President’s Perspective

By Erin Bushnell, 2015-2016 JLP President

[Editor’s Note: This month’s President’s Perspective is the speech given by Erin Bushnell at the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.’s May 14, 2015 Annual Dinner.] I am honored and humbled to serve as the President of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. We have an impressive 103-year history and I am excited about the work that we will do together to continue that legacy. I want to thank Emily Schwarz for her tireless dedication to this organization. Your never ending energy and enthusiasm have really made this a Game On year. We have you to thank for bringing our Headquarters renovation project to a successful conclusion and I’m sure I speak on behalf of the entire League when I say thank you.

This is an exciting moment for the Junior League of Philadelphia. Our newly-renovated headquarters provides us with a beautiful place to call home. This building represents our past, present, and future. As you walk through the halls, you’ll see our history reflected on the walls and in the beautifully restored antiques. The history reminds us of all the good works we’ve accomplished in Philadelphia since Mrs. Arthur Newbold, Jr. became the first President of the Junior League of Philadelphia in 1912. Junior Leaguers in Philadelphia have trained women to vote, restored and preserved historic landmarks, improved children’s health, and provided Philadelphia with thousands of trained volunteers.

You may not know it, but I’m a big fan of musicals. There’s a British musical called Made in Dagenham based on the true story of the Ford sewing machinists’ strike. In 1968, the female workers’ jobs were downgraded from skilled to unskilled. They found out that they were to be paid less than the men and went on strike to fight this inequality. The show opens with a song that says, “If you want something done, ask a busy woman.” I think that song could have been written about Junior Leaguers. You are among the busiest, most accomplished women I know, yet you find the time to give to this organization and to Philadelphia to make it a better place. No one quite knows how to get in there and get something done like a Junior Leaguer. Simply put, we just Junior League It!

Our current focus, addressing healthy living through the Apple a Day Healthy Living Initiative™, is making strides to improve the lives of Philadelphians by providing them with access to fresh healthy food, educating them about health, wellness, and nutrition. We are empowering our members and the community to advocate on this critical issue. In the coming months, we’ll be announcing our Centennial Project. The Centennial Project Committee has met with leaders dedicated to addressing food insecurity to learn about the gaps in our system where we are failing to provide services and assistance to those in need. They have identified areas where the Junior League can step in to solve a problem. You’ll hear much more about this project and how you can get involved but, in short, we are going to Junior League It!

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Our beautiful new headquarters is where we will build the future - the future of the Junior League of Philadelphia, the future of the Greater Philadelphia community, and the future of you.

Our mission of Promoting Voluntarism, Developing the Potential of Women, and Improving the Community is why we are all here. The five-year strategic plan on which we are about to embark will give us the roadmap for how to advance our mission. The strategic plan focuses us on six goals that will strengthen our league, our members, and the community. This is the foundation on which we will build a strong future. Our goals focus around Civic and Community Impact, a Well-Governed and Sustainable League, Membership Growth and Engagement, Image and Visibility, Diversity and Inclusion, and Training and Leadership Development. As you begin your committee work next year, you will participate in crafting and refining an annual plan that will contribute to the success of achieving our goals. You’ll Junior League it!

I know that while you’re busy building the future of the League in your annual plans, and building the future of Philadelphia in your committee work, you’ll be building the future of you. You’ll be gaining new skills, making new friends, learning new things.

I can say that without a doubt, I owe a debt of gratitude to the Junior League. It has shaped my life in ways that nothing else I’ve ever been a part of has.

I joined the Junior League of Philadelphia, but transferred when I moved to Wilmington, Delaware in my first active year. When I moved back to Philadelphia, I transferred back and asked to be on a big committee where I’d meet a lot of people. A few months into the year, I hadn’t really connected with anyone yet, but I was determined to just keep showing up to everything. I went by myself to a movie premiere that the social committee organized. While I was waiting to get into the movie, I saw one person I recognized from my committee. I went over and started talking to her and the next thing I knew, she’d invited me to join her and her Junior League friends at their monthly supper club. That one conversation has led to life-long friendships and I am grateful to be part of such a welcoming community. I feel like every time I go to a Junior League event, I walk away with a few new friends and my life is richer as a result.

One year, when I was serving on a community committee placement, I was assigned to buy the supplies for the project. I went to the dollar store and loaded up on markers, glue sticks, construction paper - all of those typical craft supplies. As I was checking out, the cashier asked me if I ran a daycare. Rather than simply replying “no,” I explained that I was buying supplies for activities that kids could do with their moms when they went to visit them in prison. To my surprise, she thanked me and said that she used to look forward to those activity kits when she was in jail and her daughter came to visit her. I never thought that my simple committee assignment of buying supplies would lead me to meet someone who would thank me for the work we were doing.

I was given the opportunity to lead in the Junior League before I ever had that chance professionally. When I was interviewing for a new job, I was asked about my leadership experience. At the time, I was leading a department of two and interviewing to lead a department five times that size. I was able to explain that I had led committees and volunteers and that the skills I gained here were directly applicable to the new job. I gained confidence through the Junior League and learned that I am capable of anything I set my mind to. I “Junior Leagued” that interview and got the job.

I know that each of you have similar stories about how the Junior League has shaped you and I know that our futures and the future of Philadelphia will continue to be impacted by our involvement in this organization.

I am excited to build this future with you. I’m excited to Junior League it!
Outgoing President’s Annual Dinner Speech

By Emily Schwarz, JLP Immediate Past President

[Ed.’s Note: Emily Schwarz made the following speech at the JLP’s Annual Dinner on May 14, 2015.] As my Presidential year winds down everyone asks me the same three questions:

1. Aren’t you glad it’s almost over?
2. What are you doing next year?
3. What have you learned?

Therefore, I thought I’d use my last opportunity to answer them.

“Am I glad that this year is almost over?” is a tricky one. I would say my family is thrilled this year is almost complete, but speaking for myself, I have tried to relish in every moment and will genuinely be sad for it to end. It would be dishonest if I didn’t admit that there were difficult times when I wished someone else could be in the hot seat, but that feeling subsided quickly. Nothing would make me more proud than if women in this room followed in my footsteps. I have a list of potential candidates which extend past the Board into the Chairs and New Members. You know who you are and I’ll be speaking with Nominating about you.

“What am I doing next year?” is a much easier question to answer, but a lot harder to accomplish. I hope to continue working on goals of my Presidency that I was not able to complete ... of course with permission of Erin Bushnell and her Board.

1. Assist our incoming House Chair, Jill Bronner, with the Headquarters Administration Ad Hoc Committee. This group will develop the processes needed to run a dynamic meeting space, offices and store under one roof. Everything from scheduling room reservations, setting up for meetings, to regular cleaning need to be mapped out. Be patient, as running a “convention center” is new to the JLP.

2. Create an action plan for the Centennial Project and launch a trial of the program. This year, the Ad Hoc Centennial Project Committee, chaired by Carol Rose, performed extensive research and engaged in dialogue with Philadelphia’s leaders in the fight against hunger as well as our Sister Leagues who are focused on food insecurity. I look forward to Erin sharing the Committee’s progress with you during her term.

3. Lastly, I have been asked to serve on Boards of other organizations such as SHARE Food Program, Inc., the Village (formerly Presbyterian Children’s Village), and the World Meeting of Families. For those that don’t know, the reason the League is called the “Junior League” is because it trains women to lead in the greater community; hopefully I am ready to journey out into the nonprofit world.

To answer “What have I learned?” could take me all night. Since one of the things I have learned, thanks to the Annual Dinner survey conducted by the Education and Volunteer Training Committee, is that members want a shorter program, I’ll keep this to a top 8 list.

1. I have found that even if you really, really try you can’t always get everything done in 12 months, hence my answers to the previous question and the Headquarters opening in June instead of in May!

2. I have learned more than I will ever need to know about construction and project management thanks to the patient tutelage of Carlo Arjona, our Owners Representative from Becker and Frondorf.

3. I have learned to speak in front of large groups – there were over 500 women at the Association of Junior Leagues International’s (AJLI’s) Annual Conference where I proposed and successfully passed a Brand Marketing Advisory Resolution on behalf of the Junior League of Philadelphia! Check your AJLI emails for updates on this, they are hosting two (2) Town Hall Conversations in the coming weeks.

4. I have relearned how to create amazing female relationships, take time for things that matter to me and truly have a good time. The like-minded women that I have worked with in the League will be in my life forever.

5. I have learned to understand a Not-for-Profit Audit, complete an IRS 990 Form, and renegotiate a commercial construction loan (as my husband points out, I got a street MBA this year).

6. I have seen the impact that our League is making in the Philadelphia community. We should always strive to do more, but the lives we touch are changed forever. Be proud of your accomplishments!

7. I have learned (or at least I hope I have) how to show my family that they are a priority, even if I am out three nights of every week.

8. And last but not least, I have learned that if you wear red and black to every event no one will notice if you repeat an outfit.

I’d like to end my term the same way I began, with a powerful quote, although this one is from a famous Junior League member, Eleanor Roosevelt. “You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I have lived through this. I can take the next thing that comes along.’ You must do the thing you think you cannot.”

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful opportunity to do the thing “I didn’t think I could.” I will treasure it for all time and encourage each of you to reach for it as well.
At our Annual Dinner, the entire JLP Recognized the following committee and members for their accomplishments during the 2014-2015 League Year:

Committee of the Year: The Empowering You Health Fair Committee increased attendance by over 200 percent and encouraged one-third of Active and Provisional Members to attend. Committee Members included: Kundini Amin (Chair), MacKenzie Wessen (Chair), Elizabeth Boney, Catherine Grinnell, Julie Gunderson, Kristen Jorgensen, Paula Klotzbach, Jill Krey, Lauren Kurowski, Stephanie Lippincott, Carolyn Meisel, Jill Moniz, Elinor Quinones, Paula Strokov, Cynthia Thornton-Landis, and Lauren Woehr.

Also Nominated: The Kids in the Kitchen Committee and Social Committee.

Sustainer of the Year: Margie Patches

Provisional of the Year: Colleen Mita for being willing to work hard and for her smile and enthusiasm, including her pride in her League membership. She loves living in the suburbs and attends events in the city and suburbs. At Provisional Member meetings and socials she was engaged and asked important questions. She organized brunches, happy hours, and other events, and made connections.

Leader of the Year: Vicki Cox, Vice President of Marketing, was a member of two (2) Ad Hoc committees as well as the Management Council. She was part of the Centennial Community Project Committee and the Ad Hoc Furnishing Committee, and in late 2014 she agreed to stay on as VP of Marketing for a second term, helping the JLP’s 2014-2015 initiatives to continue to flourish. She was instrumental in obtaining publicity and assisting JLP leadership in eloquently and effectively using these opportunities.

Also Nominated: Katie Adams, Kundini Amin, MB Horvath, and Shauna Itri.

Volunteer of the Year: Lauren Woehr took charge of Marketing for the Empowering You Health Fair Committee (EYHF). One of her nominations explains that "Lauren went above and beyond assigned tasks on the marketing subcommittee on EYHF. Lauren independently researched demographic-specific centers and set personal time aside to distribute flyers. She contacted any and all news, media, and print organizations and created new contacts for the JLP. Lauren used her personal and professional experiences as a journalist to educate the marketing subcommittee and the committee chair about how to prepare press releases and communicate with media/press. Her positive and can-do attitude always supported the committee's objectives and in fact created new ones to achieve the overall marketing vision of the Empowering You Health Fair: to increase awareness and participation of community members. Lauren is positive, takes initiative, and works well in teams and independently. She is organized and is always prepared with updates and new ideas. She always has a can-do attitude and never gives up."

Also Nominated: Nikki Lynne Stephanou and Liz Downey

Apple a Day: Aronté Bennett for spearheading the design of a logo that visually projects the spirit of the JLP’s Apple a Day Healthy Living Initiative™ (AAD). Aronté hopes to accomplish and then switch to the Community Council researching, writing and launching our first Kids in the Kitchen program this year. As she finishes her year as Chair she has ensured the successful transition of the program. The Apple a Day award is given in recognition of the late Jenny Sedney, a member of our League. Jenny’s life, in both the personal and professional contexts, embodied our AAD initiative and JLP Leadership created this award to recognize other members of our League who embody what the JLP is working to create in Philadelphia.

President’s Cup: Carol Rose was recognized for completing her ten years as Treasurer-Elect and Treasurer. Although Carol had certainly earned a year off from leadership, she accepted the position of Secretary and acted as Chair of the Centennial Project Committee, which she did with great zeal. Members of JLP leadership leaned heavily on Carol to facilitate and explain both financing of the Headquarters construction project and the JLP’s 2015-2016 budget. Carol is the League’s 2015-2016 Chief Operating Officer.

Membership Anniversaries were recognized.

Five (5) Years: Kristin Allen, Olivia Baumert, Martha Cook, Kate Davis, Helke Doerr, Mairin Egge, Andrea Falciani, Elizabeth McCurdy, Elinor Quinones, Erica Saylor, Courtney Schneider, and Sarah Young.

10 Years: Emily Alexander, Kristen Corcoran, Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, Stephanie Lippincott, and Carol Rose.

15 Years: Jodi Kerr.

20 Years: Joanne Falciani.


JLP Leadership also took a moment to express its gratitude to our Loyal Staff: We thank our staff members every year, but this year Crystal Blanco, Edna Haines, Debbie Quinn, Ruth Palmer, and Patty Franks went above and beyond for the Junior League of Philadelphia, our Thrift Shop, and our membership. Patty, and her supportive husband, Derry, invited our Full Time Staff to work out of her living room for the month of January and again when the ceiling of the Shop needed to be replaced in February. Extraordinarily, Ruth and Debbie worked out of a makeshift shared office at the front of the Thrift Shop for the majority of the year. Crystal and Edna have persevered through the dusty conditions and chaos created by the construction and kept our largest fundraiser profitable.
10 Easy Things You Can Do to Support the JLP Thrift Shop

By Christyn Moran, Thrift Shop Chair

Summer is here! Don't forget about the JLP Thrift Shop when your shore weekends, family barbecues, weddings, and showers kick into high gear.

The Thrift Shop survived being closed for JLP Headquarters renovations during the months of January and February and proudly reopened on Saturday, March 7, 2015. The Thrift Shop has been the largest source of revenue for the JLP for a long time, ordinarily raising more than $600,000 per year.

With the loss of two months of revenue this year, it is more important now than ever that all JLP members make the Thrift Shop a priority. Below are ten (10) convenient kinds of donations that will help support the Shop's revenues and the League's programming.

10. Winter wear. We all have sweaters, leggings, and boots that we never quite wore this winter, and are useless now that temps are climbing. Toss them in a bag or box and hang onto them. Winter items start hanging on August 1, 2015, which is right around the corner.

9. Gadgets galore. Check out those lower kitchen cabinets or your pantry. We bet you have one appliance or gadget that is taking up precious space in your kitchen, but that you never use. Bread maker or immersion blender, anyone? The Shop would love to have it.

8. Bridesmaid dresses. Need we say more? Face it, you really are never going to wear it again. Bag it up and bring it in with your quota.

7. Lilly overload. Have you been photographed more than twice in that Lilly dress you love and got for a steal at the warehouse sale? It has held up its end of the bargain. Time to pay it forward for someone else to enjoy. Plus, you do not want a third photo. We promise!

6. Perused paperbacks (and hardbacks too). Once read, they are well-read. Let someone else enjoy the plot twists that you loved the first time around.

5. Guys' gear. Are you tired of seeing your husband or significant other wear the same shirt every time you meet friends for drinks? One day while he isn't around, sneak into his closet and bag up those three shirts he has in constant rotation. Afraid he will be upset? Just remind him that you love him forever and also love all the JLP's good work.

4. Pretty and pointless. Did you inherit your grandmother's crystal or china? Ask yourself, "Will I really ever host a dinner party for 18 with 6 courses?" If the answer is no, do not feel badly. Just box it up and bring it in with your quota. And then go watch a Downton Abbey rerun – Aunt Millie would be proud!

3. Wine not? We bet you have at least 3 wine openers in your kitchen at this very second. One that you always use, one that you use when company is over, and one that is still in its packaging. Bring that last one in! And don't forget those orphaned wine glasses.

2. Registry rubbish. Wedding gifts still in boxes? Ask yourself, "Will this ever come out of the box?" If you even think that the answer is no, bring them in! Who cares if they came from your in-laws? We won't tell!

1. Designer duds! We know that you spent your hard-earned money to buy them, and that you love them and are proud to have them. When you are finished with them, we will love them, too. It's as simple as that!

We look forward to seeing you at the Shop!

Gardening "Outside the Box" at Second Annual Container Gardening Workshop

By Heike Doerr, SHARE Committee Chair

Many city dwellers presume they can't have a garden if they live in the city. That's not the case at all! A multitude of herbs and plants can thrive growing in pots, even inside. On May 16, 2015 the Junior League's SHARE Committee (recently renamed "FED at SHARE") and Farm Explorer Committee teamed up with Greener Partners and the Share Food Program, Inc. (SHARE) to provide a container gardening workshop at SHARE. Incorporating fresh herbs is a great way to add some variety to meals!

Workshop participants explored the sights and smells of spring by examining the various flowers, plants, and herbs that were growing on the Farm Explorer™ Mobile Garden. On Greener Partners' Smoothie Bike, attendees were put to work blending up a delicious lemonade slushy, made from lemons, ice, and fresh herbs pulled right off of the plants on the Mobile Garden. Gardener Jonathan Hamm of Greener Partners was on hand to answer questions regarding plants currently in season and native to the region.

Afterwards, participants enjoyed a hands-on gardening lesson as they planted their own herb gardens. Everyone chose their own colorful pot and select a few herbs, including purple basil, chives, mint, oregano, parsley, and green bell pepper plants. SHARE's Gardener Michelle Lawson and members of the SHARE Committee assisted with building the gardens and answering questions about how to keep the plants flourishing at home. To help our new gardeners, we sent everyone home with gardening tips and recipes to use in making dinners more interesting. Check out some of the tips below!

Container Garden Care Tips

- **Don't crowd your plants** - they need room to grow.
- **Plants in a container need to be watered more frequently** (especially if it's really hot). Plan to water your container at least once per day.
- **Place containers in a location that receives plenty of sunlight during the day.**
- **Harvest cucumbers, peppers and herbs regularly or as they ripen. Remove dead and diseased stems and leaves.**
Gardening at SHARE

By Heike Doerr, SHARE Committee Chair

In a former industrial site, an urban garden is flourishing. SHARE Food Program, Inc. (SHARE), a community partner of the Junior League, has used an old factory space in North Philadelphia to build two high tunnel greenhouses and elevated gardening beds, and to grow an orchard. In her first year as SHARE’s Director of Urban Agriculture, Michelle Lawson is busy managing the garden.

Growing season began in mid-January when the first seeds were planted indoors. By March, those seeds began to germinate into seedlings and were moved outdoors into the raised beds in April and May. Throughout the summer a variety of produce will cycle through the growing process including collard greens, kale, cabbage, eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, spinach, cucumbers, and beans. Lawson relies on volunteers, including Junior League members, for help. In the height of the summer and through the fall harvest, up to 50 weekly volunteer hours are needed to maintain the garden and orchard.

This produce is distributed through SHARE in several different ways. Some produce is earmarked for SHARE’s local food box distribution program, while some is sold at SHARE’s onsite farm stand and still more is distributed to nursing homes through another program. Last year, over 6,000 pounds of produce was harvested in SHARE’s urban garden space. In keeping with its mission of education and access, SHARE also hosts urban gardening classes. Members of the community, both children and adults, are invited to learn about how to create a self-sustaining garden in their own living space. In addition, Lawson is renewing a program this year that will sell seedlings to assist people in kicking off their gardens.

Beginner Urban Gardening Tips

Advice from SHARE’s Director of Urban Agriculture, Michelle Lawson, on how to grow your own produce – in whatever space you have available!

1. Look at your space. Determine how much sunlight your potential garden area gets each day. Most vegetables need at least 6 to 8 hours of sunlight daily. Some good vegetables to choose include tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, if you don’t have enough sunlight, herbs, like mint, do well in moderate shade. So do heartier vegetables like swiss chard and lettuce.

2. If you don’t have the space to grow produce directly in the ground, decide if using containers can work for you.

3. Start with seedlings, which are young plants that have already sprouted. You can purchase seedlings from SHARE or another garden supply store.

4. Water your plants often! Plants growing in containers should be watered once per day. If you grow plants in the ground, pay attention to the amount of rain received and the heat index. In the spring and early summer, once a week is probably sufficient. However, where the heat index increases probably every day to every other day is best.

And the Winner Is...

By Ellen Lloyd, Garden Club Hotline Liaison

The Garden Club’s traditional Flower Show was held May 15 at Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square. The theme, “Double Trouble”, required contestants in the Design Division to use mirrors or to create matching twin arrangements. Amy Webersinn won a blue ribbon for her lovely arrangement of white flowers reflected in a mirror below the container. Her submission also won the “Best of Show” ribbon, topping all the arrangements in the Design Division. Meanwhile, the Horticulture Division included a wonderful variety of cut flowers, potted plants, and flowering branches. After the show and the Annual Meeting, members enjoyed lunch at Nancy Henry’s Dunwoody apartment.

Kids in the Kitchen

By Sara Grossman, Kids in the Kitchen 2015-2016 Committee Chair

The first round of the Junior Leagues’ Kids in the Kitchen (KITK), in partnership with Christopher Columbus Charter School, was a great success! The sixteen week long program provided students with a hands-on opportunity to learn about nutrition and healthy eating.

Each week, 20-25 students, engaged and eager to learn, enjoyed preparing and trying new foods. Students and their families celebrated together at the kickoff and closing ceremonies. Highlights of these events included juice toasts, fun and educational activities, and goodies to take home.

Led by Aronte Bennett, Chair, and Sara Grossman, Chair-Elect, the hardworking KITK committee pitched in for a variety of tasks including shopping for and delivering food each week, preparing the curriculum, training school staff, and collecting program evaluations. The committee began its second round with community partners at Universal Institute Charter School in early May, where the Kids in the Kitchen program is being integrated into sixth graders’ health class curriculum. The committee looks forward to many more rounds of this fruitful and fun program.
League-Wide Service Day Fosters Teamwork Between New Members

By Caitlyn Sell, Provisional Course Chair

This year, in an effort to make a greater impact in the community and create another opportunity for all JLP Provisional Members to get together, Provisional Course Co-Chairs Allison Bedrosian and Renee Howell created the League-Wide Service Day credit. This provisional credit is a recreation of the previous year’s Provisional Member class project; at a League-Wide Service Day, Provisional Members are given the opportunity to work closely together on a community project similar to a Done in A Day (DIAD). League-Wide Service Days are open to all members of the JLP, but the majority of participants are enthusiastic Provisional Members creating a collaborative environment and opportunity for Provisional Members to get to know each other by working in teams. Over 50 JLP Provisional Members signed up for a League-Wide Service Day at SHARE Food Program, Inc. in North Philadelphia, where they completed various tasks, including bagging and boxing healthy meals to be distributed families our region. JLP Members also participated in a League-Wide Service Day on October 18, 2014 at another one of our community partners, Greener Partners.

JLP Members Enjoy ODI Conference

By Jill Bronner, Kristin Allen, Earthen Johnson, and Ashley Magrath

You may have heard about JLP members attending “ODI” and wondered what this acronym stands for. The JLP’s umbrella organization, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), holds Organizational Development Institute (ODI) conferences in order to educate League members from all over the United States. Multiple course tracks are offered at each ODI conference. Over the weekend of February 20-22, 2015, the JLP sent Kristin Allen, Earthen Johnson, Ashley Magrath and Jill Bronner to Grapevine, Texas to attend the spring ODI conference.

While at ODI, Earthen and Jill attended a course track called “Building Internal Capacity: Strengthening Your League’s Operating Infrastructure”, which was led by Martha Ferry, a consultant. The Internal Capacity track included sessions such as Controlling League Operations, Risk Management, Human Resources, and Budgeting. With the recent completion of our new headquarters in Ardmore, we found that discussions about management of property, employment best practices, and long term goal planning were particularly helpful. As the 2015-2016 House Chair, Jill found these discussions particularly relevant as she will be creating the procedures by which we manage this new JLP space. Members of Junior Leagues from other cities discussed problems they have had to address with respect to their facilities, which provided us with some great “dos and don’ts”. We are looking forward to putting our knowledge to good use.

Kristin, the JLP’s 2015-2016 Parliamentarian, attended the “Governing for Excellence” track which focused on how to achieve the League’s mission through effective governance strategies. The track was led by AJLI’s Chief Officer for Strategic Initiatives, Anne Dalton. Topics covered included governing vs. managing and the link between them, understanding the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, Management Council and Nominating committee, and the key role that Nominating plays in supporting the strategic leadership for maximum impact. As an outgoing Nominating committee member and an incoming Board member, Kristin said the sessions provided excellent training which she will undoubtedly leverage as she continues on her path in the JLP.

Ashley, VP of Fundraising for the 2015-2016 League Year, attended the “Diversified Fund Development” track, which focused on fundraising and comprehensive funding. This track was led by JuWon Choi, who is the Director of Learning for AJLI. Choi stressed the importance of developing a diversified fund development plan. Choi broke down fundraising efforts into categories so that they were easy to understand. She shared insight on raising funds from earned income, institutional founders, individuals, and special events. When asked about the conference, Ashley said, “As we work on the diversified fund development plan for the upcoming year, it is important that we determine how we are adding value to the community, whom we are trying to help, and why we even exist. I look forward to working with the fundraising council to develop and implement the JLP’s 2015-2016 fund development plan. We hope to educate and engage members of our mission and foster a strong culture of philanthropy among league members.”

Attending ODI is an amazing experience. In addition to learning the hows and whys of accomplishing our goals as a nonprofit, attendees are given the opportunity to meet hundreds of women from all over the country who are just as passionate about the Junior League. The experience is absolutely life-changing and if you have the chance to go to ODI, go.
Year-End Soirees End the League Year With an Exclamation Point

By Margie Patches, Sustainer Chair

All League members toasted to another great year at the Annual Dinner, held on May 14, 2015 at the Clothier Room in Wynnewood. The festivities followed the prior month’s Annual Sustainer Social, held on April 17, 2015 at Villanova’s Appleford Estate. Sustainers enjoyed a lovely spring night with food, drink, and wonderful jazz music provided by the Villanovans.

Sustainer Members Sharon McNamara and Debra Marsteller living it up!

Sustainers Pam Crutchfield, Sustainer Chair Deedie O’Donnell, and Karen Nagel.

Sustainers Sally Hillyer and Burse Helleran catching up at the Sustainer Social.

Deedie O’Donnell and Sustainer Members Betsy Mallon, Debra Marsteller, and Jane Sagendorph painting the town red!

Sustainer Social Chairs, Anne Simpson and Sally Jannetta, enjoying the party with their husbands, Fred and Tony, at Appleford.

Sustainers Marilyn Sprague, Didi Rieger, and Joan Prewitt having a blast with Bill Sprague and Dave Prewitt.

Sustainer Chair Margie Patches celebrating a wonderful League year with Terri Young, Heidi Tirjan, and Junior League supporters.
Special Sustainers Fêted At Spring Membership Meeting Luncheon

By Margie Patches, Sustainer Chair

JLP Sustainer Members met April 26, 2015 for our lovely annual luncheon and membership meeting at Merion Cricket Club. The Larks provided entertainment and we had a chance to honor a few special Sustainers, who have achieved Sustainer Emeritus status due to their long tenure in the League.

Our 2015 Sustainers Emeritus are phenomenal women who have reached a great milestone in their lives. The JLP congratulates and thanks you for all your work over the years!

Anne Vaughn: Anne started her league career in Atlanta in 1957, transferring here in 1968. Later, she transferred to the Junior League of Fort Lauderdale, but made her way back and has spent the rest of her league career here in Philadelphia.

Bright Judson: Bright joined the JLP in 1956 and kept busy with many committees. She then took some time off, but then came back to us as a Sustainer in 2000.

Elizabeth MacIntosh: Elizabeth joined the JLP in 1960 and made stops in the Junior Leagues of Rochester and Baltimore, before returning to Philadelphia. Elizabeth still keeps busy by volunteering with the JLP.

Nancy Stevens: Nancy started her Junior League career in Wilkes-Barre in 1969. She later transferred here in 1972. Since then, her calendar has been filled with time spent supporting the JLP.
Sustainers Get ‘Er Done in a Day

By Margie Patches, 2014-2015 Sustainer Chair

Sustainer Members recently joined other JLP volunteers for a Done In a Day at Woodford Mansion and Strawberry Mansion with our community partner, the Philadelphia Orchard Project. We weeded, mulched and planted on a beautiful day in Fairmount Park.

Sustainers Jeanette Schlegel, Margie Patches, Susan Mease, Deodie O’Donnell, Sam Soldan, Mary Hinds, and Bertina Whytehead ready to work.

Sustainer Sam Soldan and her son, James, digging up fun at Woodford Mansion.

Please welcome some of our newest Sustainers:

Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, Jennifer Morgan and Skelly Holmbeck
Thank you, 2014-2015 Annual Fund Donors!

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17 Applications for Seattle ODI Due
20 New Member Meet & Greet at Bourbon Blue

AUGUST
13 New Member Meet & Greet at JLP Headquarters
19 New Member Meet & Greet at Mixto

SEPTEMBER
2 New Member Meet & Greet at Jonathan Adler
12 Provisional Kick-Off
16 General Membership Meeting

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