

## **APRIL ISSUE – 2005** **VOLUME LXXXI, ISSUE 7 (PILOT 2)**

### *About this issue:*

Welcome to the second pilot release of “eLights.” Based on positive member feedback to the first release of “eLights” we are continuing to explore and evaluate alternative newsletter strategies.

Rest assured we have not scrapped the traditional version of Lights. As Show House 2005 soon opens its doors, the print design demands met by the Lights committee will wind down. This shift will make room for the production of the season-end June issue in the full hard copy, mailer format! As a test pilot for future electronic publication considerations; your continued input regarding “eLights” is appreciated (send comments to: [ctiller@forus.com](mailto:ctiller@forus.com)).

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## ➔ FEATURE STORY

### ➔ President and First Lady visit Providence Family Connections

by Lisa Chilcote,

On Monday, March 7, 2005 Providence Family Connections received quite a surprise—a visit from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. During their visit, the President and First Lady walked into a room decorated with four-foot-high letters spelling out,



First Lady, Laura Bush, talks with Providence Family Support Center after-school program participants Isaiah Baynes, right, and Carlaija Whitehead during her and President Bush's visit to Pittsburgh to highlight the program's efforts to help area youth.

"Future of our Nation," where nearly two dozen children sat around low tables. They spent nearly 30 minutes at Providence Family Connections. There was a Q&A forum, photo and autograph opportunities. President Bush encouraged the attendees to stay in school. The teens were curious as to what happens to the President when he makes mistakes and how he became involved with politics. He shared with the teens that his political career started when he ran for City Council. As far as mistakes,

he reminded them that everyone is human and mistakes are part of life, although the mistakes tend to have more of an impact

when you are President. Also in attendance, Bishop Wuerl, Senator Arlen Specter and more than 20 Active, Provisional and Sustaining members of the JLP

**"...between 3 and 6 p.m. are peak hours for juvenile crime. After-school programs, like the one we just visited, can keep children safe and improve their academic performance."**

-- First Lady, Laura Bush

After an informal session at Providence Family Connection the President and First Lady were transported to the Community College of Allegheny County's Northside Location. Laura Bush told a crowd of close to 800 attendees, "More than 14 million school age children take care of themselves after school and the hours between 3 and 6 p.m. are peak hours for juvenile crime. After-school programs, like the one we just visited, can keep children safe and improve their academic performance."

Providence Family Connections is located in the Marshall-Shadeland neighborhood of Pittsburgh's Northside. Providence provides services to struggling families, including: parent education, child care, pre-school, an after-school enrichment program and a summer day camp. Most parents

are women aged 20 to 40 years old who lack the skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In 2004-05 the Center's after-school program for teens aged 12 to 16 years old was started with a \$17,000 grant and volunteers from the JLP. On March 9, 2005, the JLP voted unanimously to continue to support the after-school teen program for another year, both voluntarily and financially. ●

## LEADERSHIP POSTS

### **President's Message: Can you "C"?**

#### **Can you "C" Commitment?**

In your **Placement?** By doing the Requirements (i.e., Quota; Shifts, GMM attendance, DIAD and Training attendance) and by signing the Commitment forms for Board members, Chairs, and Volunteers.

#### **Can you "C" Continuity?**

In **Nominating?** By finding and cultivating new leaders; by nominating yourself or someone else

In **Strategic Development?** By filling out the Survey and continuing the Strategic Plan

In **Membership Development?** By retaining members

In **Sustainers?** By being a part of life long Membership

#### **Can you "C" Communications?**

In **Communications?** By reading Lights, looking at the web site often, filling out the Survey, coming to a Board meeting, asking questions, finding and reading the Press Releases sent out by the JLP

#### **Can you "C" Congeniality?**

In **Special Events?** By attending and supporting our Social events

In **Program Services?** By making sure to sign in at meetings, wearing a name tag, sitting with a different group

#### **Can you "C" Continuing Education?**

In **Training?** By participating at every GMM

In **Fund Development?** By using each event as a learning experience

#### **Can you "C" Community?**

In **Projects?** By supporting our current Projects as readers, mentors or counselors

In **Community Assessment and Development?** By looking for a new "Signature Project"

#### **Can you "C" the Calendar?**

By looking at [www.jlpg.org](http://www.jlpg.org) and making sure all events and meetings are posted

#### **And can you "C" Chadwick?**

Lynne Chadwick will become the Junior League of Pittsburgh's newest President on June 1st and I cannot imagine anyone more capable for the position.

#### **C U at Show House!**


—*Mary Adele Krolkowski, President, 2004-2005*

## PE's Corner: AJLI Annual Conference Governance Issues

Each year at the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Annual Conference, attending delegates of the 294 Junior Leagues discuss and sometimes vote on issues facing the Association. At the Networking and Governance Meeting in February, Presidents-Elect discuss upcoming issues. This year, two topics that will be discussed at Annual Conference are the Reaching Out Statement and the Dues Policy.

The current AJLI Reaching Out statement reads “The Junior Leagues reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.” At last year’s Annual Conference, the Junior League of Las Vegas introduced an advisory motion (a suggestion for AJLI board research) to change the Reaching Out statement to read “all women” without specifying race, religion and national origin because they believe that diversity encompasses many more dimensions including but not limited to age, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic background, and education. The AJLI Board decided that it did not currently recommend a change in the statement because 1) 40 Junior Leagues still have age requirements and 2) there is still a lot of work to be done to reach out to women of different races, religions and national origins, and taking this phrase out of the statement would cause Junior Leagues to become less focused.

The current dues policy allows Junior Leagues to withhold AJLI dues for up to six months for non-financial reasons, i.e., as a way of expressing a grievance against the Association. AJLI believes in the concept of one League, one vote, and allowing Leagues to influence with their dues puts Leagues on uneven ground. Each League pays an annual fee per member to the Association, so large Leagues would in effect have more clout. To remedy this situation, the Board is proposing a shorter window for unpaid dues and introducing a grievance policy separate from the dues policy so that all Leagues’ concerns will be heard.

If you have any questions about these or other AJLI governance related issues, feel free to contact me at [lynne.chadwick@verizon.net](mailto:lynne.chadwick@verizon.net). 

—Lynne Chadwick  
President-Elect, 2004-2005

## **MAC IN A NUTSHELL**

by Martha Wiegand

After attending the Mid-Atlantic Conference, JLP members Jill Shurie, Kim Kisner, Michelle Smith, Katie Jones, Stephanie Hoogendoorn, Lisa Campoli and Martha Wiegand met (while Jen Daurora, Lorraine Marks and Nancy Davis were busy “Bringing A Friend”) to compare notes from the workshops and sessions attended by JLP members at the MAC. At the MAC, attendees chose one of three topics – Community Impact, Fund Development and Membership Development – and then attended day-long workshops and training sessions relating to the chosen topics.

On the whole, JLP attendees found that the MAC workshops were very interesting, timely and that the AJLI speakers were excellent. JLP members also noted that certain sessions offered very helpful and appropriate ideas and suggestions to JLP goals and concerns, while other sessions tended to focus more on the needs of smaller leagues, and therefore, suggestions were not as applicable to the JLP.



JL Members Karen Shuler Stakem of Wheeling, WV (on the left) and Kim Kisner of Pittsburgh, PA (on the right) “reunited” at the MAC. Karen and Kim first met 14 years ago as college sophomores at WVU doing a two-week internship at the State Legislature in Charleston, WV. The two were assigned to room together but hadn’t seen each other since, until the MAC and the Junior League brought them together (and, yes, they did recognize each other, even after 14 years!).

**In a nutshell**, following are our collective notes and thoughts on the various MAC sessions. If you have questions or comments, please see the attendees of the applicable workshops.

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

- Attended by Jen Daurora, Katie Jones and Martha Wiegand.
- To establish a continuum between Membership Development and Placement as relates to the provisional to active transition, Placement director and MDC director to meet to find out what works and what doesn’t in the placement advising process.
- Give the placement advisors formal training by AJLI (this will cost approximately 1/2 of the travel expenses of the AJLI person who conducts the training).

## **MAC IN A NUTSHELL ...continued**

- Establish a liaison between MDC and Placement and ensure that we have the appropriate people as placement advisors.
- Establish communication between “old” provisional advisor and “new” placement advisor; “old” provisional advisor to follow up with advisees once they are active.
- Make the GMMs fun by having a variety of meetings that last no more than 1 hour.
- Scroll the announcements on PowerPoint during the meeting to save time and keep interest (even to music).
- Look at the requirements and consider why we have them; requirements should enable and further the mission. If they don’t, consider revising the requirements to have them reflect the mission. Each member should know why she needs to complete each requirement and how it relates to the furtherance of the mission.
- Consider implementing a measurable goal of having “x” % of each membership class reach gold active status.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- Attended by Nancy Davis and Michelle Smith.
- Vicki Clark of the AJLI was an excellent speaker; we should consider having her come to the JLP as a speaker, with focus on the JLP mission statement.
- We should be careful to always define our “community.” The “community” we are serving will shift from year to year based on our projects. We want to be sure that the “community” we select through our projects is a good fit for the JLP.
- There should be ongoing research about the needs of the community. Good places for information are local universities, other non-profits and government agencies.
- In measuring how the JLP impacts the community, we should set benchmarks and then communicate to JLP members when such benchmarks are met (e.g., Everybody Wins! has signed up 40 readers toward its goal of 50 readers).
- We should have training sessions to educate JLP members about our projects, relevant issues relating to the projects, and our “community.”
- For public relations and the media, we should attempt to contact the media person in charge of specific areas/beats (e.g., contact the education beat reporter for press releases relating to Everybody Wins!).
- Each JLP member should have an “elevator speech” that she can give to specifically detail the great work the JLP does (e.g., the JLP improves our community by providing funds to an after school teen program at the Providence Family Support Center on the North Side, etc.) with enough information to give details that a fellow elevator-rider can understand and appreciate.

 **MAC IN A NUTSHELL ...continued**

- In order to build support for a project, consider doing a substantial background report on the issue, why the project is needed, and how it will address those needs (e.g. Durham, NC did an excellent 20-page report as background for a project).

**FUND DEVELOPMENT**

- Attended by Lisa Campoli, Jill Shurie, Kim Kisner, Lorraine Marks and Stephanie Hoogendoorn.
- Begin each League year by forecasting how much the League needs to raise to support its projects and administrative costs.
- Identify the costs and benefits of each current fundraiser, including the time that members spend in organizing and planning and the amount of money that was raised simply from League members attending an event or purchasing an item. The most effective fundraising events involve the larger community.
- Grants, individual giving, and bequests are all “easier,” less labor intensive sources of League funding than League-sponsored events.
- To identify a new fundraising event or project, start with the League’s mission and strategic plan.
- Investigate local corporations’ marketing funds instead of philanthropic or foundation funds when looking for event underwriters or presenting sponsors.
- Determine the sort of fundraisers to which the community is receptive--what is a ticket price that your membership and the community will accept; what sort of event does that tolerance permit you to plan; and are there any local conditions, such as a corporate bankruptcy/closing, a flood, or the city’s fiscal insolvency, that will affect the League’s fundraising efforts.
- Select a new fundraising event with an eye toward avoiding similar events that other community nonprofits already “own.”
- Many smaller Leagues offered suggestions for fundraisers that didn’t appear applicable to the Pittsburgh area or relied primarily upon member support (e.g. rummage sales, raffle books, golf tournaments, bringing models of dinosaurs to town).
- One Pennsylvania League holds small “administrative fundraisers” that raise funds for the League’s operating costs. These events are usually happy hours at a local restaurant or store, such as a jewelry store or a florist.

## ➔ **MAC IN A NUTSHELL** *continued*

- Consider including an educational aspect to give something back to the community (e.g. a seminar on resume preparation or interviewing skills matched with a suit sale). The best fundraising events match the organization’s mission (e.g., a food bank holding an “empty bowls” soup tasting).
- Follow through on fundraising ideas; keep trying for a second year even if the idea doesn’t go perfectly on the first attempt.
- Track the profitability of a fundraising event over three years and assess its impact on the League (are members burning out due to a labor-intensive event or due to a large number of fundraising activities) and the community. ●

## ➔ **Done In A Day**

### ➔ **Junior League of Pittsburgh Celebrates Dr. Seuss’s Birthday with Reading is FUNdamental** **DIAD Volunteers Join New Children’s Museum for Fun Afternoon of Crafts and Stories**

*By Lisa Campoli, Done In A Day committee chair*

Maybe you remember Reading is Fundamental from the television public service announcements in which comedienne Carol Burnett and tennis great Arthur Ashe appeared during the 1970s. Maybe you received a book from Reading is Fundamental when you attended elementary school. But maybe, just maybe, you didn’t realize that the local chapter of Reading is Fundamental has been distributing free books to Pittsburgh school children for twenty-four years at fifty sites across the city.



Kelly Morgans Schraven prepares to make hats with children visiting RIF Pittsburgh craft tables on Read Across America Day.

As part of its mission to provide the resources, motivation, opportunities and skills for children ages two through twelve to read, RIF Pittsburgh also runs

an after school tutoring program that serves over one hundred children each year. In fact, each year fifty-eight percent of full-time RIF Pittsburgh tutoring

program students improve their reading scores with an average gain five times greater than that of their peers not enrolled in the program.

So it was only appropriate that on Saturday, March 5, over fifteen Junior League members joined with RIF Pittsburgh to celebrate Read Across America Day and commemorate the birthday of children’s author Theodor Seuss Geisel—better known as Dr. Seuss—at the Children’s Museum

## ➔ Junior League Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday...continued

of Pittsburgh. To mark this occasion, RIF Pittsburgh planned a book distribution, giving a free book to each child visiting the Children's Museum, and three craft activities based on Dr. Seuss books.

Junior League volunteers assisted children visiting the museum with Red Fish, Blue Fish sponge painting; a hat making activity based on the Seuss classic "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins;" and an "Oobleck" station based on Dr. Seuss's book "Bartholomew and the Oobleck." (Photographic proof and a recipe for Oobleck appear at the end of this article.)

RIF Pittsburgh also hosted a storytelling hour, during which Lynne Chadwick, Catherine Baker, and a local librarian served as guest readers of Dr. Seuss's stories.

Many thanks to the Junior League members who participated in this Done In A Day project that also marked the final Done In A Day project of this League year for the provisional class: Catherine Baker, Sara Bellisario, Lynne Chadwick, Lisa Chilcote, Kimberly Harbaugh, Stephanie Hoogendoorn (who ably guided a costumed Cat in the Hat around the Children's Museum), Mary Adele Krolikowski, Lori Kuhn, Maria Lauro, Lorraine Marks, Melissa Polacheck, Robyn Race-Loughren, Mandy Ranalli, Kelly Morgans Schraven, Michelle Smith (who very ably manned the book distribution table that afternoon), Sally Ritts Smith, and Melissa Stewart. Special thanks, as well, to Jane Terlion, who secured the Cat in the Hat toys that the League donated to RIF Pittsburgh, and Katie Jones, the museum's volunteer coordinator who stepped in to provide additional aprons that morning.



Sally Ritts Smith, Lynne Chadwick, Melissa Stewart and Mandy Ranalli discover the fun, yet disturbingly unexpected properties of Oobleck, a mixture of corn starch and water.

### Oobleck Recipe

Mix together the following:

2 cups of corn starch

3 drops of green food coloring

enough water to make a thick mixture (about the texture of pancake batter; start with equal amounts of water and corn starch, but mix in the water slowly)

This recipe should yield a fun mixture that allows your child to play with textures. Use different utensils, such as a spatula, bowl, or funnels, to see what form the mixture will take.

#### *About Oobleck:*

Oobleck is a solid and a liquid at the same time.

If you make an Oobleck ball and throw it up in the air, it loses shape and becomes flat.

Oobleck can be molded in a container but will not keep its shape.

If you fill a balloon with Oobleck, the air presses or forces the Oobleck back out.

When you leave Oobleck in the sun, the color evaporates. It turns hard like cement on the top and remains jelly-like on the bottom. ●

 **DIAD: *Thanks***

DIAD recognizes those League members who participated in a Done In A Day volunteer project between February 15 and March 15, 2005:

Catherine Baker  
Sara Bellisario  
Lisa Campoli  
Lynne Chadwick  
Lisa Chilcote  
Denise Gove  
Kimberly Harbaugh  
Stephanie Hoogendoorn  
Mary Adele Krolkowski  
Lori Kuhn  
Kim Johnson  
Katie Jones  
Joanne Labriola  
Maria Lauro  
Alyssa Majesko  
Lorraine Marks  
Melissa Polachek  
Robyn Race-Loughren  
Mandy Ranalli  
Kelly Morgans Schraven  
Michelle Smith  
Sally Ritts Smith  
Beth Vucic  
Karin Walke  
Melissa Wilkinson Stewart  
Liz Winch

 **DIAD: FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, April 23, 2005, 9 a.m. to noon**

*Edgewood Neighborhood Cleanup*

Interested in cleaning trash and litter out of the Edgewood neighborhood? Want to detox after the Show House gala? April 23 is The Great PA Clean Up—communities all over Pennsylvania are hosting beautification activities.

In collaboration with the Edgewood Department of Public Works, the Edgewood Foundation and the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Junior League volunteers will participate in a Watershed Association event and help clean up an area of Edgewood while learning more about the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association.

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 **DIAD: FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, April 30, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Black, White and Read All Over* lecture featuring Jerry Pinkney

**Saturday, May 14, 2005, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

*Black, White and Read All Over* lecture featuring Katherine Paterson

**Saturday, June 11, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**


*Gardening with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy*

Join in the fun for the first Done In A Day project of the 2005-2006 League year.

Volunteers will garden in the areas surrounding the Schenley Park Visitors' Center and Westinghouse Pond, which the League has "adopted" for the coming League year.

The morning will be a final opportunity to complete your Done In A Day requirement for the League year ended—2004-2005—and a first opportunity to participate in a 2005-2006 Done In A Day project. The project also kicks-off the League's participation in the AJLI Volunteer Service Award Program.

For more information on any of these Done In a Day projects or to volunteer, log in as a member on the JLP website and reference the calendar entry for the project date or contact Lisa Campoli ([lisa.campoli@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.campoli@gmail.com)).

NOTE: A "buyout option" of \$68.64 for the annual Done In a Day participation required of all active members was approved by the League's general membership at its March meeting. The buyout amount represents four hours of volunteer service per the Independent Sector ([www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)) rate of \$17.16. All monies resulting from the buyout will be used to fund Done In A Day projects during the 2005-2006 League year. Questions? Please contact Lisa Campoli ([lisa.campoli@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.campoli@gmail.com)) or your placement advisor. 

 **DIAD: SCRAP BOOK**

**A TEENY BIT OF A HERO FOR A FEW MINUTES AT A DIAD**

*By Lorraine Marks, Membership Development Director*

I had just finished watching Oprah and as I wiped away the tears from my cheeks – she was highlighting heroes from our nation – I thought to myself, "I'm going to tell the readers of Lights that I got to be a teeny bit of a hero for the day at The Children's Museum"...to celebrate Dr Seuss's birthday, the Provisionals were invited to volunteer at a DIAD at the Museum. Eventually the opportunity was opened to Actives and I was relieved as it was drawing closer to the end of the year and I was concerned with Show House coming up that I wasn't going to get my DIAD DONE! I got there and, first of all, I was WOWED by the entire place – how phenomenal is this playground? You have GOT to go!

 **DIAD: SCRAP BOOK ...continued**


My first task was to encourage kids to paint fish stamps in red or blue paint to “honor” the Dr Seuss Red Fish Blue Fish story then stamp them onto a piece of paper with a fish bowl on it. Easy? Yes. The kids got a big kick out of it – and we volunteers got a big kick out of the parents saying ”PUT IT IN THE FISH BOWL – please Andrew – no not there – yes in the bowl – good boy.” All the time we’re thinking, “Where’s the freedom of expression for these kids?” As well as “Color outside the bowl!” thanks to Jeff Tobe.

A couple of hours into this fun process I saw one of our Provisionals – Catherine Baker – standing at the huge, blue, wire climbing frame that is in the room – one of the only things that you can relate to the old museum....she had her arm up, pointing and she was talking to a Dad and I could see it was a tense situation so over I go (yes I’m nebbby) – the Dad is trying to coax his daughter out of the frame – it’s massive and she’s four layers up....are you all with me? You must have seen this structure...Catherine and I discuss how do you get a kid out of there? Split seconds later I run to the front desk – it’s not too far away and they announce something over the loudspeaker – I’m not sure what they said as I was running back to the frame.....in the few seconds that this took, as soon as I got back to the frame, I knew that I had to get in there and talk her down.

I scrambled into the first layer – did I tell you I’m 5’ 8” and 160 lbs – not a 3” foot nothing and 40 lbs, little five year old here – and Dad was 5’ 10 and 250 lbs – he wasn’t going in! I wiggled, I turned, I twisted by body to the side, I pushed through the holes and slid along the platforms – all the while dodging the other kids going “There’s a grown up in here – hey!” “I’m going to get Julie – she’s stuck on the fourth floor,” I calmly explain “Oh,” they say and they’re ok with me in their space.

I finally get to Julie and perch myself through two holes and say with a big smile on my face – “Hey – whattcha doin’? Are you stuck?!” She giggles with tears running down her face – “Yes, sniff, I’m stuck and I can’t, sniff, get through these bars and sniff, sniff – this is my brother and he’s trying to help, sniff, but he won’t listen cuz I’m stuck and, and, and...” I say “Julie – take a look at your brother – can you breathe in deep for me? Big deep breathe? THAT’S IT! Oh boy your brother LOVES you! He’s trying so hard to help – I think that if you just go back a few little bottom wiggles – ya might make it around the bars – you’re a big girl and you’re not gonna make it through those poles – it’s just too skinny of a gap...what do you say?” Julie’s big brother whispers “You can do it, Julie”.

With a few more sobs, a few encouraging, “Breathe deep Jules” and an atta girl from her big brother she made it out. Phew! The next part of going down four layers worried me! “Hey,” said Julie, “I’m not ready to get out yet – I think I’m gonna stay in a while!” Imagine that! “That’s great Julie – now how do I get my big ole’ self outta here, my friend?!” She giggled.

As you can tell, I made it – but not without a few embarrassing wiggles and a Dad who said, “Where is she?” “Dad – she just isn’t ready yet – she’s having too much fun,” I said....he obviously thought I was weird. A few minutes later, down she comes – all giggles and red faced – she hugs Dad. “I’m fine” she says. “Now give this nice lady a hug and say thank you” says Dad – she does and for just a few moments that day – I felt like a teeny bit of a hero. Catherine said I needed a cape – the real wardrobe of Super Heroes! I’ll make do with jeans and a turtle neck. 

 **SHOW HOUSE**

 **“Just In Time!” Calling all Shift Treasurers and Boutique Staff**

Please join us for "Just in Time" Training

**Thursday April 14, 6:30 pm**

Show House

820 North Highland Ave.

 **Communications and PR Update**

**PUMP Happy Hour**

Promoting the 2005 Designers' Show House. Ray's Marlin Beach Bar & Grill 5121 Butler Street in Lawrenceville 6pm on April 21st.

**Show House Program** is in the Mail:

Sponsor Pittsburgh magazine has now mailed our Show House program to their readership as an insert to their April issue. Copies are also available on the news stand and will be distributed to guests touring the house. Many thanks to betsy Minno and Kristi Davidson.

**Billboards Coming Soon**

Be on the lookout for Show House billboards around the Pittsburgh area. Hats off to Chere Tiller and Robin McDonnell for making them a reality.

 **Operations**

We're so close to day one and we have already been working so hard for MONTHS!  
Updates on the committee work follows:

Adrienne English – thank you for securing the South Hills Movers – 50% DISCOUNT –  
YEAH!

Liz Vitchock has taken care of the fire extinguishers – thanks Liz!

We have walkie talkies coming from Kari and Christie – thanks to them too!

Thanks to League members who donated items at the March meeting – we look forward to more coming in at the April meeting – and when you do your shift or help out in April. Wonderful!

OFFICIAL APPROVAL from the Zoning Committee came in the mail this week – thanks to Christie Smith for busting a gut over this for us.

There are lots of behind the scenes things going on but these are the highlights – I can't wait for the House to be ours! **AND REMEMBER OP'S ROCKS!**

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW AT DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE

It's flowers and fashion when the Junior League of Pittsburgh hosts a Mother's Day Brunch and Fashion Show on Sunday, May 8, 2005. Guests will enjoy a tour of the 2005 Designers' Show House, followed by brunch and an informal fashion show featuring Lilly Pulitzer clothing from Palm Place. Reese Randall, Pittsburgh Magazine style editor, hosts the event.

Following a tour of the Show House, a brunch catered by Opening Night Catering will be served and guests will be treated to a Palm Place fashion show featuring 2005 Spring Lilly Pulitzer fashions. The Mediterranean provides inspiration for the "Sea of Color" collection, which is built on shades of pink, green, and bold Côte d'Azur blues.

Junior League members and their family members will model the collection. The models are Olivia Bondi, daughter of Ann Bondi; Kari Brumback and her daughter Hannah; Angela Cymbalak; Mary Adele Krolikowski and her daughter Sarah; Leah Lovette; Shannon McCulloch, cousin of Pamela Rende; Andrea Malone; Molly Ruscitti and her sister Elizabeth; Kelly Morgans Schraven and her daughter Jane; Jill Shurie; Beth Vucic; Madison Ware, daughter of Crystal McCormack Ware; and Louise Kay Woodside.

Tickets for the Mother's Day tour, brunch, and fashion show are \$50. A \$35 ticket for the brunch and fashion show is also available. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. and brunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. To reserve tickets or for more information, please call 412-571-3020 or visit [www.jlpg.org](http://www.jlpg.org). Ticket reservations will be accepted through May 5, 2005.

## Design Committee

*by Kimberly Kisner*

March Madness took on new meaning as the Design Committee finalized its game plan before the League's March 30 possession of Show House. The "plan" called for careful scrutiny of the beautiful program that appears in this month's *Pittsburgh Magazine*, a review of completed designer requirements, such as security deposits and insurance certificates, and creation of a designer schedule for the transformation of Show House. There were also those "unscripted" events such as accommodating designer requests for another peak at the Show House and soothing frayed nerves when work did not begin as early as planned on the completely gutted kitchen and bathroom.

Nevertheless, as you read this, our talented designers have made it to the final round and are preparing to unveil their creations to the public on opening night. What did it take to get to the Big Dance? Read on ...

Nineteen groups of interior and landscape designers were selected in late November, 2004, by the Design Committee following Room Selection Day in early November. More than 60 designers were invited for Room Selection Day, the first true sneak-a-peek of the House. During Room Selection Day, designers were given a packet of materials describing the

## **Design Committee ...continued**

League's expectations and requirements for designer participation. Designers were asked to submit "bids" on their three top room selections. More than 20 designers offered bids and, ultimately, 19 businesses were chosen.

The designers returned to Show House in early December to measure rooms. The next visit occurred in January for Storyboard Day, which was held on two consecutive Saturdays because of the January 22 snowstorm. Storyboard Day is the League's version of HGTV's Designers' Challenge: we review the design plans and make sure they are consistent with the original description provided and the theme of the House.

During January, February, and March, the designers furnished publicity questionnaires, proofs of insurance and security deposits. They fine-tuned their designs and ordered the necessary materials and furniture. Most importantly, they prepared for the challenge they are meeting now: turning a blank canvas into a completed one in less than three weeks.

## **Show House Special Events listing**

All events take place at the 2005 Designers' Show House, located at 820 North Highland Avenue. Tickets are available by calling 412-571-3020 or visiting [www.jlpg.org](http://www.jlpg.org).

### **A Walk in the Park – Opening Night Gala**

Friday, April 22, 7p.m. to midnight

Ticket Prices:

\$250 Patron

\$125 Dinner and Dessert Reception (7:00pm until Midnight)

\$60 Dessert Reception only (begins at 9:00pm)

Join the women of The Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc. and honorary chair Jennifer Antkowiak at the Opening Night Gala and fundraiser to kick-off the 2005 Designers' Show House, A Walk in the Park. This spectacular evening will feature the first private tour of this gracious house and the opportunity to view the decorating talents of Pittsburgh's finest interior and exterior designers. Sample delicacies from Fluted Mushroom and delectable desserts provided by the Melting Pot, Prantl's Bakery, and Baum Vivant. Dance till midnight and drink champagne under the stars.

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 **Show House Special Events listing ...continued**

**Meet the Designer Evening**

Friday, April 29, 7-9 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$40 in advance until April 20 and \$50 at the door.

Take a behind the scenes look at the 2005 Show House presented by the Junior League of Pittsburgh, and meet the designers who transformed the Italian Renaissance mansion at this special cocktail reception catered by Girasole. Discover the inspiration behind the decorated rooms and learn decorating secrets from some of the areas most talented designers.

**Lilies with Lilly: Mother's Day Brunch and Fashion Show**

Sunday, May 8, 2005, 10 AM to 2 PM

A 2005 Designers' Show House Event

**It's flowers, fashion and food** on Sunday, May 8, 2005, when the Junior League hosts its first Mother's Day brunch and fashion show. Beginning at 10 AM, guests will be treated to a tour of the 2005 Designers' Show House at 820 North Highland Avenue. Following the tour, a brunch will be held at noon with modeling of the latest spring and summer fashions from Palm Place, and emceed by Pittsburgh Magazine Style Editor Reese Randall. The fashion show will feature fun Lilly Pulitzer fashions that will help you celebrate your inner preppie or imagine yourself in Palm Beach.

Save the date and consider bringing Mother's Day guests to this very special event featuring Junior League members, friends and family as our fashion show models. Brunch will be catered by Opening Night Caterers. Reservations are available by phoning 412-571-3020. Attendees may purchase a \$50 ticket for the tour, brunch and fashion show or a \$35 ticket to the brunch and fashion show.

Event Committee members are: Lisa Campoli, Mary Adele Krolikowski, Kelly Nottingham and Gareth Schweizer Smith.

*Call for volunteers:* Please contact Lisa Campoli at [lisa.campoli@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.campoli@gmail.com) to volunteer as an event model.

**Union Station Café**

Enjoy specialty pastries, coffees and cold drinks at Union Station and support the job training and employment of neighborhood students from Peabody High School. Union Station is a program of Union Project - restoring the abandoned Union Baptist Church as a community center. The project is just a few blocks from the Junior League Show House and has partnered with Peabody to create this new café with local high school students. Enjoy!

## **Take a walk into the 2005 Designers' Show House Boutique**

The Boutique is open during Show House hours:

Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm –9 pm, and Saturday and Sunday noon– 5pm.

Take delight in a visit to “la boutique” as your final destination on the Show House tour. Choose from a unique collection of fine sundries, including: hand-made soaps, hand-dyed garments, children’s goodies, stationery, jewelry, candies, lamps, home decorations, and an array of artisans’ works including outdoor garden ornaments and other precious trinkets. Indulge yourself or gift shop for a special occasion at “la boutique,” the tour stop offering a unique selection of collectables for purchase.

Inside you will find yourself surrounded with:

- \*Beautiful heirloom gifts for babies and children
- \*Pen and Ink drawings of Pittsburgh scenes by Highland Park’s own Nevin Robinson
- \*A wonderful variety of soy candles from the Oakmont Candle Company
- \*Specialty homemade teas
- \*Original artwork rendered in fabric from a returning vendor, Sandy Kephart.
- \*Decorative pillows, throws, table runners and quilts
- \*A plentiful variety of beaded jewelry...gemstones, swarovski crystal, clay, antique beads...
- \*Handmade soaps for any occasion
- \*Painted watering cans and chairs from Mario Melodia, one of the 2005 Designers
- \*One-of-a-kind jackets from Genesis Wearable Art
- \*Haitian paintings, metal and wooden boxes
- \* A large variety of colorful purses in all sizes, shapes and styles

And much more...

## **Time to Sign Up for Show House Shifts!**

You will find great variety in days and times! The shift schedule is posted to the member’s area of the JLP website. The following is the full outline of shifts needed.

As you know, all Actives and Provisional members are required to fulfill, find a substitute for, or bring along a friend, relative or significant other for three shifts. (Remember, Show House is a great recruiting tool for potential members!) While Gold Actives and Sustainers are not required to do shifts, we encourage you to join the fun!

Please visit the JLP website to select your preferred shifts and then respond to: [showhoustaffing@yahoo.com](mailto:showhoustaffing@yahoo.com) and list your preferences for at least 3 shifts. Please include your home phone number and cell phone number (if available) so we can contact you if needed. If you are interested in serving as a Shift Captain, Treasurer or Boutique Staffer please indicate your preference in the e-mail. Please be sure to wear neutral colors (black, white, beige, gray, navy) when working your shift. If you have changes to your initial shift preferences, or would like to add a shift, simply send another e-mail to: [showhoustaffing@yahoo.com](mailto:showhoustaffing@yahoo.com).

 **Sign Up for Show House Shifts ...continued**

Shifts will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

**April**

**Show House Open**

(16 volunteers per shift, including Shift Captain, Treasurer, 2 Boutique Staffers)

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| Mon.   | 22 | 6:30pm-10:30pm                                  |
| <b>(Opening Night Gala—Free entrance into late-night Gala party)</b> |    |   |
| Sat.   | 23 | 8:30am-11:30pm & 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm |
| Sun.   | 24 | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm                  |
| Mon.   | 25 | 9:30am-1:30pm (Sustainer Tours)                 |
| Tues.  | 26 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm                   |
| Wed.   | 27 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm   |
| Thurs.   | 28 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm   |
| Fri.   | 29 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm   |

**(An Evening with the Designers)**

|      |    |                                |
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| Sat. | 30 | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm |
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**May**

|        |    |  |
|--------|----|--|
| Sun    | 1  | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm                           |
| Tues.  | 3  | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm                            |
| Wed.   | 4  | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm            |
| Thurs. | 5  | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm            |
| Fri.   | 6  | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm                            |
| Sat.   | 7  | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm                           |
| Sun.   | 8  | 9:30am-1:30pm <b>(Mother's Day Tea)</b> & 1:30pm- 5:30pm |
| Tues.  | 10 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm                            |
| Wed.   | 11 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30-9:30pm              |
| Thurs. | 12 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm & 5:30-9:30pm              |
| Fri.   | 13 | 9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm                            |
| Sat.   | 14 | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm                           |
| Sun.   | 15 | 11:30am-2:30pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm                           |

**Reminder: An updated version of the above is posted on the member's area of the JLP website ([www.jlpgh.org](http://www.jlpgh.org)).**

 **Show House Chatter**

*By Kari Brumback, 2005 Designers' Show House Chair*

The Dietrich's turn over their house! – On March 29, 2005 the Junior League of Pittsburgh takes possession of the 2005 Designers' Show House located at 820 North Highland Avenue – Highland Park. To say we are excited about the 17<sup>th</sup> Designers' Show House, "A Walk in the Park" would be an understatement. The transformation is underway with the Designer work to begin April 4<sup>th</sup> ... we can hardly wait for you to see this gracious estate for yourself as we celebrate seventeen years of the JLP's Designers' Show House when we host our Annual Media Day on April 21<sup>st</sup>!

A special thank you goes out to Karen Rivetti and her committee, Mollie Rae and Kathryn Goodman, for putting together a fabulous Sneak-A-Peek weekend. They were handed the task of putting together a Kick-off Party for League members, family and friends to launch the League taking possession of the Show House and to plan our first ever "Sneak-A-Peek" weekend, allowing the general public to view the home prior to its amazing transformation by area designers. Congratulations on a job well done!

I would also like to thank all committee chairs and committee members for their hard work and determination to make this Show House a successful venture. We could not do it without you. And thank you to the Junior League of Pittsburgh membership, our gracious homeowners Scott and Diane Dietrich, and all of our sponsors for your support of this Show House adventure!

JLP Sustainer Committee

*"Bou-tea-que" Sustainer Day at Show House*

Gather your guests for  
**A Walk In The Park**

Garden Club, Newcomers' Club, Church, PTA, Bridge, Women's Club friends are most welcome. The more, the merrier!

**Monday, April 25, 2005**

10 AM - 1 PM

**Private Guided Tours, 10 AM - 12 PM**

**Gourmet Luncheon Tea, 11 AM - 1 PM**

**Speaker on Designer Trends in Pittsburgh, 12 Noon**

**Early Bird Boutique Shopping, 10 AM - 1 PM**

**RSVP by April 15** with a check in the amount of \$25 (includes tour, luncheon tea and speaker) payable to JLP and sent to Millie Ryan, 1380 Terrace Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, 412.344-4624. JLP Sustainers who attend the Opening Night Gala will be admitted free, but still need to RSVP.

 **OLD HOUSE FAIR****A lot of Interest in Show House at this Year's Old House Fair**

The Old House Fair opened its doors during the Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show during the weekend of March 12th and 13th – and The Junior League of Pittsburgh was there.

Representatives from both Show House and the Membership Development Committee got the message out about the 2005 Designers' Show House and Junior League Membership. Women manned booths all day Saturday and Sunday, drumming up interest to quite an audience.

“Saturday broke all past attendance records for the entire Home Show,” said Cathy McCollum, Chief Programs Officer for the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

She estimated between five thousand and seventy-five hundred people cruised Old House Fair floors over the weekend of March 12-13th.

People stopped by the JLP booths to learn more about Show House events, and response was positive in regard to this year's Sneak-A-Peak. Some tickets were sold and stacks of event postcards given away.

The MDC collected names and addresses of women interested in learning more about Junior League...this summer they'll be invited to prospective member events.

The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks foundation staged a media blitz, getting the word out about the Old House Fair. The Post-Gazette, KDKA-TV, The City Paper and radio stations WRRK-FM and WLTJ-FM were some of the outlets carrying the message. Kari Brumback, Show House Chair, was herself interviewed on WLTJ-FM about Show House. Talk about publicity!

Many thanks are extended to those JLP members who gave up part of their weekend to help this year's Show House and the Membership Development Committee.

And special thanks to Liz Winch, who secured the donation of beautiful flowers for the Show House table.

**Show House**

Pamela Rende  
Lisa Chilcote  
Emily Pennypacker  
Julia Gleason  
Abby Sandel  
Karen Rivetti  
Mary Adele Krolkowski  
Kari Brumback  
Christie Smith

**MDC**

Jill Shurie  
Susan Indrisano  
Stephanie Hoogendoorn  
Diane Rankin  
Jennifer Daurora  
Lorraine Marks  
Lynne Chadwick

## WAS SHOP TALK: Spring Arrives Early on Liberty Avenue

Spring arrived early in Bloomfield! The Wear After Shop shed its wool sweaters and flannel trousers in favor of bright cotton twin sets and flirty skirts on the morning of March 13. We have a team of tireless Provisional Members and the Membership Development Committee to thank for the early arrival.

Our appreciation goes to:

|                 |                    |                 |                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jamie Alejandro | Catherine Baker    | Kristi Davidson | Kristin Fawcett |
| Cindi Fluhrer   | Sally Rritts-Smith | Denise Gove     | Kim Harbaugh    |
| Sara Jeffries   | Amy Kobbeman       | Liz Vitchock    | Joann White     |

We also extend a special thanks to Jill Shurie and Jennifer Daurora for coordinating the day and an extra special thanks to Alex Lowery for volunteering to haul last season's discards to the Goodwill Donation Center.

With the seasonal change over complete, please remember that we do accept only seasonally appropriate clothing towards quota. Haven't completed your quota yet? Think outside your closet! The Wear After Shop also accepts:

- Jewelry
- Knick knacks, brick-a-brack & decorative items of all types
- Luggage
- Candles
- Dishes & glassware, from everyday items to china
- Picture frames
- Pots & pans
- Storage items, from Rubbermaid to wicker baskets and decorative tins
- Purses and totes of all kinds – from make-up cases to duffle bags
- Small appliances in working order
- Belts and ties
- Blankets, towels, curtains and bedding
- Collectibles and figurines
- Holiday & seasonal decorations

... as well as women's, men's and children's clothing and footwear, ranging from casual, everyday clothes to evening and formal wear.

This year's housewares sale will take place on May 21, 2005. It will be a special opportunity for members to complete their shifts and donate their quota before the end of the League year. If you are interested in completing your shift during the sale on Saturday, May 21 or as part of set-up on Friday, May 20, please contact [sara\\_lowery54@hotmail.com](mailto:sara_lowery54@hotmail.com).

As a courtesy to members, we will accept donations at Show House and at the April General Membership Meeting. Watch your email blasts for more information on the Show House drop off site.

 **WAS SHOP TALK ...continued**

Thank you to the following members who completed their shifts and donated their quota as of March 16.

**Actives Fulfilling Quota Requirement**

|                  |                        |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Danielle Boston  | Carol Anderson         | Susan Book       |
| Jennifer Cox     | Karen Chilcote-Rivetti | Janice Conley    |
| Liza Dollins     | Sarah Datt             | Jennifer Daurora |
| Martha Fodor     | Kelly Enders           | Denise Fetsko    |
| Kim Kisner       | Kathryn Goodman        | Marcia Kelson    |
| Robin McDonnell  | Amy Klein              | Lorraine Marks   |
| Jamie Siegel     | Allison McKinley       | Traci Nelson     |
| Tracy Tinnemeyer | Gareth Smith           | Jane Terlion     |
|                  | Beth Vucic             | Crystal Ware     |

**Actives Completing Shift Requirement**

|                       |                  |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Susan Book            | Lisa Chilcote    | Maris Bondi            |
| Jennifer Daurora      | Paula Dillig     | Karen Chilcote-Rivetti |
| Adrienne English      | Martha Fodor     | Kelly Enders           |
| Stephanie Hoogendoorn | Susan Indrisano  | Kathryn Goodman        |
| Christine McMillan    | Lorraine Nogrady | Lorraine Marks         |
| Beth Reilly           | Molly Ruscitti   | Mollie Rea             |
| Christie Smith        | Gareth Smith     | Jill Shurie            |
| Maribeth Thomas       |                  | Melissa Stewart        |

**Provisional Fulfilling Quota Requirement**

|                  |                     |                    |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Jamie Alejandro  | Catherine Baker     | Kimberly Baker     |
| Melanie Bozynski | Kathy Ciorra        | Kristi Davidson    |
| Gina DeBlasis    | Julie Haas          | Sara Jefferies     |
| Amy Kobbeman     | Alicia Love         | Alma Lucas         |
| Melissa Polachek | Karen Rollins-Fitch | Allison Spory      |
| Jennifer Tylka   | Christa Valentine   | Elizabeth Vitchock |

**Provisionals Completing Shift Requirement**

|                    |                     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Catherine Baker    | Kimberly Baker      | Jamie Alejandro     |
| Erica Burns        | Kathy Ciorra        | Melanie Bozynski    |
| Kristen Fawcett    | Cindi Fluhrer       | Gina DeBlasis       |
| Denise Greenberg   | Julie Haas          | Denise Gove         |
| Sara Jefferies     | Amy Kobbeman        | Elena Heidinger     |
| Maria Lauro        | Alicia Love         | Monica Lamar        |
| Alyssa Majesko     | Andrea Malone       | Alma Lucas          |
| Emily Pennypacker  | Melissa Polachek    | Adrienne Monaghan   |
| Christina Rippel   | Karen Rollins-Fitch | Robyn Race Loughren |
| Jennifer Tylka     | Kelly Uranker       | Allison Spory       |
| Elizabeth Vitchock |                     | Christa Valentine   |

And a special thank you to our sustainer donors!  
Lucy Douglas, Berrylin Ferguson and Karen McCormick

## **Strategic Development Committee**

The Strategic Development Committee would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the following sustainers for assisting us with the town hall meetings. We appreciate your support!


Millie Ryan - Sustainer Director  
Gail Harbaugh  
Cookie Roberson  
Betsy Wiegand  
Peggy Mooney  
Jan Wagner  
Heather Richardson  
Jeanne Berdik

## **MDC – BRING A FRIEND**

March Bring-A-Friend Meeting

You may have seen some unfamiliar faces milling about the March GMM—those women, more than 20 of them—were prospective members ("Friends," if you will) who were curious enough to find out more about the JLP. Some of these women learned about the JLP through our website or other source and braved the unknown by attending the meeting alone while others came as the guest of a current JLP member. Thank you to everyone who made these ladies feel welcome during the social time prior to the meeting.

During the first half hour or so of the GMM, the Friends were hustled off to a separate room to hear more about the JLP. This year, the MDC tried a different tack and conducted the information session as a round table, as opposed to the usual more formal presentation. MDC members as well as JLP actives who brought Friends were scattered throughout the room and answered questions ranging from "Why did you join the JLP and more importantly, why have you remained a member?" to "Describe the last DIAD in which you participated" to "How has the JLP made you a more effective volunteer and leader?" Multiple and varied responses to these questions allowed the Friends to glimpse the diversity of the women who comprise the JLP and, hopefully, to see something they wish to be a part of. The roundtable format owes its success to the wonderful members who responded to the questions with both substance and enthusiasm! Thank you, thank you.

The MDC has received positive feedback on the roundtable format, but September's provisional class will be the best gauge as to its effectiveness! In the meantime, consider how you would answer the above questions. Feel free to use your answers to recruit new members! 

 **JLP SERVICE AWARDS**

 **The Anne D. Johnston Award**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominee's  
Name** \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the Award is to recognize the member, Active or Sustainer, or group within the League who has made an outstanding contribution in both the Pittsburgh League and the community. This service may have been one of cumulative value over a period of years or it may have been leadership in a special field for a relatively short period.

The qualities we are seeking in the Active, Sustainer or Group may consist of the following:

- ~ Untiring service to the League and community
- ~ Enthusiasm
- ~ Affirmation of the League's purpose
- ~ Dedication to voluntarism
- ~ Demonstrated leadership
- ~ Willingness to assume responsibility

**Please include a written essay or description of your nominee's activities or volunteer involvements that support this nomination. What has been exemplary about her work in the League and the community? If possible, please provide a resume that lists professional and volunteer experience. Submit this information along with the form below:**

**Nominated by**

\_\_\_\_\_  
your first, middle/maiden and last names

\_\_\_\_\_  
your contact information; telephone number, home, work and or cell/email address

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**Please return this completed nominating form by May 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

JLP Anne D. Johnston Award/Julia Gleason  
Junior League of Pittsburgh  
1620 Murray Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1497

Email versions of the same should be forwarded to [julia\\_sheridan\\_gleason@msn.com](mailto:julia_sheridan_gleason@msn.com)

**The 2005 Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on June 1, 2005.**

**Past Anne D. Johnston Award Winners include . . .**

June Isaly, Jane Thompson, TRAC/Three Rivers Adoption Council, Gay Hopkins,  
Gail Harbaugh, Marti Madson, Dee McClay, Caroline Farmer, Becky Torbin, Jeanne Berdik, Anne Camp,  
Sharon Jaynes, Vern Meury, Sylbia Kunst, Elizabeth Wiegand, Sally Lewis, Veo Parran, Janet Conomos, Jan  
Shoop, "A.J." Jenkins, Beverlynn Elliot, Elizabeth Wainwright

 **Volunteer of the Year Award**

**The Nominating Committee recognizes an Active Member of our League who has done a superior job during the current placement year. Anyone can be chosen whether a leader or a follower, Committee Chair, Committee Person or entire Committee. We look for an energetic, dedicated person who deserves to be acknowledged.**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

**A description of your nominee's activities/involvements supporting the nomination is essential. Please include it with this form.**

**Nominated by**

\_\_\_\_\_  
your first, middle/maiden and last names

\_\_\_\_\_  
your contact information; telephone number, home, work and or cell/email address

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**Please return this completed nominating form by May 15 to:**

**Christine Emanuelson via email: [cemanuelson@comcast.net](mailto:cemanuelson@comcast.net)**

**Or send to:**

**Nominating Director  
Junior League of Pittsburgh  
1620 Murray Avenue  
Pittsburgh,  
PA 15217-1497**

**The 2005 Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on June 1, 2005**

## **AJLI Volunteer Service Award Program**

**Coming soon: new volunteer service award program lets league members enter hours and receive recognition.**

In June 2005, the Junior League of Pittsburgh will take part in an exciting new Association-wide program that will help us track and reward the numerous volunteer hours contributed by our Provisional, Active, and Sustaining members.

Through the newly introduced Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) Volunteer Service Award Program web site, Pittsburgh League members will be able to record and monitor their volunteer service hours. Members who log in more than 100 hours of service will be eligible for the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, an initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

"The AJLI Volunteer Service Award Program is a powerful initiative that helps Junior Leagues everywhere recognize the contributions of their members," said Susan Danish, AJLI Executive Director. "And it enables Leagues to track valuable information about community service hours that can be used as a compelling marketing tool within the League and the community at large."

The Association will pay for the cost of all awards and will work closely with a League-appointed Administrator to monitor, certify, and reward eligible League members. The program has been adapted for League needs through a unique partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, which administers the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award program, and a volunteer Task Force of League Leaders recruited at the 2004 AJLI Annual Conference.

Task Force members Angela Culley (Wichita Falls, TX), Zoe Metcalf (Wheeling, WV), and Sabrina Reilly (Washington, D.C.) presented the program to fellow Junior League Presidents and Presidents-Elect at the AJLI Fall Leadership Conference in Miami, FL.

"The AJLI Volunteer Service Award Program is completely voluntary," said Metcalf, President-Elect of the Junior League of Wheeling, WV. "It's a fun and easy way for League members to track hours and it is relatively simple for those Leagues that choose to participate to administer the program."

The Junior League of Pittsburgh has appointed Kelly Enders as the League Administrator who will be trained to review each League member's online Record of Service, verify that information is accurate and order the appropriate award when the required number of hours is achieved. The League Administrator will also be responsible for posting information and updates on the Volunteer Service Award web site and launching the program among our League members.

To find out more about this program, visit the Members Section of the AJLI web site [www.ajli.org](http://www.ajli.org) by entering the log-in "volunteer." 

## **CADC Awards Grants**

The Community Assessment and Development Committee (CADC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the grant awards for 2004-2005. The CADC focused this year on organizations that assist victims of domestic violence/child abuse. A grant in the amount of \$3000 will be given to each of the following organizations:

1. **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates): For more than 10 years, CASA has served the children and families of Allegheny County who are suffering from various instances of domestic violence. CASA of Allegheny County was formed following the death of a young boy at the hands of his foster father. CASA's mission is to ensure that abused and neglected children are placed in loving, safe and permanent homes in a timely manner. There are presently 5000 children in Allegheny County who have experienced proven instances of abuse and neglect and in turn are in the Juvenile Court System. Last year, CASA served 450 of these children, but recognizes a clear need to expand upon this. CASA has 14 staff people and 160 active volunteers. Once a CASA volunteer is appointed to a case, the volunteer, in conjunction with the staff manager, works to gather information on the case. The volunteer meets with caregivers, relatives, neighbors, teachers, therapists, doctors, etc., and visits at least once a month to make sure the child is in a safe and caring environment. The volunteer then recommends to the court what is in the best interest of the child. It costs approximately \$1000 per year to advocate for each child. Thus, the grant will be used to support three children for a year.
2. **Womansplace**: Since 1976, Womansplace has provided services to over 300,000 victims of domestic violence. Womansplace strives to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, prevention education and direct services. Its mission is to support individuals and families exposed to relationship abuse by providing shelter, legal, medical and children's advocacy and counseling. Womansplace employs 23 staff members who are supported by 10 volunteers and 20 volunteers in training who carry out 13 programs: shelter, 24 hour hotline, supportive counseling, educational counseling, adult advocacy, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, children's advocacy, community education, prevention education, group services, referral and systems advocacy and training. As part of its services, Womansplace provides training programs to various community organizations and groups including police departments. Womansplace will use the grant to enhance its training materials. Updated and revised information is critical and must be available to properly educate the public. Training will be held at Womansplace and throughout Allegheny County at various times of the year.

 **CADC Awards Grants ...continued**

- 3. Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh:** The Women's Center was one of the first 6 shelters in the nation for victims of domestic violence and their children. Its services include a 24 hour hotline, shelter, non-resident counseling for women and children (including safety planning, advocacy and support groups), a full children's program, legal and medical advocacy and additional advocacy within various systems including housing, justice and mental healthcare. The Women's Center's goal is to reduce immediate and long-term domestic violence of women and children. The Women's Center Legal Advocates have initiated pre-arrest advocacy work with high risk families at police stations in zones targeted because of the high number of calls for domestic violence. When police are called to a home but no arrest is made, an incident report is filed and reviewed by the Legal Advocate assigned to that zone. The officer makes a follow up visit and informs the victim about the services available through the Legal Advocate. If the victim gives approval, the Legal Advocate contacts her directly and offers counseling, support, etc. There is no other known program like this in the United States, and it is considered ground-breaking. The grant will be used to support the continued work of the Legal Advocacy Department through the Zone Based Advocacy Project to reach victims earlier in the cycle of abuse. ●

 **Making an impact - Scholarship recipient writes JLP a letter**

(below is a scan of the hard copy)

January 3, 2005

Hello Junior League of Pittsburgh!

It is hard to believe nearly four years have passed since I received your generous scholarship! I have been quite busy during my time at Allegheny College, which will soon end when I receive my degree in biology and graduate magna cum laude this May.

My involvement in community service has continued to grow at Allegheny. For the past four years, I served as a mentor to teenage women at Bethesda Children's Home, a home for at-risk youth. I also served as a Peer Project Leader for three of these years; the Peer Project Leader is a student leadership position that serves to act as a liaison between the college and Bethesda. In addition, I was an AmeriCorps Bonner Leader, which is the domestic version of the Peace Corps. I worked at the Meadville Housing Authority during the summer of 2003; myself and two other Allegheny students planned and coordinated summer programs for approximately 100 children at three low income housing developments. Finally, I traveled on two Alternative Spring Break trips—in March 2003, I traveled with other students to Buffalo where we worked at the refugee center Vive La Casa and in March 2004 I traveled to Boston where we assisted with the Volunteers of America.

Among my other accomplishments at Allegheny, I recently was honored with the Cornerstone Award, an award given to ten senior students for their "exemplary contribution to Allegheny College in regards to scholarship, leadership, and service." I also participated in two study abroad trips of three weeks each led by Allegheny faculty—"Theatre in Britain" and "Ethnic Reconciliation in Fiji"—both which opened my eyes to completely different cultures.

When I received your scholarship, I planned on attending medical school. However, like so many college students, these plans have altered slightly. Instead, I will be attending physician assistant (PA) school next year. After acceptances at Drexel University and Chatham College, I have decided to stay in Pittsburgh and become a student of Chatham's PA class of 2007.

Your scholarship helped make all of this possible, allowing me to attend the college of my choice and easing the financial burden of higher education. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,



Jessica Buck

 **AJLI web site gets a face lift**


On March 22, 2005, AJLI went live with a new web site. The following report was sent to our JLP office:

We are excited about the modern, dynamic look, the new content, and the easier navigation. We hope you'll agree. The process of switching over has a few twists and turns. It takes some time to 'propagate the web' with a site as large as ours. That means that some of you will have already seen the new site before you receive this e-mail, and some of you will see this e-mail first!

From the very first Public Home page, you'll see that we've provided a new look for the general public, to tell them about who Junior Leagues are and the tremendous work done by Leagues everyday. That's why you'll see the internet news feed, with articles about Leagues across the Association (we thank the Junior League of Edmonton for leading the way with this great feature), and great League work highlighted in "news and announcements" and "community projects". All of these sections will change frequently.

Members can login from two places on the new Public Home page. The web site address is still <http://www.ajli.org> and the Member login is still "volunteer". On the Members Home page, you'll see the same internet news feed and the same "community projects" as on the Public page, but slightly different articles in "news and announcements". The navigation on the left is quite complete and makes it easy to find what you want. But if you can't, the page also has a Search function in the top right.

We've made it especially easy for you to access several areas that we know you use - the Contact Directory, the Meetings Calendar and Connected - the Junior League Newsletter. Each of those is one click away, using one of the buttons in the lower left. Correspondingly, on the Public Home page, we've made it easy for everyone to buy any Junior League cookbook!

There is so much more to talk about. But rather than write further, we invite you to explore the new site. Also, please note, this web site is still a work in progress. There are still sections "Under Construction", some of which we hope to talk about with you as we develop them. 

**→ SPRING ORCHID FUNDRAISER**

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- Order:** Email order form (credit card only) to [info@jlpgh.org](mailto:info@jlpgh.org) or mail order form and check to JLP Orchids, 1620 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218.
- Questions?** Call 412-825-0540.
- Pick Up:** Orchids will be available for pick up at the 2005 Designer’s Show House, 820 North Highland Avenue, on Saturday, May 7, and Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 8, 2005
- Supports:** The proceeds from this sale benefit the following nonprofit organizations:  
The Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc.  
Drew Mathieson Center for Horticultural & Agricultural Technology - offering enrichment and education to economically disadvantaged people in the community.

\* The cost of goods and services received in exchange for this donation is \$15.

**JLP Spring Orchid Fundraiser Order Form**

All orders must be pre-paid and received by April 30rd

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Order:**

Donation per Orchid     \$25.00

Quantity                     \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due:                     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed (payable: Junior League of Pittsburgh)

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge my credit card – Visa or MC only

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Jazz benefit**

**On Friday, April 22**, Radio Information Service (RIS) is holding its first- ever Jazz Benefit Fundraiser. The concert is part of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild's 2004-2005 season. Proceeds from the evening, which includes a pre-concert reception, will benefit RIS, which broadcasts the reading of newspapers, magazines, and other current information to those unable to read due to a visual, physical, or learning disability.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the music of local musicians Lou Schreiber, Keith Stebler and Roger Humphries.

The 8:00 p.m. concert features the Bob Mintzer Big Band

Tickets to the Jazz Benefit are \$75 for both the reception and concert and are available from Radio Information Service at 412.488.3944. 

## **GMMs for the 2004-2005 JLP Year**

Meetings take place at the Duquesne Club, 325 6th Avenue, downtown  
Remaining 2005 GMM Dates:

April 13th, 2005—**Placement Fair**  
June 1st, 2005—**Annual Meeting**

Meetings will begin with a social time at 6:30 PM and the meeting portion will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Meeting location within the club is the Main Dining Room on the 2nd floor of the club.

The Smithfield Liberty parking garage on Liberty connects to the Duquesne Club directly via the 6th floor level. This is a safer downtown venue for all of our lovely Junior League Ladies. Also, if you desire, you can have the valet park your car via the side entrance. Please contact Julie Andrews ([jandrews@programsonthego.com](mailto:jandrews@programsonthego.com)) one week prior to the GMM with meeting requests such as additional tables, chairs, or AV equipment. Visit our official website for an up-to-date calendar: [www.jlpg.org](http://www.jlpg.org)

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Please, avoid adding Tabs, Tables, and Font Formatting

Submission of digital photos and graphics should be sent in

JPG or EPS format (zipped /compressed before sending)

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