

LIGHTS



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Women building better communities

Ladies, start your engines! We're off to a roaring start.

By Kim Johnson, Lisa Campoli

Three Women, One Day.
Book & Author Series Fall 2004
Sunday, September 19

Mark your calendar as this will be an exciting afternoon with three outstanding women. They include:
New York Times



Columnist and author, Maureen Dowd featuring her latest work, "Bushworld: Enter at Your Own Risk."



Tawni O'dell, a Western PA native and featured Oprah Book Club Author, discussing her new book, "Coal Run."

And economist and award-winning author, Juliet Schor, presenting her most recent release, "Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture."



All this and more on Sunday, September 19th, 2004, at the

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HONORING 'A NATURAL LEADER'

Excerpts from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Mary Adams "Mimi" Bitzer, a past president of the Junior League of Pittsburgh and one of the founding members of Vintage, the East Liberty center for senior citizens, died June 19, 2004 after a 17-year battle with cancer. She was 66. Thirty years ago, Mrs. Bitzer, of Hampton, was among three women who built the center to care for the elderly in the East End. Mrs. Bitzer's generous and intelligent guidance as a

board member, past president and volunteer of Vintage lead to its success.

Today, the center is comprehensive and thriving, serving 6,000 adults annually -- including lunches, classes, adult daycare and more. "She was a natural leader," said her friend since college, Melinda Beard, also one of the founders of Vintage. "She always thought positively."

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SUSTAINERS:

Get ready to "Let the good times roll!"
See page 3 for more.

Fashion Founds:
see page 9,
it's a JLP "Must Read!"

Mark your calendars:
**2004 PA Governor's
Conference for Women**
September 14th
See page 10 for details.
(Early bird special rate
ends Sept. 1st.)

EXTREME makeover!
JLP website: new Look, new Benefits.

By Ann Bondi, Communications Director
The next time that you log onto the JLP's website, now www.jlpg.org, you'll notice our new look and

many new online enhancements.

The JLP has contracted 'closerware4leagues,' a company producing a website product tailored to Junior Leagues and other non-profits. The Board of Directors voted for the

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President's Message

WHAT CAN "I" DO?

Here we are going into the dog days of summer and what have I done since June 3rd? I've gone to a lot of baseball and softball games! We've had a Board Retreat in June, and two Board meetings, along with numerous Committee meetings. I've had the Gold Actives over for Cocktails and Conversation as well as the Board & Chairs over for the same idea (there were lots of both C and C!). I have had office hours on Tuesdays (9:30 until noon) and lots of computer and telephone discussions about Fund Development, Membership Development, the new web site (www.jlpgh.com), Facilities, surveying of our membership, Placement issues, Training opportunities, the calendar, insurance issues. But there are couple more things that "I" can do before our September General Membership Meeting:

Time: I can give my time. I can know that Board Meetings and Committee meetings and GMM's will take up time. I can know that I should plan that GMM's will start promptly at 7pm and will last until 9pm. The League only meets 7 or 8 times per year. Usually, the GMM's won't last for 2 hours but I will plan with my baby sitter/husband/special friend that they will last until 9pm (and when I get out earlier, I'll go to the Tap Room!).

Commitment: I will value the commitment I make to the League and the

commitment the League makes to me. I will remember that when a meeting is set, a meeting is set! If I can't commit fully to my placement, I'll make sure that I talk with the Chair or the Director or my Placement Advisor to make arrangements.

Communication: I can let my Placement Advisor know that I have done a shift or brought in quota or completed my Done In A Day project. I can let my PA know that I am moving/having a baby/ really pressed for time due to school/work/family. I will respond to telephone calls/e-mails as quickly as possible, knowing that others are relying on me.

Committee: See Commitment and Communication

Community: I will remember that the reason we have a Book & Author event or a Show House is to make money to give back to our Community. I will consider being a reader with EW! I will think about a 2nd Placement with Providence Teens or Safety Kids. I will do more than my required one Done In A Day project. I will give back to the community which has given me so much.

Micro Manage: I won't do it.

Training: I will attend the Training opportunities presented to me with eagerness. I know that the League is developing my potential for leadership and I will welcome the possibilities.

Attention: I can be aware that the JL P needs my attention at committee meetings and at GMM's.

And now I know what "I" can do.

*Mary Adele Krolikowski
President, 2004-2005*

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The Junior League of Pittsburgh is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Pittsburgh reaches out to women of all races, creeds, religions or national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

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"So, what does the President-Elect do?"

By Lynne Chadwick
President-Elect 2004-05



Glad you asked. According to the Standing Rules (Section 3, b if you want to check it out), the President Elect "shall preside in the absence of the President and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in her absence." This sounds fun, but Mary Adele isn't absent that often. Other roles delineated in the bylaws include serving as **Chair of the Personnel**

Committee, overseeing the **Facilities Committee**, chaired by Allison McKinley, managing the **General Membership Meeting agenda**, coordinating **conference arrangements**, and this year, serving as the voting delegate to the **New Pittsburgh Collaborative**, of which the JLP is a member organization. As with all job descriptions, there is that sticky phrase, "other administrative duties as are assigned to her by the President." So, as the White House staffers like to say on NBC's *The West Wing*, "I serve at the pleasure of my President."

Look for more updates on the activities of the President-Elect in future *Lights* installments.

Questions or comments for the President-Elect? Send E-mail to: lynne.chadwick@verizon.net or call (412) 849-2523.

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change last spring and Jamie Siegel, Website Chair, has been hard at work all summer to get the new site up and running.

Some of the benefits:

- On-line JLP store and the ability to sell cookbooks, fundraiser tickets, etc.
- Ability to pay dues and accept donations online
- Secure member area for sensitive material
- Full JLP calendar with links to all events
- Ability to sign up for volunteer shifts online
- Update contact information online
- Bulk email tool

Look forward to learning all the details at a fall GMM. In the meantime, check it out for yourself!

WWW.JLPGH.ORG



Let the Good Times Roll!

By Millie Ryan, Sustainer Director

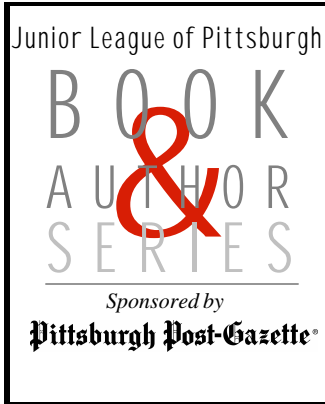
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL! is the theme of the 2004-2005 JLP Sustainer Program. The Sustainer Committee is in the process of planning a myriad of activities designed to appeal to our diverse population of enduring members.

We hope to KICK IT UP A NOTCH! as we roll through the year with the following:

Just Ducky Tour and Lunch, Marvin Hamlich at The Twentieth Century Club and Lunch, Art Tour and Holiday Dinner at The Duquesne Club, City Theatre Production with Dinner at Café Allegro, and a Historic Tour of Grant Street with Tea at The William Penn.

And if that isn't enough to kick around, all those who are so inclined will have the opportunity to assist with the AJLI Mid-Atlantic Conference which JLP is hosting and with Showhouse! BAM! There you have it, in a nutshell.

YA'LL COME NOW, HEAR? The Sustainer Committee: Linda Ban, Jan Chadwick, Gusty Kairys, Clare Meehan and Susanne Wilkinson.



IT'S *the* FALL EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

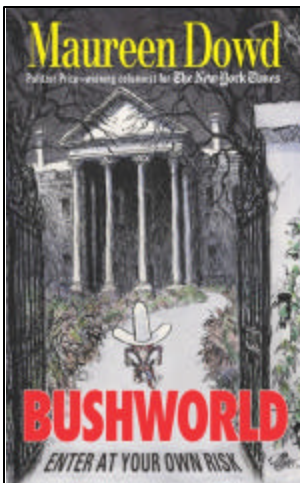
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Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. Tickets available on the JLP website: www.jlpg.org or by phone at: 412-983-2535; \$20 general admission; \$5 students with valid I.D.

Maureen Dowd, winner of a 1999 Pulitzer Prize, became a columnist on The New York Times Op-Ed page in 1995 after having served as a correspondent in the paper's Washington bureau since 1986. She has covered four presidential campaigns and served as White House correspondent during the Reagan, Bush and Clinton White Houses. She also wrote a column, "On Washington," for The New York Times Magazine. Her column, "Liberties," appears in the Times' Sunday and Thursday editions. She won the Pulitzer Prize in 1999 for distinguished commentary for chronicling the Clinton impeachment follies, as the Times entry put it, "with style as well as insight, with faultless instinct for hypocrisy in high places."

"BUSHWORLD: Enter at Your Own Risk."

During the past two decades, Maureen Dowd has trained her keen journalist's eye on America's political leadership, not only critiquing their actions in office, but putting them "on the

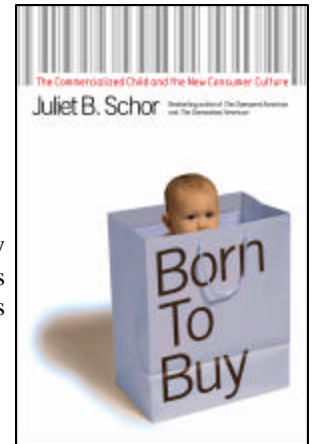


couch." Here she wittily dissects political events of the past four years, writing in a voice that is acerbic, passionate, outraged, and incisive. Drawing upon her celebrated New York Times columns, with a new introductory essay, she probes decisions and personalities of politicians she has made recognizable by their first names and nicknames. Bushworld is a book that any reader who cares about the real world won't want to miss.

Juliet B. Schor is the award-winning author of "The Overworked American" and "The Overspent American." A recognized expert on consumerism, economics, and family studies, she teaches at Boston College and lives in Newton, Massachusetts.

"BORN TO BUY."

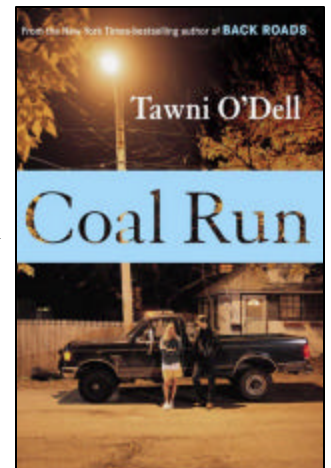
In this revolutionary work, Juliet Schor explores how children are turned into consumers almost from birth and finds that by adolescence their social worlds are almost totally constructed around the commodities they perceive as cool. Schor reports that in preschool years a child requests twenty-five brand name products per day, and by kindergarten the average American child can identify 200 logos. Drawing on her own research and unprecedented access to the advertising industry, Schor examines the advertising strategies that turn children into consumers; how this constant barrage of trends, messages, and hard-hitting marketing campaigns impact their growth and behavioral development; and what parents and teachers can do to reverse the damaging effects of both subliminal and blatant commercialism.



Tawni O'Dell's debut novel, *Back Roads*, was a selection of Oprah's Book Club. A western Pennsylvania native, she earned a degree in journalism from Northwestern University. In addition to earning wages as a bank teller and a waitress, she put herself through college working as an exotic dancer jumping out of cakes at bachelor parties. A mother of two, she lives with her husband in Illinois. *Coal Run* is her second novel.

"COAL RUN."

At once riveting and heartbreaking, *Back Roads*, with its pitch-perfect characters, captured the maddening confusion of adolescence and announced the arrival of a formidable talent in Tawni O'Dell, a writer who finds the humor and humanity in



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 the bleakest states. With her eagerly awaited second novel, *Coal Run*, O'Dell takes us back to the coal mining country of western Pennsylvania, the territory she renders with such striking authenticity. Ivan Zoschenko, the local deputy and erstwhile football legend, "The Great Ivan Z," sidelined years ago by a knee injury, spends a week seemingly preparing for an old teammate's imminent release from prison. In doing so, Ivan introduces a rich cast of characters--his unexpectedly wise and comic former beauty queen sister, his former idol Val Claypool, and the young woman whose life he changed forever. And during the events of this week, Ivan confronts his demons and reveals himself to be a man whose conscience is burdened by a long-held and shocking secret that

must be reckoned with. Driven by the same raw energy, humor, suspense, and compassion for a place and a way of life that made O'Dell's first novel so unforgettable, *Coal Run* is an uncompromising and absorbing novel that advances on, even transcends, the incredible promise of *Back Roads*.

Let your love of literature be nourished with the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 'Book & Author Series - Fall 2004' event.

Spend a delightful afternoon with three featured authors. Enjoy invigorating discussion and food for thought, followed by a book signing.

WHAT	BOOK & AUTHOR, FALL 2004 EVENT
WHEN	Sunday, September 19, 2004 2 pm
WHERE	Carnegie Music Hall 4400 Forbes Avenue, Oakland Parking: Carnegie complex, \$3
TICKETS	\$20 General admission \$5 Students w/valid ID
PURCHASE	Visit: www.jlpggh.org Call: 412.983.2535 Tickets also available at the door, day of the event.

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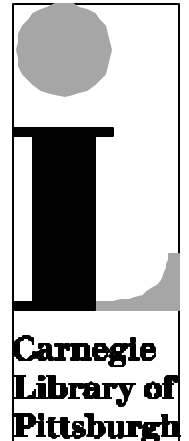


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ATTENTION ALL JLP GOURMETS - RECIPIES WANTED

Before you all get too excited – or scared – about any thought of a cookbook, Fund Development has been toying with the idea of a mini-cookbook that would feature tried-and-true member recipes. What do you think? So...

If you have a great snack, entrée, dessert, or appetizer to share with us – and others – please forward it along to the attention of: jlptastytreats@yahoo.com. Comments and suggestions are also welcome!



HONORING LEADERSHIP

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Mrs. Bitzer was active in community services. She was on the boards of directors of First Stage: Performing Arts for Children at the Carnegie Museum and the Central Blood Bank of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and served on the board of trustees of the Fountainhead Foundation, a Pittsburgh-area philanthropic organization, as a trustee and past president.

She was also a member and past president of the Junior League of Pittsburgh.

"Much of her philanthropy was driven by her desire to aid people who were on the social and economic fringes of society," said her friend, Point Park University President Katherine Henderson, also a college classmate.

"She had a strong sense of community," said Henderson, recalling how Mrs. Bitzer would personally help the employees of ABARTA, the family business, which has interests in soft-drink bottling, oil and gas and publishing. She was on the company's board of directors.

Despite her many involvements, Mrs. Bitzer was remembered as someone who made time for family and friends. When each of her 14 grandchildren turned 10, she would take them to the Grand Canyon. And within a few weeks of her passing, despite her ill health, she hosted a mini-reunion for her college friends.

Mrs. Bitzer was a founding supporter of the Pittsburgh Public Theater and acted in some of the Public's early productions. Mrs. Bitzer was a longtime member of the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church.

She and John, her husband of 45 years, were founding members of the Fox Chapel Racquet Club, as well as members of the Fox Chapel Golf Club, and the Edgartown Yacht Club and Pine Cay Meridian Club, in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Mrs. Bitzer was born Aug. 25, 1937, in Bethlehem, Pa., to the late Pauline Hombach Adams and Rolland LeRoy Adams. Her father was the publisher of the Bethlehem Globe Times and the Atlantic City Press.

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— *Katherine Henderson, Point Park University President*

She graduated from Connecticut College in 1959 and from Duquesne University School of Nursing in 1981. She also took graduate classes at the University of Southern California and was a practicing part-time nurse at Mercy Hospital, Uptown in the 1980s.

It is with great honor that we will keep her memory alive in the spirit of voluntarism as we carry forward the mission of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, each and every day.

Staying committed to our vision

By Christine Emanuelson, Nominating Director

As the new year for the Junior League of Pittsburgh gets underway, we are all excited to jump into our new or returning placements. As the nominating committee begins to meet, we are not only eager to begin this year's placement, we also start to look to the following years leaders. As JLP members we know how

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important it is to be active in our communities and volunteer, but the JLP would not get very far without women committed to leading the way. The Nominating Committee begins our year by searching for the women who will volunteer their time to help the JLP stay committed to our vision. I ask each member

of the JLP to think about why you joined the Junior League. Did you join to sit back and watch others make decisions for you? Or did you join to make a difference? This year I ask you to consider making a difference not only through the JLP with our commitment to volunteerism, but by making a difference in the JLP's decision making process by nominating yourself or someone else to a chair, director, or executive board position.

The nominating committee is also asking each committee chair, director and executive board member to begin to look for at least one person to "fill their shoes" next year. We have found that most new chairs and directors are more comfortable accepting a position when they know they can learn their responsibilities before their term begins. Think ahead now, and be better prepared for tomorrow. If anyone has any questions regarding the nominating process, would like to join our committee, or would like to nominate someone or self nominate, please email me at c.emanuelson@comcast.net

Shop Talk

Donating to the Wear After Shop



It may still be swimsuit season, but fall is just around the corner.

Starting on August first, donate your cozy wool sweaters, gently worn tweed blazers, last season's riding boots all manner of fall apparel to the Wear After Shop.

All donations made after June 1, 2004 count towards quota credit for the

2004/2005 League year.

Please review the updated donation guidelines before collecting and preparing your quota.

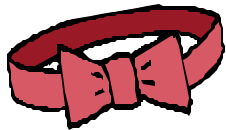
New Faces at the Wear After Shop

This summer marked the departure of two long-time Wear After Shop employees. Former JLP actives and Wear After

Shop committee members, Edie Wessels and Langley Cass have staffed the store since 1999 and were key to the success of the summer 2003 move to our new location at 4752 Liberty Avenue. Langley is now caring for her mother full-time; Edie, a former teacher, has gone back to school as an education specialist in the Butler School District. We wish them all the best and want them to know that they will be missed!

With Langley's departure, we have hired Sally Cox as a part-time stock associate. Sally's primary area of responsibility is the basement stockroom. For those of you who have spent a shift in the "dungeon," you'll be pleasantly surprised by the improvements to our workspace. Sally has already contributed much to the WAS, helping us to better sort merchandise and make sure that quality donations make it to the sales floor quickly. She'll be in the Shop every Saturday, so please look for her when you drop off your next donation.

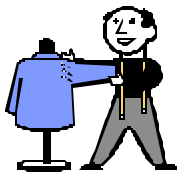
And ask her about the thousand dollar Escada suit!



The Good, the WAS Donation Guidelines

DO donate

- Gently worn sweaters and tops.
- Men's suits and blazers.
- Trousers and skirts, both casual and business-appropriate.
- Men's ties and belts.
- Costume jewelry.
- Eveningwear and accessories for men & women.
- Winter and spring jackets.
- Last season's designer or name brand purses and totes.
- Jeans in good repair.
- Children's clothing.
- Retro wear – your grandmother's Chanel-esque suit.
- Women's suits and dresses.
- Anything you'd be thrilled to find in your size at a bargain price!



Bad and the

DON'T donate

- Stuffed animals & other toys.
- Magazines.
- Souvenir shot glasses, mugs and plastic tumblers.
- Torn clothing.
- Stained items.
- Tops with discolored underarms.
- Undergarments or swimwear without the original sales tag attached.
- Souvenir t-shirts from 5K races and other benefit events.
- Garments with missing buttons or broken zippers or drawstrings.
- Very faded or worn items.
- Single earrings or necklaces with broken clasps.
- Electronics & small appliances not in working order.
- Anything that you would stop your best friend



Ugly



The fine print... Wear After Shop Requirements & Quota Donation Policy

All provisional & active members of the Junior League of Pittsburgh are required to donate saleable items to the Wear After Shop, our year-round fundraiser. The amount of donated goods for which each member is responsible is referred to as quota. The above guidelines are not exhaustive, but are meant to provide direction for members making donations.

Making it 'count.' Finance committee is hard at work.

By Jane Terlion

Our work is well underway. During July the first meeting of the 2004/05 JLP finance committee was held at Anathan House. Treasurer-Carol Anderson chairs the standing committee this year. Other committee members include: Jane Terlion, Treasurer-Elect; Julia Gleason, Fund Development Dir; and, President & President-Elect, MaryAdele Krolikowski and Lynne Chadwick, respectively. Additionally, representatives from all other Fund Development/Fund Raising committees participate. Currently, since the committee treasurers from the B&A Series, WAS, and Showhouse have not been named, those committees are being represented by: Kim Johnson and Lisa Campoli -chair/co-chair of the B&A Series; Sara Lowery and Abby Sandel, chair/co-chair of the WAS.

A variety of items were covered during the July discussion, including that we will continue to retain the firm of Bookmind-ers, located on the North Side, as our bookkeepers in 2004-2005. And, as it is a routine summer task, the JLP annual audit is slated to occur. As a result, Carol Anderson received bids from three local accounting firms and presented them to the Finance Committee for discussion and review. A new firm, *McCrorry & McDowell, LLC* was selected based on their competitive pricing and their historical work with other known non-profits. The audit will begin in late August.

Looking at the full year ahead, the Finance Committee has slated three key goals.

First, the JLP Finance Committee would like to develop an Investment Policy. Since we now have our funds invested with Merrill Lynch and our Endowment fund is established the timing is appropriate. To address this first goal, a sub-committee, led by Jane Terlion, has been formed to research & develop our strategy by January 2005.

Second, the committee seeks to create By-Laws to be associated with the Endowment Fund. Another sub-committee will address this need, with Carol Anderson leading this effort.

Finally, our third key goal is to reduce of out-of-pocket expenses. Our current insurance policies will be submitted for bidding, with this third goal in mind. For example, due to the extremely high coverage, costs are incurred whenever we have a ShowHouse, this 6-week coverage will be given special attention to determine if the house contract can be structured to reduce our insurance costs next spring!

If you have any questions regarding the JLP Finance Committee, please feel free to contact either Carol Anderson or Jane Terlion.

So many projects, so little time!

By Deirdre Ragan, Projects Director

What a year it is going to be! So many great opportunities for the Junior League, and you as its members, to fulfill our mission and enrich the community! All the projects respond to the JLP's identified focus areas of children, families, literacy and education.

This is the third and final year of our signature project, *Everybody Wins!*, a program that strives to improve children's chance of success in school and in life through reading experiences with a caring adult. This year we will expand the lunch-time Read Together program, in which elementary school students are matched one-to-one with volunteers from companies and other community organizations to share lunch, conversation and good books. No doubt this signature project will have a lasting impact on Pittsburgh!

This is the first year for two new projects: Safety Kids Camps and Providence Teen Program.

The Safety Kids Camps will teach children vital skills, thereby reducing the incidence of victimization through bullying, vio-

lence, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, and abduction, as well as the incidence of injury due to fire and bike accidents.

The Providence Teen Program is a pilot program for teenagers that will provide much-needed developmental, social and recreational activities for youths ages 12-16 in the Marshall-Shadeland (North Side) and surrounding neighborhoods, providing guidance and support to at-risk teenagers. And, of course, there will be a myriad of one-day volunteering opportunities made available through the Done In A Day program.

The JLP membership picked these projects because we saw them as meaningful and beneficial to the community. Take a little bit of time to get involved—I guarantee that you will feel rewarded!

Contact me or any of the Project chairs to get more info, give suggestions, or get involved:

Everybody Wins Chair: Michelle Kohler

Safety Kids Chair: Kelly Enders

Providence Teen Chair: Lisa Chilcote

Done In a Day Chair: Rachele Anderson

CALENDAR

AUGUST
SEPTEMBER

- Aug. 4..... Board Meeting – HQ 6:30 Dinner & 7:00 Meeting
- Aug. 9..... WAS and Membership Development co-meeting
- Aug. 13..... Lights deadline
- Aug. 14..... Membership Dev. Recruiting Brunch, Fox Chapel Atria’s, 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Aug. 18..... Nominating Meeting
- Aug. 19..... Membership Recruiting Tele-Training 7:30 at Anathan (MD Committee)
- Aug. 24..... Audit Meeting
- Aug. 25..... Board Reports due to jlp_BOD@hotmail.com by noon;
Exec Board/Finance Committee – 6:00/7:00
- Aug 26..... Membership Retention Tele-Training 7:30 at Anathan (Placement Com.)
- Sept. 1..... Board Meeting – HQ 6:30 Dinner & 7:00 Meeting
- Sept. 4..... Provisional: Red Book Training Vintage, 9am-noon
- Sept. 8..... GMM - Position Statement: Children and Literacy Training**
- Sept. 10..... Lights deadline
Happy Hour at DeJaVu, in the Strip
- Sept. 11..... Provisional DIAD #1: Family House 9:30 – 4pm, Beginning w/Books Story Walk
- Sept. 15..... Nominating Committee Community Advisory Board – HQ 6:30
- Sept. 17..... Sustainer Event: Ducky Tour
- Sept. 19..... Special Events: Coffee & Conversation @ Schenley Park 12noon
Book & Author 2-4pm at the Carnegie; Provisional DIAD #2: Book & Author
- Sept. 20-27..... “Town Meetings” by Strategic Development Committee
- Sept. 23..... Special Events: Meet the Provisionals Social
- Sept. 29..... Board Reports due to jlp_BOD@hotmail.com by noon
Exec Board/Finance Committee – 6:00/7:00
Audit Complete
Provisional: Red Book Training Make-up Vintage 6pm-9pm

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Right now, order Fall Sweatshirts – they’re perfect for those Pitt, Penn State or Steelers Games...just \$25.20 for the standard white version with pocket size JLP logo.

Or for just \$30.00 pick up the JLP “Hoodie,” it’s perfect for any outdoor Done-In-A-Day!



Toting around your JLP Binder and all the rest of your stuff? Tote bags are BIGGER AND BETTER – but the price has stayed the same.

SUMMER 2004 — New Member Social a hit!

We are excited to report that the New Member Social held July 21, 2004, at the Society of Contemporary Craft was a great success. We had 42 prospective new members attend, together with about 20 current JLP members who were able to mix and mingle with the prospective JLP mem-

asked the attendees to go to different areas in the room based on where they live for the question and answer segment. Members and prospects were able to get to know people who live in there area and prospects got to know who their provisional advisor would be if they join the league. We had great response for this addition to the evening.



Prospective members pose for a Kodak moment along with JLP's Kelly Nottingham (2nd from R).

On behalf of the Membership Development Committee, thanks to all who attended and referred prospective members to us. Special thanks go out to Mary Adele Krolikowski, Lynne Chadwick, Julia Sheridan Gleason and Kelly Morgans Schraven for being our guest speakers.

Be sure to spread the word ...

Summer 2004 New Member Social #2 is scheduled for **Saturday, August 14th** at Atria's Restaurant and Tavern 1374 Freeport Road, O'Hara Township. Invitations and email invites were distributed immediately following event #1.

As open enrollment for the upcoming year is set to close on August 31, 2004, we encourage each JLP member to think of prospective new members whom you may know, and provide us with these names at your earliest convenience so we can make contact

bers. Attendees were able to learn more about the JLP as they heard from a number of JLP members and board member, who spoke about various JLP projects, fundraisers, the benefits of membership and personal experiences with the JLP. In addition, prospective JLP members received new member information packets and heard details of the upcoming provisional calendar of events. Trying something new this year, we

prior to the end of August. Please provide any prospective new member contact information (including names, mailing addresses and email addresses, if possible) to Diane Rankin, Recruiting Chair, at the MDC's recruiting email: pghjuniorleague@yahoo.com. Thanks again, and we look forward to welcoming a great provisional class this fall as a result of this summer's efforts!

2004 PA Governor's Conference for Women September 14, 2004

Join women from across Pennsylvania for this daylong event. Nearly 100 nationally recognized experts and female leaders come together to address women on business, career, and financial concerns, as well as family, health and education issues.

Keynote speakers include:

- Bertice Berry, Ph.D., Author and Comedienne
- Jean Chatzky, Financial Editor, Columnist, and Author
- Laura Liswood, Founder, Council of Women World Leaders
- Ann Richards, Author, Former Governor Of Texas

For a complete list of confirmed speakers visit:

www.pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org.

Or email: info@pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org

The JLP is a sponsoring organization of this event. Julia Sheridan Gleason is on the steering committee and is the contact person. If interested in attending, email her at: julia_sheridan_gleason@msn.com or call 412-825-0540. Early Bird registration fee of \$90 ends September 1st.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Following is an excerpt from "Philanthropy Journal," an online publication.

Junior League picks president devoted to children with disabilities.

By Jennifer Whytock

Twenty-four years ago **Pam Newby's** life completely changed when her young daughter was diagnosed with leukemia.

She was an office manager at an oil company in Oklahoma City, but within several years she had started Special Care, an early education program for children with and without disabilities.

"Some parents at the pre-school my daughter attended thought she might be contagious, and threatened to pull their children from the school if she didn't leave," she says. "Special Care came about because of what we were going through with her."

Though she has a degree in business, Newby says she needed leadership and skills training geared to nonprofit work, so she joined the Junior League in Oklahoma in 1989.

The Junior League taught her fundraising, public speaking and how to chair committees, be a good nonprofit board member and partner with other nonprofits, she says, skills the leagues still teach women today.

After terms as area director, vice president and president-elect, **Newby recently was elected to a two-year term as president of the Association of Junior Leagues International in New York City.**

In addition to helping the association stay connected with its 294 leagues in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom, she will work to retain the organization's 171,000 members and help expand the number of members, leagues and countries it serves.

Newby also wants the Junior League, which began in 1901, to be more vocal about the volunteer work that members perform and the leadership training leagues provide.

"We still face people who think we do tea parties and fashion shows," she says. "We did do those sometimes, but they were fundraising events, and people didn't know why we were doing things because we never talked about what we were doing in the community."

For the full article click on the Speaking Up section of the Philanthropy Journal at: <http://www.philanthropyjournal.org>



PAM NEWBY

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Born: Denver, 1955

Lives: Oklahoma City

Education: B.A., business administration, Cameron University, Lawton, Okla.

Family: Husband, Dean; children ages 6, 8, 13, 26, 29

Reading: David Sedaris, "Dress your family in corduroy and denim"

Director leaving Leadership Pittsburgh post

(report as it appeared in Pittsburgh Business Times, June 24, 2004)

After 15 years of creating programs to strengthen leadership in the southwestern Pennsylvania region, **Beth Wainwright**, executive director of Leadership Pittsburgh Inc., is stepping down. Ms. Wainwright will stay on in the short term to provide assistance and help the organization transition to a new executive director. A search committee is being formed with the hope of having an executive director in place by the fall.

Afterward, Ms. Wainwright will consult for area organizations on leadership development and project management.

During her tenure, Leadership Pittsburgh evolved from a program offered by the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce to a stand-alone, nonprofit corporation that conducts three programs to strengthen leadership: Leadership Pittsburgh, Leadership Development Initiative and Leadership OnBoard.

She has also been instrumental in developing the new Regional Leadership Alliance, a partnership between Leadership Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Conference on Community and Economic Development.

Leadership Pittsburgh connects civic leaders to civic issues and is dedicated to strengthening regional leadership through programs, partnerships and connections.

Beth is a past president of the Junior League of Pittsburgh and recipient of the Ann D. Johnson award.

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