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This year the Junior League celebrates its 89th year of service to the Pittsburgh community. We celebrated at our September GMM with a cake from Bethel Bakery.

We are excited about celebrating our 90th year!

An ad hoc committee has been formed to plan the celebration of our 90th year.

We are hoping to celebrate with a cocktail party at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

If you are interested in working on the committee, please email Christina Johansen at christinakjohansen@gmail.com.

As planning progresses, information will be included in the blasts.



President's Message

I am truly honored to have been selected by the talented women of the Junior League of Pittsburgh as your 2011-2012 President and I am proud of and amazed by positive change your Board has already accomplished this year.

In this year, the 89th year of the Junior League of Pittsburgh it is important that we celebrate and honor our heritage while at the same time setting our sites toward the horizon. When I reflect on all that League members and leaders have accomplished in our rich history I am grateful. These women were pioneers who created a better way of life for the citizens of our great region and for the women of their era and for future generations. Their hard work paved a pathway to ensure that women like me would have opportunities to excel at home, at work and in the community.

Even with all of this progress, there is still much more work to be done. Perhaps now more than ever the Junior League is the one organization that can effectively provide training and skills development experiences for women so that they can achieve their goals and dreams. In addition, the Junior League is uniquely positioned to make an immediate impact with our community partners because our ability to act quickly and effectively. When I think about this unique opportunity for Leagues around the country and our own League here in Pittsburgh, I am so proud of our organization and how we can impact the place we call home.

I am also energized by our potential and all that our League members can accomplish in the future. I am looking forward to next October when our League will celebrate our 90th year. I am so excited to pay tribute to all of the women who have come before me, who have given their all for the community and for other women. Most importantly, I can't wait to discover how we will create an impact on our region for years to come with the selection of our next Community Impact Partner. It is a great time to be a member of this thriving and important organization.

With Gratitude,



President



Mission

We are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. We reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Women Building Better Communities

For more than 85 years, the Junior League of Pittsburgh has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live.

Junior League members, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, interests and professional pursuits, work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions and work for change. Time and time again, the Junior League is among the first organizations to step up and tackle our community's biggest challenges.

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Save the Dates!

General Membership Meetings

Thanks to our Events Chairs for securing a great meeting location! 2011/2012 GMM's will be held at the Pittsburgh Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and Suites located at One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Socials will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with a cash bar. Come each month to catch up with other Leaguers and hear the latest JLP news!

December 10, 2011

January 11, 2012

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

JLPGH Book Club

In August we read *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin. Gretchen (mother of two) wasn't depressed and she wasn't unhappy - but felt she could use more happiness (and less nagging) in her life.

She wanted to enjoy life more. So....

She researched happiness and resolved to follow monthly personal goals for a year with the intention that her actions would create her own happiness. For example, January is all about removing the clutter and clearing space in your home. (Sound familiar?)

Gretchen observes that "outer order contributes to inner calm," and many of her resolutions are clutter-clearing focused. Do you agree that clutter affects your happiness?

November's Book Club Selection :: "Room"

by Emma Donoghue

November 11, 2011

Hosted by Mary Kate Coleman

Visit the JLP website for additional details!

JLPGH Movie Nights

On Tuesday August 23, 2011, 38 Junior League of Pittsburgh members — including actives, Gold Actives, Provisionals, and Sustainers, gathered at the SouthSide Works Cinema to view the movie version of Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel, *The Help*. The Membership and Diversity Committees collaborated to plan this successful event.

The Help is centered on early 1960s life in segregated Jackson, Mississippi. Several of the main characters were members of their local Junior League. Although the league portrayed in the movie is purely fictional, the portrayal of the Junior League in the movie provided an excellent opportunity for our own JLP Members to reflect on the growth of our organization over time and to realize how far the organization has come in addressing the critical issue of diversity and racial relations.

Provisionals Class 2011

Junior League of Pittsburgh is excited to welcome these 50 amazing ladies as they join in our efforts to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Nakia Beasley
Mary Binker
Melissa Blackford
Eliza Bowman
Audra Byer
Nicole Coleman
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Sandhya Sharma
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Melissa Spieler
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Cyndi Swartz
Teresa Tao
Eve Tasios
Christina Torres
Jessie Walters
Laura Ward
Britaini Watterson



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PITTSBURGH'S AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW: IT'S MORE THAN JUST GLITZ AND GLAM By Amy Vanderveen, 2011 AGFS Chair

In an ideal world, we all would take time at the end of each day to reflect upon our contributions to the community and the goals we wish to accomplish. However, it was not until last year, when I completed my first year in the Junior League of Pittsburgh as a Provisional, that I truly began to realize the meaning of giving back to the community and the importance of lending a helping hand to those in need.

Following my Provisional year, I was given the opportunity to become the 2011 American Girl Fashion Show Chair! So far, this position has been an eye-opening experience with respect to all of the planning that goes into each of the Junior League of Pittsburgh's amazing events, as well as the strong relationships the League has developed over the years with various organizations located throughout Pittsburgh. It has also been an inspirational experience working with the Committee to raise money for the Junior League of Pittsburgh's Healthy Kids Initiative. Over the past three years, the American Girl Fashion Show has raised more than \$85,000 for this wonderful cause, and this year, it is the hope of the American Girl Fashion Show Committee to have our most profitable year yet! In furtherance of our goal, this year's Committee has come up with several new fundraising activities, including the participation in Macy's "Shop For a Cause" event, as well as adding an exciting new girls' accessory vendor to the Shows!

The American Girl Fashion Shows will be held over the weekend of November 19-20, 2011, at the Twentieth Century Club located in Oakland. This beautiful venue resembles a dollhouse, and we have planned many exciting activities to give our guests a unique Fashion Show experience. Although we are all busy – whether it be with work, children, planning weddings, etc. – I strongly encourage each of you to consider participating in the many volunteer opportunities available to members of the Junior League of Pittsburgh and the American Girl Fashion Show. Big or small, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "you must be the change you wish to see in the world."

AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW SHIFTS

Shifts are available for show weekend and rehearsals. Each member is encouraged to sign up for and complete a four-hour shift.

***All of the following shifts are at The Twentieth Century Club**

NOV 12th - Saturday (Dress Rehearsal)
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

NOV 19th - Saturday (Fashion Show!)
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

NOV 20th - Sunday (Fashion Show!)
11:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.

***To sign up - visit the calendar page on jlpgh.org**

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY Hill House Event

By: Megan Worbs :: Inclusion & Diversity Co-Chair

On Tuesday September 20th five Junior League of Pittsburgh Members, including our Membership and Community Directors, Research and Development Chair, and Inclusion and Diversity co-chairs, facilitated a lunch at the Hill House which brought together 24 representatives from different community organizations to brainstorm ways the Junior League of Pittsburgh can help the children of the Hill District. The lunch was hosted by the Hill House Economic

Development Group and it presented a wonderful opportunity for the JLP to begin establishing relationships with different youth organizations that have a presence in the Hill District. We also took the time to explain our Request for Proposal process so that we can have some great applicants for our next Signature Project. In the interim, the results of this meeting should hopefully lead to more opportunities for our members in the form of Done in a Day's (DIAD). Making these connections was a great way to spread the word of all the wonderful work the JLP has done, and will continue to do, for the city of Pittsburgh.

Profiles

Jen Daurora – President

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I grew up in Peters Twp and purchased my Grandparents home in Baldwin eight years ago. I live with my fiance Lenny and my two rescue dogs - Riley 8 and Finn 2 - both adopted from Animal Friends.

Where do you work?

I work as part of the leadership team for our family business McGinnis Sisters Special Food Stores

What year did you join the League? 2003

Why did you join?

To meet new people, to gain the skills I knew only the League could offer to a young 20-something professional and to become more involved with the community without being held to one volunteer opportunity.

What positions have you held?

Membership Development Committee (MDC - now the New Member Committee), MDC Director, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Placement Advisor, Governance Committee, President-Elect and now President.

What is your goal for the 2011/2012 League year?

My goal for the year is for each member to feel connected to the League so that together we can invest in and have a greater impact on our community.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I am so impressed with the work done by our members, Chairs and Board as we work toward our 90th year as a League. I am so proud to be a part of this organization which has done so much for Pittsburgh and yet has so much potential.

Christina Johansen – President Elect

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I'm from Northern Virginia (Springfield), I currently live in Wexford with my husband Trey and our son, Wyatt. We have two dogs (Bianca and Vixen) and a cat (Holly).

Where do you work?

FedEx Ground

What year did you join the League? 2005

Why did you join?

I joined the League to make friends and to give back. During my years in the League I have made many close friends and had the opportunity to give back. I have also been fortunate enough to serve on the Board of Directors for four years.

What positions have you held?

Recruitment Chair, Secretary, Membership Development Committee Director, President Elect, Education and Events Director

Kristina Fausti-Broumand – Secretary

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I grew up in Conway, PA (30 miles northwest of Pittsburgh) and now live in the Strip District with my husband and our cat (Angelo) and dog (Riley).

Where do you work?

I am the General Counsel for fi360 in Bridgeville.

What year did you join the League?

I joined the Junior League of Washington in 2003 and transferred in 2009.

Why did you join?

I wanted to be more involved in the community and the League provided a gateway for community involvement.

What positions did you hold?

When I was in the Junior League of Washington, I served as Transfer Committee Chair, IONA Senior Services Committee Chair, and Adult Community Placements Council Director. I also have served in a mentor in both the Washington and Pittsburgh Leagues.

What is your favorite JLP memory?

Favorite JLP memory was volunteering for Strong Women Strong Girls during an event sponsored by the Pitt Womens Basketball team for the Girl Scouts. It was awesome seeing all of the girls get excited about sports and seeing what they can accomplish.

What is your goal for this year?

My goal for the year is to ensure that all of our members have a positive experience in the community and form their own favorite JLP memories. I encourage members who have questions about the League and leadership opportunities to contact me.

Anything else you would like to share?

I'm so proud to serve in a leadership position for the JLP and am looking forward to seeing our members' impact on the community this year.

Angel Mazack – Treasurer

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I grew up in the Brighton Heights area of Pittsburgh. I now live in Buffalo Township (which is in the southeast corner of Butler County) with my husband Mike and our two cats, Chi and Shadow.

Where do you work?

I've worked at Highmark for over 9 years, but recently accepted a new job as a Compliance Program Manager with Aon Hewitt. I start with my new company on October 10th.

What year did you join the League? 2008

Why did you join?

Jen Grossman first told me about the JLP. When I did some research, I was amazed to learn about the impact the JLP has had on Pittsburgh and the amazing projects that the JLP has been involved with through the years.

What positions have you held?

KITK Fund Development Chair and Committee Treasurer (during my provisional year)
MDC Provisional Training Chair
Treasurer-Elect
Treasurer

What is your favorite JLP memory?

During my provisional year, I really enjoyed working on the KITK program at the Hill House. The children loved the program and asked if we could come back every week. They enjoyed interacting with the chefs and nutritionist from the University of Pittsburgh, and really appreciated the goodie bags that we gave them. I was so proud that we had raised all of the money needed to support the program and obtained such a large amount of in-kind donations and grants. It was a great sense of accomplishment to create a program from scratch... to plan it, fund it, and implement it... all through the power of provisionals!

Jennifer Danquist-Kilgore – Treasurer Elect

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I was born in Madrid, Spain. I've lived in Puerto Rico; New Canaan, CT; Carmel, IN; New York City, NY; Denver, CO and moved to downtown Pittsburgh, PA six years ago with my incredible husband, Todd.

Where do you work?

Marco Contractors, Inc. - a national general contractor (commercial construction).

What year did you join the League? 2006

Why did you join?

My mother is a sustainer in Indianapolis, IN; so because of her. I also wanted to meet other women and volunteer in the community.

What positions have you held?

85th Anniversary Chair; American Girl Fashion Show Chair; Fund Development Director; Treasurer-Elect

What is your favorite quote?

"...it is about today, tomorrow and life as the big picture. It is about inspiring our generation, providing something of substance and culture and above all doing it with integrity and as a united family, a close knit community." --RVCA Founder

Heidi Gillespie – Membership Director

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I grew up outside of Harrisburg, went to college at University of Delaware, moved to Pittsburgh in 2004, and now I live in McMurray with my husband Doug and our two dogs (Moose and Bella). I also have 23 nieces and nephews!

Where do you work? ADP

What year did you join the League? 2005

Why did you join?

I wanted to find a way to connect with to give back to my community.

What positions have you held?

Recruitment Chair, Huggies Every Little Bottom Advisor, Touch-a-Truck Co-Chair, Nominating Committee Member, Membership Director, Communications Committee, Show House Gala Committee, Events Committee Member

What is your favorite quote (or two)?

"The universe may not always play fair, but at least it's got a hell of a sense of humor." Carrie Bradshaw

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary." Steve Jobs

Amy Welsh – Communications Director

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I'm from Ft. Worth Texas and I moved to Pittsburgh in August of 2008. I currently live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh with my husband Joe and my Newfoundland puppy, Phoebe.

Where do you work?

I am a loan officer for NVR Mortgage and work exclusively for Ryan Homes.

What year did you join the League?

I originally joined Junior League in Ft Worth TX in 2006 and I started in the Pittsburgh League in 2009.

Why did you join?

I joined the league to give myself experience with other community organizations and to be involved in making a difference. I have continued to stay in the league due to the lifelong friendships that I have made.

What positions have you held?

2006-2007 JL Ft Worth - Provisional Placement (Camp Chaachter at TCU for Presbyterian Night Shelter)
2007-2008 JL Ft Worth - Team Leader (aka Chair) for the Baylor All Saints Community Placement
2008-2009 - Took a Year off due to relocation to Pittsburgh.
2009-2010 - JLP - Provisional
2010 - 2011 - JLP - DIAD Chair
2011 - 2010 - Communications Director

What is your favorite JLP memory?

My favorite JLP memory was working a DIAD Shift for Variety Children's Charity at their 2010 Oktoberfest Gala. I was the DIAD Chair that year and I made it possible for the JLP volunteers to bring their significant others as an additional volunteer for the event. It was so much fun for my husband and I to get all dressed up (black tie) and we got to work the auction tables. We had an absolute blast and my husband got to see what the Junior League did as part of a DIAD shift. He continues to ask me when our next "joint" DIAD adventure is going to be.

Amy Giammatteo – Fund Development Director

Where are you from? Where do you live?

I am from Ocean City, New Jersey, and I now live in Scott Township in the South Hills.

Where do you work?

I am a stay at home mom. I have three children, Mia 8, Michael 6, and Marco 4. We have two dogs and a cat and my house feels a little like a zoo! I have just celebrated my 10th wedding anniversary with my hubby, Mike.

When did you join the League? Why?

I joined the league 4 years ago so I could get out of the house and meet like minded women.

What is your favorite JLP memory?

Last year I was the Touch a Truck co-chair along with Heidi Gillespie. We had a very successful event and a lot of fun planning it.

What is your goal for the 2011/2012 League year?

My goal this year is to do a good job filling Jenny Danquist's shoes and keeping the FUN in Fund Development!

Profiles

Eileen Bundy - Community Council Director

Where are you from? Where do you live?

I was born and raised in Columbus, OH, and I currently live in Freedom, PA. After graduating from The Ohio State University I moved to Charleston, SC where my husband was stationed. We have a little girl chocolate Labrador named Kahlua and my husband and I agree Kahlua is the best, most expensive thing we do! Anyone who knows me, knows that my puppy dog is spoiled.

Where do you work?

I work for Businessmap, a company that secures federal money for schools in Ohio, Michigan, Florida, and they are looking to expand into Pennsylvania.

When did you join the League? Why?

I joined the Junior League in the fall of 2006 in Charleston, South Carolina. My cousin who was (and is) a member of Wichita, Kansas league encouraged me to join because I was having a hard time making friends in a new city while my husband was on active duty in the United States Navy.

What positions have you held?

While in the Charleston, South Carolina league I enjoyed serving on their Community Assessment and Development Committee and found the task of selecting deserving community partners to receive small grants rewarding. After my husband completed his tenure with the US Navy his job landed us in Pittsburgh!

What is your favorite JLP memory?

My favorite JLP memory was during my first transfer year in JLP. I headed to the Wear After Shop in Bloomfield early on a Saturday morning to take my quota, work a shift and visit the store for the first time. I was delighted to meet 10 other ladies all in the basement hanging and sorting clothes. It was that day that I met some of my dearest JLP friends and I will treasure that memory!

Is there anything else you would like to share?

As the Community Council Director I could not be more excited with where the league is headed and I'm honored to serve with such an amazing group of women who are so committed to our community! I appreciate each and every diaper purchased, selfless hours donated during a Done in a Day, Strong Women Strong Girls, or Kids in the Kitchen shift and beyond! From the bottom of her heart, "Thank you!"

Heather Chronis - Sustainer Co-Director

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I'm from a large Raleigh family, and I'm now living in Shadyside with my cat LBJ. I have a great boyfriend, Michael Danek.

Where do you work?

Formerly a Sales Representative in Biotech Pharmaceutical Industry with a specialty in the renal/endocrine arena, now a Sales Consultant in the fashion and jewelry business.

When did you join the JLP? Why?

I joined the JLP in 1996 to be active in the community and make new friendships

What positions have you held?

Positions held include Communications Director (2 years) and Silent Witness Initiative Chair

What is your goal for the 2011/2012 League year?

Goal for the year is to re-engage a large number of Sustainers as we head into our 90th year!

Betsy Teti - Sustainer Co-Director

Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I am originally from Canfield, Ohio. I have lived in Mt. Lebanon for 25 years with my husband, Tom (we have been married for 27 years). We have a son, Andrew, who teaches 8th grade math in Charleston, WV (and is getting married next July!) and a 16 year old daughter, Julia, who is a junior at Mt. Lebanon HS. We have 3 kitties and a 1 year old Westie named Duncan.

Where do you work?

I have an etiquette consulting business, EQ Essentials Inc.

When did you join the League? What positions have you held?

I joined the JLP in 1985 and have held many positions from Training Chair to President (1993-1994). I was also honored to serve as a Service Provider from 1994-1996 for AJLI. I loved meeting wonderful women from all over the Pittsburgh area and, ultimately with AJLI, from across the country. I treasure my years as a member of the Junior League. The training, friendships and community partnerships can be found no where else.



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JLP SIGNATURE PROJECT

By: Stephanie Hoogendoorn: R&D Chair

The Research and Development Committee is looking for JLP's next signature project. Thanks to all our members who completed the survey about your interests. Your feedback has been outstanding! The R&D Committee is now reviewing your comments and is using them as we move forward in this process. To inform our newer members and remind those long-standing members, here are a few facts about the signature project:

- **The focus of the 2012 Signature Project will be the unmet needs of children ages 0-12 in Allegheny County. The focus is children because our major fundraiser is currently the American Girl Fashion Show (AGFS), and our contract with AG requires that all proceeds raised benefit children 0-12 years of age.**
- **JLP will provide funding and trained volunteers. The amount of funding will be determined by the profits from the 2011 AGFS.**
- **The ideal community partner will:**
 - **Provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for JLP members including project planning and program development**
 - **Create a positive community impact**
 - **Plan for continuation beyond JLP financial and volunteer support**
 - **Provide evidence of their organization's fiscal responsibility and public accountability.**

Selection Process

Stage 1: Organizations submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the JLP that details the project and addresses criteria listed above. The RFP will explicitly detail the criteria that JLP will use to select the project, as well as the project duration (1, 2, or 3 years) and available funding.

Stage 2: Approximately 3 finalists will be selected to present their project before the JLP membership. The membership will vote on the finalists. The signature project will be selected based on the highest number of points received and on a commitment of JLP members to provide the necessary leadership and volunteer support.

Here's the working selection process timeline:

- September 14, 2011: Launch the membership survey
- October 15, 2011: Surveys due
- October - November: R&D reviews the survey results and drafts the RFP, accordingly
- December 1, 2011: RFP released on the JLP website and emailed to potential community partners
- February 1, 2012: Deadline for JLP to receive RFPs
- February-March 2012: R&D committee reviews RFPs and may conduct site visits of potential finalists
- March 25, 2012: R&D submits ballot of finalists to the Board of Directors
- Early April 2012: Organizations who submitted a RFP are notified if they have been selected as a finalist or not
- April 11, 2012: Finalists present their proposed projects at the April GMM
- Late April 2012: Notification of final project selection
- May 2012: The organization with the selected project attends the Annual JLP meeting to address membership.
- Fall 2012: Funding and volunteer support begins



Girls on the Run and Done In A Day (DIAD)

By: Beckey Gable: DIAD Chair

This fall we have worked with Girls on the Run for two DIAD opportunities. We worked the Healthy Living Cornhole and Smart Living Can Jam games at a "Party for a Purpose" event in July. In September, we broke out our best kicks to help with their Sneaker Bash fundraiser held at La Casa Narcisi Winery.

Girls on the Run is a national program and sponsored locally by Magee Women's Hospital. Girls on the Run is a learning program for girls ages eight to thirteen. The program combines training for a 5K run with self-esteem building, healthy living and education. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual, and physical development. The program is conducted in the fall and spring at local schools. Our local Girls on the Run organizations supports programs in seven local counties.

This fall the girls will run in the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run on December 10th on the North Shore.

Upcoming DIADs- Check out the website for more opportunities and all the details.

Saturday, Oct. 29th
"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk

Saturday, Nov. 5th
Pittsburgh Expo- American Diabetes Assoc.

Saturday, Nov. 12
Girl Scouts' Gateway Clipper Ride

Saturday, Dec. 3rd
Girl Scouts' Bubbleology

Tuesday, Dec. 6th
"Care for Kids" Telephone Bank

Wednesday, Dec. 7th
"Care for Kids" Telephone Bank



Huggies® Every Little Bottom JLP Diaper Drives

By: Lara Shipkovitz: Diaper Drive Chair

The Junior League of Pittsburgh has teamed up with the Huggies Every Little Bottom Campaign to raise awareness about the issue of diaper deprivation. The Community Council Committee will be collecting diapers at every GMM in addition to special community projects. At September's GMM, we collected 1,671 diapers!

We have set a goal to collect 15,000 diapers this league year. Please help to donate! Donations can be made to the Wear After Shop, the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank or at the GMMs. League members may also host their own diaper drives. Information on how to host your own drive, whether it be at a local business or at your office, is available on the JLP website.

Our efforts are needed as 1 in 3 moms in the US and 1 in 5 moms in Canada have had to cut back on essentials, such as food, utilities and childcare in order to provide clean, dry diapers for their babies. Lacking clean diapers has an emotional and physical impact on babies, who are more likely to develop diaper rash, show signs of discomfort and become difficult to manage. By partnering with local diaper banks and national organizations, Every Little Bottom is committed to raising awareness, generating support and helping get diapers to babies in need.



Look what's cooking – Kids In The Kitchen!

By Stephanie McLeod: Kids In The Kitchen Chair

Kids In The Kitchen (KITK) will be hosting 3 activities this league year.

1. Mid November Fall Activity - Details to be announced.
2. Mid March Spring Activity - March is National Nutrition Month.
3. Attending Touch A Truck - providing healthy snacks with the GO, SLOW, WHOA program.

Check out www.jlpggh.org for more info and sign up to volunteer at KITK events!

At the Touch A Truck event for the last 2 years, KITK has been providing healthy snacks using the GO, SLOW, WHOA program:

Go Foods

These are foods that can be eaten in moderation anytime and they are healthy. Example: skim and low-fat milk.

Slow Foods

These are sometimes foods. They aren't off-limits, but they shouldn't be eaten every day. At most, eat them a few times a week. Example: dried fruit.

Whoa Foods

These foods should make you say exactly that — Whoa! Should I eat that? Whoa foods are the least healthy and the most likely to cause weight problems, especially if a person eats them all the time. That's why Whoa foods are once-in-a-while foods. Example: French fries.

Our recipe:

GO - 1 cup whole grain cereal

SLOW - 1/2 cup dried fruit or ginger snaps or pretzels

**WHOA - 1/4 cup chocolate chips
or plain m&m's or gummy snacks**

**Please check out the ALJI's KITK website
<http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/>**



Strong Women Strong Girls

By: Alaina Warren: Strong Women Strong Girls Co-Chair

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is entering into the third year of our signature project partnership with Strong Women Strong Girls.

SWSG is a nationally recognized mentoring program dedicated to raising the aspirations and self-esteem of elementary school girls. The program connects girls with college women and puts them on the path from the classroom to the boardroom—or any other path they choose to take. The college women are in turn mentored by professional women through the Strong Leaders program. This is where the Junior League starts to play a significant role. We have 11 Junior League members this year participating in the Strong Leaders program - Erica Franko, Julia Carlson, Julianne Muszynski, Katie Kozora, Kristina Fausti, Leah Worbs, Nancy Davis, Nneka Hawthorne, Robin Myers, Shernell Smith and Tomilyn Ward. We are very excited and proud to have the women represent the Junior League and mentor to the college women. In addition to participating in the Strong Leaders program, we also have Junior League Sustainer Beth Vucic serving as a representative on the SWSG Advisory Council and Karen Rollins-Finch serving as a Site Monitor to the mentoring sites.

Want to get involved with Strong Women Strong Girls? You can! We will have volunteer opportunities throughout the year that you can choose from. Be sure to check out Digital Cheetah for information, dates and times on these volunteer opportunities.

Help us end our three year partnership on a high note by volunteering at the SWSG events!



For information or questions, contact Alaina Warren, Co-Chair of the Strong Women Strong Girls Committee (alainawarren@hotmail.com).



Fund Development

Touch-a-Truck

By: Heidi Gillespie: 2011 Touch-a-Truck Co-Chair

The Junior League of Pittsburgh hosted its fourth annual Touch-a-Truck event, a one of a kind, educational, and fun family festival, on Saturday May 21, 2011.

Touch-a-Truck co-chairs Heidi Gillespie and Amy Giammatteo promised this the event would be bigger and better than ever – and it was! Lisa McCarthy, Touch-a-Truck Treasurer, estimates attendance at almost 2,500 guests. The day dawned bright and beautiful after several weekends of nothing but rain, surely putting a smile on the face of everyone who volunteered and attended that day!

Touch-a-Truck gives children of all ages the opportunity to explore heavy machinery and meet the people who build, protect, and serve the Pittsburgh region. This year, the JLP's Truck Wrangling Goddesses, Nancy Davis and Eileen Bundy, diligently worked the phones for months to ensure that not only did many past participants return with the trucks kids love to the strip, but we also welcomed many new additions to the parking lot – ranging from the Rug Bug to the Zoomobile to Games-2-U! Of the returning trucks, the fire engines, concrete pumper and Eat-N-Park Cookie Cruiser remained crowd favorites. Not only did this year have a record amount of participants, we also saw this JLP fundraiser bring in \$13,281 netting a profit of \$9,704! The Touch-a-Truck Committee was able to keep its expenses very low by leveraging several vendor relationships and also by bringing in some new sponsors. The TAT Food Committee, Chaired by Maribeth Thomas and comprised of Amy Kelly, Carleen Lachman, Erika Kovac & Lisa Knerr, secured enough food and beverages to feed over 200 volunteers and participants breakfast and lunch! We were also very fortunate this year to have event t-shirts printed up thanks to a generous sponsorship from Xperia Investment Advisors and a terrific deal from Avanti Promotionals. A big thank you goes out to our other Gold Sponsors were: Macaroni Kid Pittsburgh, Eat-N-Park and Pepsi.

Another big win for Touch-a-Truck this year came from last year's co-chairs Meghan Booth and Marie Elash. Not only were they a terrific resource for this year's committee, they also went above and beyond by single-handedly raking in several hundred dollars with the Raffle! The secured everything from toy trucks and books to Steelers Tickets! The Raffle was a tremendous part of the success of this event. The Entertainment Committee, Chaired by Stephanie McLeod and comprised of Ashley John, Jessi Gregg and Heather Tomko, was not about to be out done by the rest of the team! Children and families were encouraged to get pictures taken in the Photo Booth, have a balloon animal made, color a truck, create a macaroni necklace, get faces painted and plant a flower. They really worked hard to ensure that there was something for everyone to enjoy at the event.

A special thank you goes out from Amy and Heidi to Tami Poffel and Serina McEntyre. Tami helped out with logistics and worked with Waste Management to make certain that we had trash boxes, a garbage truck to show off for the kids and all of the garbage carted away at the end of the day. Serina used her personal connections to bring in the UPMC PACER truck and SMART unit!

While Touch-a-Truck is about the trucks, the kids continue to flock to some very special "guests" at this annual event. This year was no exception! Kristen Hawkins and Corinne McKinley, Mascot Co-Chairs, tirelessly recruited everyone from Steely McBeam to Smokey the Bear to the Pirate Parrot. In all, there were over 10 Costume Characters who attended the event. While the 4th Annual Touch-a-Truck was certainly a success, Heidi & Amy are even more excited for 2012 event. "We know that Kristen Hawkins, the 2011-2012 Touch-a-Truck Chair is going to make TAT 2012 an amazing experience for all involved and can't wait to volunteer for her!" The 5th Annual Touch-a-Truck will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Make certain that you mark your calendars and tell your friends! It is sure to be a tremendous day!



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Fund Development

The Wear After Shop

By: Kimberly Toland: Wear After Shop Chair

As we kick off another exciting year of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, please be sure to make the Wear After Shop part of your experience! The Wear After Shop is located in Bloomfield, a unique area of the City of Pittsburgh, and has been a fundraiser for the League since 1925. The Shop carries new and gently used women's, men's and children's clothing, accessories and small household items. All merchandise is donated by members of the Junior League and others from the community. During the fall and winter seasons, the store carries vintage and gently used furs. The Wear After Shop is a great place to find high-end treasures at affordable prices.

The Wear After Committee is committed to hosting some new and exciting events throughout the year so look for these upcoming events: Special shopping days and events, GMM Fashion shows, Fur Sale, Clothing swaps and fun, seasonal events like a Wear After Shop angel tree and gift wrapping station.

What should I do first?

- Shop at the store of course!
- The Shop is a great location to host social gatherings or charity functions – bring wine and cheese and make it a private shopping event for your group or event. The staff and volunteers of the shop are always willing to accommodate your schedule and can discuss your space needs to make your event a success!
- If you can't host an event, pass along the name of a friend or family member who may want to host a party to sell jewelry, handmade items or artwork! We are always looking for new merchandise to showcase in the store.
- We welcome all donations in like-new condition and are always looking for items like jewelry, men's wear and vintage/boutique-like women's wear.
- Please consider sending your Spring cleaning items our way – we are always looking for unique frames, mirrors, chairs, small tables, etc to change the look of the Store.
- Help us market the store – please check us out on Twitter and Facebook, where new outfits and unique finds are displayed there and share with your friends.
- Gain retail experience while volunteering your time at the Shop!

The Wear After Shop
4752 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
(412) 687-2600

Store Hours:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
*Closed Sunday and Monday, Evening/weekend hours
are available upon request



Treasurer's Report

By: Angel Mazack, Treasurer & Jenny Danquist-Kilgore,

Treasurer-Elect

Over the summer, we embarked on the challenging task of interviewing various investment management firms to ensure that the endowment for the Junior League of Pittsburgh is being managed to best meet the long term needs of our organization. This is no easy task, due to the fallout from the 2008 financial crisis and challenging economic times. However, we are pleased to announce that we have hired an organization that focuses on active risk management, while implementing well-diversified investment portfolios. Coghill Investment Strategies is now managing our funds. The firm's CEO is Carrie Coghill. Carrie has previously been recognized as one of America's Top 100 Financial Advisors by Barron's and one of the Top 50 Most Influential Women in Wealth Management by Wealth Manager Magazine. Her consumer advocacy approach has led to authoring two books and extensive contributions to television programming, both locally

and nationally. She is also a Registered Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser.

Coghill Investment Strategies specializes in investment solutions as part of an overall comprehensive, goal-oriented plan. Coghill created the Global Macro Investment Process. The process is founded on the daily rigor of an analysis of the global capital markets including fluctuations in worldwide interest rates, currencies, political events, and other data of material concern. Integrated into the process is the customization of investment strategies designed to the specific goals, objectives, and risk parameters of clients. Coghill clients can be assured of continual monitoring and updates of their portfolios in a snapshot. Coghill has the discipline to stay the course long-term, and the insight to adjust quickly as the market, or client objective dictate.

We are looking forward to a very long and prosperous relationship with Carrie and her firm.

Sustainer Spotlight

Sustainer Spotlight - Jeanne Berdik

By: Katie Kozora: Lights Chair

On September 26, I had the honor of interviewing Jeanne Berdik, a League Sustainer and community leader. Jeanne joined the JLP in 1974 and held many positions, including a two year term as League President. During her presidential tenure, Jeanne was on the founding member committee of the Pittsburgh Children's Museum and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. She helped to establish the Junior League's headquarters on Bellefield Street - a project that included buying the property, making it a Show House then turning it into the headquarters. She also participated in the planning of the National Figure Skating Championship, a five day event that the JLP co-sponsored with the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club, was hosted at the Civic Arena and featured national figure skating champions including Scott Hamilton. The JLP handled all of the event logistics, had a great time and raised a lot of money for community projects. As Jeanne said, "It was a lot of work, but was very exciting."

During her time as an active, Jeanne also chaired the Membership Diversification Committee, a committee formed to create awareness for diverse members, and to help make the membership less "elitist." Under her leadership, the MDC passed a bylaw ensuring that no meetings were to be held in clubs where there was discrimination for race or gender.

In addition to Pittsburgh Junior League involvement, Jeanne served on the National AJLI board for two years ('85, '86), leading the way as the Area Two Council Head.

When I asked Jeanne what the Junior League meant to her, her response was:

1. Terrific friendships, many of which she has taken with her to other organizations. (Jeanne was the founder and President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of ARCS Foundation. When she formed the chapter, she recruited her friends from the Junior League including Beth Wainwright, Carol Heppner, Beth Elliott and Julia Gleason.)
2. Great learning experience.

Upon further inquiry about the learning experience, Jeanne mentioned her first real board position being the Chair of the Lights newsletter. At the time Jeanne had to type the articles on a typewriter in columns, cut them out and paste them on a separate sheet of paper to format the 12 page issue. Jeanne had a Lights committee, but didn't trust anyone to write the articles (she did allow some members to sell advertisements). Jeanne felt very successful when the issues were distributed, but she soon learned otherwise. It was during one of the membership meetings that the VP at the time, Cordelia Jacobs, spoke to the group about the most important responsibility of the women of the League - to train and empower other women. To not look at the task at hand, but to focus on how you are contributing to the overall organization. It was at that time Jeanne realized that in her quest to produce perfect issues of Lights, she had failed miserably in fulfilling the mission of the League. Lesson learned - not only by Jeanne, but by myself as well.

Jeanne's advice to current members is to, "think big and be willing to take risks." The training the JLP provides is extremely valuable, it will help you to become a force in the community. It is so important for the JLP to think big and leverage what we bring to the table and what those who seek our help bring to the table - not everything needs to be done alone. We must continue to partner with others and collaborate on issues. When you think big, big things happen. For example, the Children's Museum - it started as nothing but an idea. Look at the sustainers, the boards they serve on and the big ideas they have thought of and contributed to. We are trained to think big and must continue to take those big challenges on.

Today Jeanne spends her time in both the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Oakland and in Cape Cod, MA. Although she is retired, she is still very active in the community. She is the National President of ARCS® Foundation, Inc., (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) an organization dedicated to addressing the serious shortage of American scientists and engineers. ARCS® Foundation advances our nation's competitiveness by strengthening the United States' capacity for scientific and technological innovation. Through partnerships with 52 of America's most highly ranked universities, ARCS Foundation provides financial awards to those U.S. graduate and undergraduate students judged to be most capable of innovative research in science, engineering and medical research. ARCS Foundation is a distinguished national non-profit volunteer women's organization consisting of 17 geographically diverse, autonomous chapters committed to a common mission and operating under the auspices of a national board. ARCS scholar award model provides flexible and unrestricted funding that is often a game changer for these fledgling researchers. It is uniquely structured to support scientific advancement by supporting individual potential. Locally, ARCS started by providing scholarships to students at Carnegie Mellon. It has grown to include the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University.

In addition to ARCS, Jeanne currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden.

Jeanne has been married for 45 years to her high school sweetheart. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Jeanne leaves us with her favorite quote:
"Never underestimate the power of a small but committed group of people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Meade

Thank you, Jeanne, for your time.
It was my pleasure to share your story.



Jeanne Berdik

Calling all Sustainers!

Please consider joining fellow Sustainers in a volunteer project with Global Links. Renew old friendships and make new friends while making in difference! Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship and improving health in developing countries.

Details...

When: 2nd Thursday of the month,
Sept-May: Oct 18, Nov 10, Dec 8,
Jan 12, Feb 9, March 8, April 12, May 10.

Time: 10:00-12:00

Lunch: At a local restaurant

Contact: Fredrica.cryan@gmail.com

Global Links at a glance...

- 21 year old Pittsburgh-based medical relief and development not-for-profit organization
- 413 sea containers shipped to 26 countries through 2010
- Monetary value of medical aid provided in 2010: over \$3.5 million
- Medical materials recovered in 2010: 257 tons of useful, often critically needed materials kept out of local landfills
- 39 sea containers of carefully matched medical material aid sent in 2010 to Bolivia, Cuba, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, and Nicaragua

Over 60,000 packs of life-saving suture donated to hospitals throughout Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the South Pacific in 2010

9000+ volunteer hours donated in 2010 – a \$182,250 value!

Less than 3% spent on fund-raising and administrative costs

Sustainer Challenge!

Who can raise the most money for the Wear After Shop? Fasten Your Seatbelts ladies because the race is on! The Challenge will Start Nov 1st and end on Feb 28th!

Rules of the Race:

Donations will be tracked by your donation sheets that you turn into the WAS with your donation. You may download a donation sheet directly off the JLP Website or pick one up at the Wear After Shop.

For any Sustainer who donates over \$500 in clothing/housewares donations and/or cash will have their name entered into a lottery for free dues for the next JLP year 2012-2013. The Sustainer Directors will pull the name at the end of the challenge and also work out the details to give credit for the free dues. The Lottery winner will be announced on the Sustainer Homepage of the JLP website and will also be recognized in the spring issue of Lights!

For further questions on the Challenge, please contact your Sustainer Directors or visit the Sustainer Page of the JLP website.

Good Luck Ladies!

Collaborating for a Stronger Community

By: Mahogany Thaxton: Active Member

For nearly 90 years, the Junior League of Pittsburgh has supported local organizations in a shared effort to improve the community through leadership development, volunteerism and personal, professional, and community training. The Junior League of Pittsburgh is one of over 30 local organizations that have teamed up with the New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC) in an effort to provide diverse volunteer opportunities and engage league members in regional development initiatives.

Unique to the region, The New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC) is a coalition of diverse, civically-engaged, young-minded organizations. We encourage regional progress through sharing information, pooling resources, facilitating dialogue and providing access. The NPC provides a unique value to the Pittsburgh region by being the only collaboration of regional organizations dedicated to:

- **Being a central point of access and communication to and for young adult organizations across the region.**
- **Promoting and supporting member organizations to the region-at-large and leveraging resources by facilitating partnerships among them.**
- **Providing regional leadership opportunities, experiences and networking connections to young adults to better affect regional change and progress.**

By doing so, the NPC continually builds and strengthens a broad, dynamic network that connects young professionals to community and regional development initiatives throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

Junior League members have the opportunity to connect directly to over 30 impactful organizations through NPC outreach events, DIAD volunteer days with NPC organizations and training opportunities. Bi-monthly e-blasts with a summary of upcoming member organization events and announcements keep NPC members up to date on social and community events near Pittsburgh. Visit <http://www.newpittsburghcollaborative.org/> for more information.

Junior League members have long been known for leading change in the community. The quarterly HUB events (Host. Unify. Blend.) hosted by NPC member organizations align perfectly with our view of taking effective action to improve our communities. Organized collaboratively by two or more NPC organizations, HUBs provide a regular forum for members and other guests to socialize, communicate, learn about and connect with one another. Each HUB has a different program that is determined by the partners involved.

League members are encouraged to attend NPC events and HUBs, explore the various volunteer opportunities available and continue developing the potential of women in the community. Keep an eye out for future Junior League and NPC collaborations!

Sustainer Dr. Cynthia Potter, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy at its recent annual meeting in Charlotte, NC. Potter is a board-certified pediatric physical therapist in private practice and has served on the Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy for the past 8 years. She holds a B.S. from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA; M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Slippery Rock University.

Sustainer Susanne Wagner, Realtor with RE/MAX Premier Group, earned the advanced GRI (Graduate, Realtor Institute) professional designation. She was awarded this designation after completing 90 hours of instruction and three comprehensive exams. Susanne is a member of the South Hills Chamber of Commerce and Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board.

Active Erin Baker was nominated for the 2011 Young Athena Award.

WEDDINGS

Active, Alexis Unkovic and Andrew McKinley were married on April 30, 2011 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. A reception immediately followed at the Duquesne Club downtown. After a honeymoon in Paris and Greece, the couple now resides in Shadyside.



Alexis Unkovic and Andrew McKinley

Active, Kristen Laster and Bennett Smith were married in Charleston, SC on April 30, 2011. Active Lauren Plate was in attendance. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the Smiths currently reside in Shadyside.



Kristen Laster and Bennett Smith

Board Member, Jennifer Danquist got married to Todd Kilgore on October 15, 2011 at The Glasshouses in New York City, NY

Board Member, Kristina Fausti and Shahriar Broumand were married on September 20, 2011, at the Pittsburgh Opera

JLP President, Jennifer Daurora was married to Lenny Chan on November 5, 2011 at the Twentieth Century Club in Oakland.



Wyatt

LITTLE LEAGUERS

President-Elect Christina Johansen and her husband Trey are happy to welcome Wyatt Aaron Johansen to their family. Wyatt was born on August 2, 2011 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. He was 19 3/4 inches long.

Active Jillian Clark Stull and her husband welcomed Jarrett "Mills" Stull on May 18, 2011. "Mills" weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, 20.5 inches tall.



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