Kerr

In this Centennial year, we are all thinking about the impact the League makes on our community and many of us are reflecting on the impact that the League has made on our lives. To honor this special year, the Board of Directors has voted to establish The JLP Centennial Society, which will be comprised of all League members who have previously elected, or will elect in the future, to include the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. in their estate plans.

Making a planned gift to the League is easily done, and it’s one of myriad ways to support an organization that has had a lasting impact on its members and continues to make a profound difference in our community.

The JLP Centennial Society is open to all members. The amount you direct to the League can be a specific amount or a percentage of your residual estate. You can leave the JLP a bequest in your will, make the League a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy, or set up a charitable gift annuity. There are many other ways to participate. It is recommended that you speak with your financial advisor and/or estate attorney for more information and to discuss other options.

In accordance with the League’s Policies & Procedures, all planned gifts to the JLP will be added to the League’s endowment, the income used to support our programs. If you prefer, you may specify a different purpose in your estate plans. The JLP Centennial Society members’ planned gifts will play a critical role in funding the League’s work in the community and ensuring that the League is financially stable for generations to come.

Your estate plans are a private matter; you will not be asked to inform the League of your gift amount. If you are willing to share this information, doing so will be helpful, but it is not a requirement. Likewise, anyone who identifies herself as a Centennial Society member will have the option of remaining anonymous in any listing. Your membership and any details you provide will be kept in strict confidence.

If you have already included the JLP in your estate plans, thank you! If you are member who will be putting the JLP in your estate plans for the first time this year, thank you! Whatever your circumstance, please contact League Bookkeeper Debbie Quinn at 610.645.9696 or jlpaccounting@jplphiladelphia.org to identify yourself as a JLP Centennial Society member so that your intention can be recorded and you can receive recognition as a founding member of the JLP Centennial Society. Also, please let Debbie know how you would like to be listed—even if it’s anonymously—in the recognition of JLP Centennial Society members.

In this Centennial year, I am grateful to each and every member for the support she gives the League. Thank you in advance for helping to make the JLP financially sound.

In the Garden with Tree House Books

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In early October, the committee hosted an event to plant a garden of winter vegetables. More than 15 children, aged 6 to 17, participated. According to Darcy Luetzow, executive director of Tree House Books, this Saturday event generated the largest turnout for the organization.

The day started off with the children working side-by-side with committee members to pick the remaining harvest from the spring plants. The group filled two large crates with tomatoes, tomatillos, green and red peppers, jalapeños, and figs. The produce was distributed to the children and their families, who do not have easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables. As soon as the garden was cleaned and prepped, the group planted onions, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and several leafy vegetables including romaine lettuce, endive, and kale.

The event ended with a discussion of vegetables that can be planted in the winter and the children were given the opportunity to taste a variety of these vegetables. During the remainder of the League year, the committee will be hosting a composting project and planning the spring vegetable garden.
Sustainer Chair’s Perspective

As we approach the holiday season, we can reflect on the many League opportunities that we have enjoyed this fall. We look forward to the holidays with family and friends and continue to be mindful of all that we have been given. We continue to be aware of the needs of others and hopefully, we will be able to reach out to others during the holiday season.

This is a special time when each of us, as part of a group or as an individual, can bring a little happiness to others. The Garden Club and the Larks do just that. Garden Club members will prepare live Christmas decorations that the Larks will give to the residents of the nursing homes where they perform.

I wish each of you all the joys of the holidays and I look forward to the excitement of the New Year—our Centennial year!

Joan

The Larks Prepare for Fall and Winter Trouping

By Jill Franks

After a summer filled with rehearsing and much camaraderie, the Larks have been busy perfecting several new pieces to perform during their fall and winter touring. With the theme of dreaming, the Larks, under the expert direction of Anjali Gallup-Diaz, are singing two songs sequentially: “Dream,” by Johnny Mercer and “Dream a Little Dream of Me,” originally sung by Gus Hahn and Wilbur Schwandt with lyrics by Fabian Andree. The latter song was made popular by Mama Cass. Perhaps even more nostalgic for the Larks is another new number, “Tonight You Belong to Me,” originally sung by the teenaged group Patience and Prudence. Not only have the Larks revived this song from the fifties, they have also added a few dance steps and a ukulele accompaniment, courtesy of Sue Dewis. Two additional pieces for the new season are “The Rose” and “You Made Me Love You.”

The touring schedule for November and December focuses on the Chester County Rehabilitation Center in Malvern, The Sisters of the Holy Child in Rosemont, Devon Senior Living, the Genesis facility in Wayne, and the Wayne Senior Center. On December 12 and 13, the Larks will be meeting at Joan Prewitt’s house where they will be joining the Garden Club members to create holiday arrangements for the patients at Genesis and the Wayne Senior Center.

This year the Larks’ annual holiday luncheon will take place on December 14 at the Tango Restaurant in Bryn Mawr. If you are interested in joining the Larks, please contact Jill Franks at jg29franks@yahoo.com.

Sustainer Cooking Klatch 2012

The January 12, 2012, Cooking Klatch will be held at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church at noon. A light lunch will be served and participants will help stock the church food cupboards in support of the Hunger Task Force. This organization serves homeless shelters and others in need in the Greater Philadelphia area. Each participant is asked to donate a bag of groceries to this organization. The event will be hosted by Sustainer Chair—Elect Nancy Hebard. Save the date: the February 9, 2012, “Soups On” luncheon will be hosted by Janney Ryan and co–hosted by Anne Sly.

To attend a luncheon or to find out more information about the group, please contact Chair Lorrie Pennell at 610.647.2881 or lorrielinpennell@verizon.net.

The Garden Club and Larks Invite You to Make Holiday Favors for Local Nursing Home Residents

The Garden Club and Larks invite Actives and Sustainers to two enjoyable workshops held on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13. We will make holiday favors for local nursing home residents. Favors will be distributed by the Larks during their holiday visits to the nursing homes. Last year, the Larks distributed more than 100 favors to delighted residents. Joan Prewitt is hosting the festive event at her home at 279 S. Warner Road, Wayne. Nancy Henry and Gail Parker are chairing the event. No experience is necessary. A light lunch will be served. R.S.V.P. to Nancy Henry at 610.356.2822 or gaganmh@aol.com.
Garden Club Update

Garden Club members enjoyed a leisurely lunch at the Henry Foundation in Gladwyne. The Foundation is internationally known for its superb botanical collection and research. Please join us for a spring tour in May 2012.

Chef, cooking teacher, and Sustainer Pam Williams shares the secrets of herb cuisine with the Garden Club.

Proud winners of awards from the Garden Club's annual Flower Show are: 1st row: Sue Rice and Sandy Williams; 2nd row: Ellen Lloyd, Betsy Macintosh, Harriet Disston, Betsy Daly, and Pat Masters.

It’s Time for Tea

Mark your calendars now and plan to catch up with League members at one of the Sustainer Teas to be held on March 13, 2012. For additional information, please contact Susan Arnold at 215.659.6128 or arnold-ba-sa@msn.com.

Afternoon Brush-Up Bridge

The Brush-Up Bridge group is open to intermediate players who are interested in learning the new bridge conventions and improving their skills while enjoying the company of fellow Sustainers. The group meets from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday and third Thursday of each month at the homes of the hostesses listed below. The group also meets on the second Friday and the fourth Wednesday of each month at Dunwoody, graciously hosted by Ginny Price. Please promptly contact the hostesses as space is limited. A substitute list of interested players is maintained.

DECEMBER
15 Annabel Wilson 610.688.7816

JANUARY
9 Bonnie Hamm 610.356.4277
13 Ginny Price 610.355.1484
29 Nancy Henry 610.356.2822 (two tables)
25 Ginny Price 610.355.1484

FEBRUARY
6 Marge Devlin 610.647.4122
10 Ginny Price 610.355.1484
16 Ann Vaughn 610.293.0870 (two tables)
22 Ginny Price 610.355.1484
Sustainer Cocktail Party–A Good Time Was Had by All!

Over 75 Sustainers, spouses, and friends attended the Sustainer cocktail party on Sunday, October 23, at Appleford in Villanova. Both new and longtime Sustainers enjoyed delicious hors d’oeuvres provided by Perfect Settings Catering. JLP President Jodi Kerr, President-Elect Marcelle Parrish, and Sustainer Chair Joan Prewitt also joined in the festivities.

From left to right: Emily Newmark, Heidi Tirjan, and Sam Soldan

From left to right: Pam and Bill Maimone, Dedee, and George Shafer

From left to right: Didi Rieger, Jean Alsentzer, and Pam Crutchfield

From left to right: Harriet Disston, Marcelle Parrish, and Dedee Shafer

From left to right: JLP President Jodi Kerr, JLP Past President Barbara Cameron, and Carol Sowers
Give... and Get Glamour

Van Cleve Gives Back

November 10:
26th Anniversary Celebration to benefit The Roskamp Institute Inc. for Alzheimer's Research – Tea 12 to 3 and cocktails 4 to 8; discounts, modeling, prizes

December 1:
Girls Night Out to benefit the Junior League of Philadelphia – Tea 12 to 4 and cocktails 4 to 8; entertainment, modeling, discounts

RSVP 610-647-5055
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Furniture of Southeastern Pennsylvania 1725–1850

Open in the Winterthur Galleries through January 8, 2012

This landmark exhibition explores the colorful and diverse furniture of southeastern Pennsylvania and the people who made, owned, inherited, and collected it. Members free. Included with admission.

For more information visit winterthur.org.

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**March issue: January 25**

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Upcoming Events

**DECEMBER**

7  Think Pink, Live Green: Reducing Breast Cancer Risk Training
10  Chaddsford Winery – Holiday Open House and Tasting
11  BOOST Camp Event
29  DIAD with MANNA

**JANUARY**

10  Ducks in a Row: Home Organization Training
17  General Membership Meeting
18  Fundamentals of Fundraising & Fund Development Training

**FEBRUARY**

2  Public Speaking Training
12  BOOST Camp Event
21  Strategic Planning & Evaluation Training

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

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