

# LIGHTS

A Publication of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc.

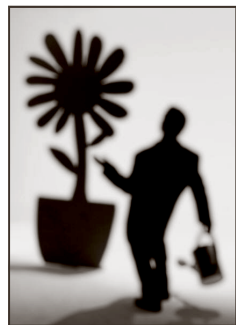


## Save The Dates

Designers' Show House 2007

April 27— May 13

1265 Beechwood Boulevard



## Inside this issue:

- President's Desk Message 2
- DIAD Successes 4
- Show House 5
- WAS 6
- Sustainer Events! 8

## Continuing A Tradition Of Volunteer Support

Continuing a tradition of volunteer support that has spanned many years, the women of the Junior League of Pittsburgh once again offered volunteer support to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank by participating in a Done in a Day last month. On Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 league members volunteered at the Food Bank's "Produce to People" event in the Southside. Alongside other volunteer organizations and among a total group of 40 volunteers, League volunteers assisted in making good use of

fresh produce that goes unsold at wholesale produce distributors in the Pittsburgh area. The Produce to People program is one of the Food Bank's many initiatives that provides a vital link between those who have food to share and those who desperately need it.

On a very cold Saturday morning, League members unloaded truckloads of fresh fruit and vegetables, set up tables, staged and distributed produce, assisted agency relations staff with recipient paperwork, carried food to people's

vehicles, and broke down boxes and cleaned up the area after distribution was completed.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank seeks donations or purchases of food and related items from restaurants, grocers, food wholesalers and others. It then forwards these items to places where hungry people go for help such as food pantries, after-school meal programs, low-income day care centers, soup

(Continued on page 4)

## CADC Grant Making A Difference

With the aid of a generous community grant that Best Buddies received from the Junior League, the organization has overcome a "money crunch," enabling this valuable resource to spend time sharing laughter and joy. Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

With the JLP's generosity, Best Buddies has finally been able to adopt the principle that no one should pay for friendship and both our special education and regular education members are experiencing the benefits of our now

financially stable organization! Most importantly, the JLP is helping to sponsor one-to-one outings between friendship pairs monthly.

To kick off our second year as a chartered chapter we sponsored the Blue Devil Bonfire in October, 2006, at Bird Park in Mt. Lebanon. The event took place on the eve of the Upper Saint Clair game in order to raise moral for the big game while raising money for Best Buddies at the same time! The JLP grant helped supply paper products and raffle tickets, pens, etc. for the silent auction. Other items were graciously donated by business owners in the area. We also sponsored a trip to the South Park haunted house on a rainy October night.

As winter and the holiday season arrived, we hosted an event to celebrate the new friendships that had formed throughout the past months. On Dec.23, 2006, Best Buddies hosted a holiday party at Bado's Restaurant in Mt. Lebanon for every member in the club. There was a holiday ornament exchange, pizza, and even a surprise appearance from the one and only Lebo Clause! Because of the JLP, Best Buddies was able to cover the entire cost for each member.

On April 21, 2007, Mt. Lebanon will host the Best Buddies Ball for all members of Best Buddies in the Western Pennsylvania area. The League Grant will play a tremen-

(Continued on page 3)

# Office of the President

---

## Let's hear it for Team JLP!



Linda Hartman  
President  
2006-2007

*Without fundraisers we can not continue to give to the community in the ways we have been nor continue our programs and trainings for developing our members.*

**What** a season we have had working on our mission of improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our dreams of improving the lives for youth in the area have come true through KaBOOM! and the provisionals' Secret Santa project. Congratulations to the organizers and participants in both of these endeavors. We have also worked on developing the potential of women with our interesting, mission based trainings.

Thank you for your input at the Nov. meetings. The board went over the responses at our mid-year retreat. Some of the ideas and changes can be implemented easily and quickly. Others may require a bit of planning and discussion among committees so the changes may be a little further down the road. And, as can be expected when two or more people give directions, some said go right and others said go left. It will take a bit of time to sort out which way is best to further the JLP mission. Please remember that even if we do not choose your direction at this time we could not have gotten the dialogue started without your input.

All teams have a few bumps along the way. Book and Author did not go as hoped but we have learned a few things and are steering in other directions for fundraising. Without fundraisers we can not continue to give to the community in the ways we have been nor continue our programs and trainings for developing our members. Show House is showing us the FUN in fundraising with the Two Bottles Cocktail Party, Sneak-a-Peek Party and Weekend, and the many other events associated with this fundraiser. Show House is also a great way to explain our mission. While publicizing Show House we have the opportunity to let the public know what we do to promote voluntarism and to improve the community.

Keep up the good work as we head toward the end of the year. We still have more improvements to make through Done-in-a-Days, the Wear After Shop, and our various committees.

— Linda Hartman, President, 2006-2007

---

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### THE FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER AT THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL

The Family Activity Center is under construction and we hope to open in early March. Volunteer opportunities are available to Actives, Sustainers, Provisionals, friends, family, fellow church members, etc. Initially, the Center will be open on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. After start-up, the Center will operate also on one or more weekdays between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. (hours may be adjusted). If you would like more information, please contact Shirlene or Rebecca of Lydia's Place at 412-391-1013 or MaryAdele Krolkowski at 412-478-9465.



EVERYBODY WINS! is a weekday lunchtime literacy program. We match elementary school students one -to-one with adults to spend time talking and enjoying storybooks. EVERYBODY WINS! volunteers promote reading for pleasure and provide the positive support that helps children know that they

can be successful readers. Volunteers read to the same student once a week or they alternate with another volunteer and read once every other week. Contact Cindy Goodman-Leib at EW@mybwb.org or 412.951.2795

# CADC Grant Help Best Buddies

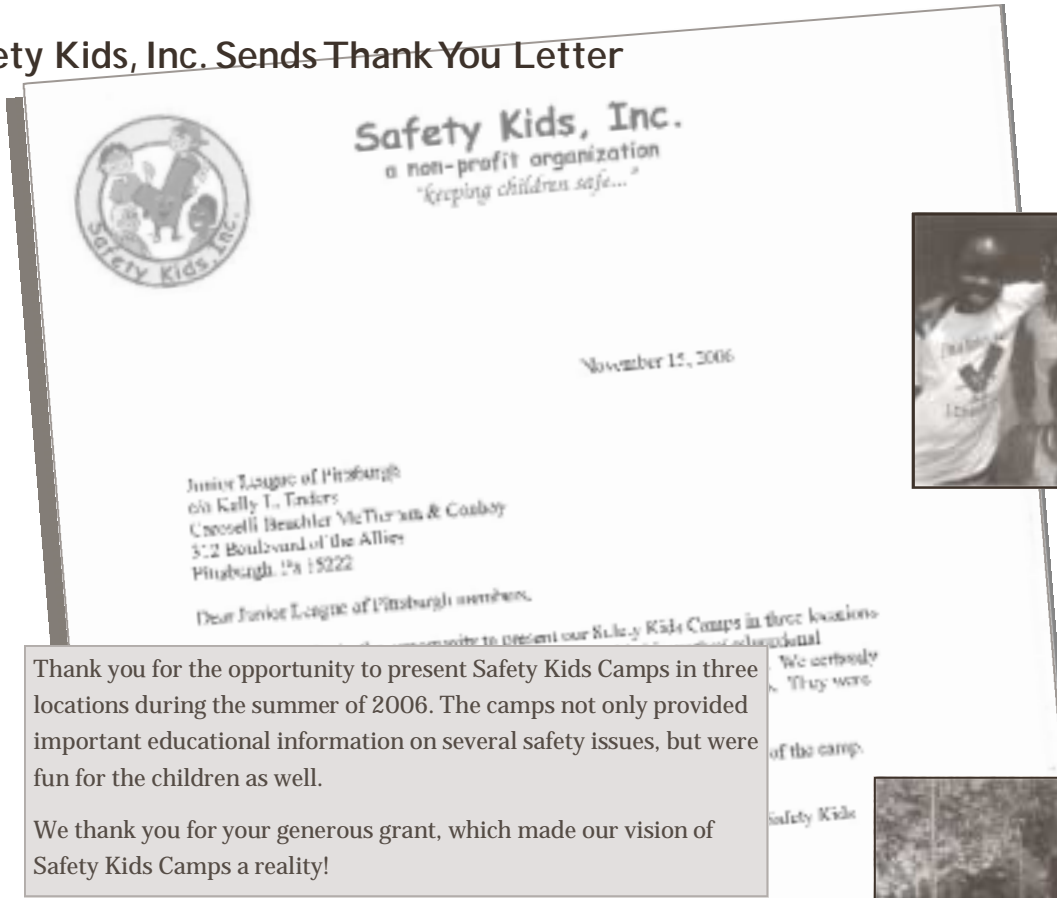
(Continued from page 1)

dous part in the success of the dance as the money will help to cover the disc jockey, refreshments and decorations. The theme will be Willy Wonka's Candy Land. We are currently in the planning process and will keep you updated with our progress!

Best Buddies Mt. Lebanon thanks you for your support. Your generosity is thought of often and always appreciated.



# Safety Kids, Inc. Sends Thank You Letter



*Marche de*  
Maura Silvio  
Safety Kids Camp Director

PA 15235 • 412-241-1234 • Fax 412-241 2535  
ykids.org • www.safekids.org

# Committee News

## DIAD Food Bank

*(Continued from page 1)*



Nancy Davis & Stephanie Hoogendoorn

kitchens, shelters, personal care homes, and other community centers serving low-income individuals. Without the help of the Food Bank, many of these organizations could not get the food needed by the hungry people in our community.

Because 36% of the individuals who ultimately benefit from food distributed by the Food Bank are children, and 71% are female, the mission of the organization is closely linked to the Junior League's commitment to:

ensure that children have the opportunities and services essential for their physical, intellectual, emotional, men-

tal and social growth...; and

support efforts made to protect and promote the health and welfare of all children and families.

The Food Bank could not fulfill its mission without the support of thousands of volunteers contributing tens of



Karen Rivetti, Erika Mullenbach, Jen Cohen, Allison Grotjan

thousands of hours each year.

Thanks to Karen Chilcote, Jennifer Cohen, Sarah Datt, Nancy Davis, Allison Grotian, Tammy Guinther, Linda Hartman, Stephanie Hoogendoorn, Erika Mullenbach, and Gretchen Smathers for playing a valuable role in meeting the needs of children and families at risk of being hungry in our region.

*By: Sarah Datt*

## DIAD Continues Success

For the third year in a row, the Junior League of Pittsburgh has organized a Done In a Day at the Center for Creative Play in Regent Square, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Alma Lucas, MDC training chair, said, "MLK Day is supposed to be a National Day of Service. When Ondrea Robinson, a first year active, suggested that we do this DIAD together, I thought, 'what better way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. than spending the day doing something that is going to better the community.' It was a great opportunity for community to see that the Junior League of Pittsburgh is committed to making a difference in our community. It was an honor to represent the

League."

This year the amount of fun that was had by the volunteers was matched by the excitement of the children whose parents brought them into the Center to play.

Courtney Nichols, a recent transfer from Atlanta, volunteered and gained a lot more than she realized she would. Meeting the other League volunteers and being able to put faces to names - as well as having fun with the children.

Courtney said, "The Center for Creative Play allowed the children the freedom for self-expression. Every-

*(Continued on page 5)*

## DIAD Continues Success

*(Continued from page 4)*

where that I turned, I saw happy, smiling faces. Not only did the kids dive right into the many activities that were offered, but they also seemed to genuinely love interacting with the other kids and adults around."

The Center is a play place that epitomizes the League's direction with play this year. In 2006, the League built a playground in an underserved Pittsburgh neighborhood – it has provided a safe play place for the children of Turtle Creek. The Center for Creative Play provides a safe, warm indoor facility for children to enjoy playing, with other children their own age, as well as their siblings, in the different age-related areas.

Provisional Tammy Guinther spoke proudly of her "doctor office" experience, "I learned that kids really do love Band-Aid--especially when they have a grown-up to put them on! After being asked to sit in the patient chair in the play doctor's office, I quickly had a group of about eight toddler-aged doctors, performing any number of pokes, prods and squeezes, all of

which, I learned, required Band-Aids. The kids were so much fun and it was great to see them learning in such a creative, playful way. When I stood up, I had at least 15 Band-Aids stuck to my clothing and arms, and many giggling, young doctors. Play really can be so magical!"

Lorraine Marks, the active member who coordinated the day, enjoyed her second MLK Day DIAD. "Sometimes I miss the 'roll your sleeves up and get into it' part of volunteering – that's why I love DIAD's. This one in particular enables you to volunteer to share the day with children who are at the Center for one reason only – they want to play! Hedda Sharapan spoke to our membership about the importance of play – the Center lives that and breathes that training. I'm happy to volunteer at the Center and I'm happy to be a part of Show House raising money for our third playground build – the more play the better!," commented Lorraine.

Designers' Show House 2007

1265 Beechwood Boulevard

April 27—May 13



*It is not too early to start telling your friends about Show House. Our largest source of revenue is ticket sales; talk to your friends and co-workers. Be sure to emphasize that they will be supporting KaBOOM! and helping to make a new play ground a reality.*

## Show House Time

### SNEAK-A-PEEK PARTY & WEEKEND SET!

Get out your hard hats and get ready to celebrate! The Junior League's Sneak-A-Peek party is set for Friday, March 30, at this year's Show House, 1265 Beechwood Boulevard.

Sneak-A-Peek marks the opening of the 18<sup>th</sup> Show House Season...a time to get together for a first-hand look at the house before designers work their magic. The party starts at 7 p.m.– there'll be beer, soft drinks and food. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought at March's GMM or at the door.

Sneak-A-Peek tours will take place Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 – cash only – at the door. Remember, the house is not handicapped accessible and children under 10 are not permitted.

### TOUR TICKETS

The Ticket Committee needs your help in finding area businesses who are willing to sell Show House tickets in their storefront. If you know of any store that would be interested in becoming a local merchant location, please contact Julie Katz at [juliekatz@challengergray.com](mailto:juliekatz@challengergray.com) or at 724-935-2877.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Sneak-A-Peek on Friday, March 30  
Opening Night Gala on Friday, April 27  
Evening with Designers on Friday, May 4  
Sustainer Luncheon on Monday, May 7  
Membership Recruitment Reception on Monday, May 7

# Committee News

## Wear After Shop

Highlights from the **Wear After Shop**.



- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Furbulous" Sale was held at the WAS on October 13, which kicked off the fur season sales.
- In Sept., Oct. and Nov. we took furs to the following events to sell and promote the WAS and JLP: Family House Polo, Diamond Run Shopping Spree and the Holiday Shopping Event at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. We are looking for new venues to sell our furs at next year so if anyone has any new ideas, please email fluhrrercw@upmc.edu with the information.
- Sales exceeded \$10,000 in the month of October!
- Cindy Hank, WAS manager, was featured in December's issue of Whirl Magazine in an article "Compassionate Fashion." The League was recognized for helping the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh by providing \$25 vouchers for women and \$10 vouchers for each child in the program to use in the Shop. Cindy has been an

employee of the WAS for nine years!

- Mary Rudai joined the WAS in January as a part-time associate. Mary joins Cindy and Sharon Romano, part-time associate. Welcome Mary!

A big **"THANK YOU"** to our committee members this year: Co-Chairs Naomi Canella and Denise Fetsko, Catherine Baker, Denise Greenberg, Kristin Groninger, Victoria Milko, Jodie Tabano and Maribeth Thomas.

The WAS is a consistent League fundraiser; and its success depends on the willing cooperation of every member. Many **"THANKS"** to the members who have completed their shifts and/or made donations during 2006-2007. Your hard work and donations are very much appreciated.

**Spring Ahead!** At 12 .pm. on Sunday, March 11, we look *forward* to **SPRING** with the 2007 WAS Spring Changeover. More details to follow in future Lights and email blasts.

*By Cindi Fluhrer, WAS Treasurer*

## Membership Development Committee

### Recruitment season is upon us!

Membership Development Committee is planning a number of recruitment events during the upcoming months. MDC will kick-off the 2007 recruitment season at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, with an event at the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 18th Designers' Show House. In addition, plans are being laid for a less formal, spring event. Finally, MDC will host recruitment events during the months of June, July, and August. Details on these events will follow.

If you know of any women in the Pittsburgh area who should receive information regarding the Junior League's recruitment events, please e-mail Christina Kepplinger at ckepplinger@gmail.com with their name, e-mail address, street address and telephone number.

### Sing Spring Praises!

Please support the provisional class as we host "Sing Spring Praises!", a Gospel Brunch on Saturday, March 3. The event begins at 12 p.m., and will consist of brunch and entertainment at Vintage, located in East Liberty.

Our hope is that the event will be a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and praise. In addition to our meal and gospel singing, we will also have door prizes and other activities for the seniors.

In order to make this project a success we are asking for donations. We are in need of the following:

- Spring flowers for centerpieces - Linen napkins
- Table service -Silver ware
- Sound equipment (sound technician) -Baked goods
- Door prizes (gift cards for local businesses, etc.)
- Monetary donations for entertainers fees/honorarium

Kindly review the list and contact Lori Thomassee, donations chair at (724) 822-8720 or lori.thomassee@zoominternet.net; or Joanne Hogan, donations co-chair at jph7+@pitt.edu if you can help. We are asking the membership to donate anything possible to make this event a success. The deadline for donations is February 20. Thank you for your support of Vintage, Inc. and the provisional class of 2007!

## Want to be a JLP Leader? 2007-2008 Junior League of Pittsburgh Slate-to-Date

### Executive Committee

President: Martha Wiegand

President-Elect: Kim Jackson

Secretary: Kelly Enders

Treasurer: Jennifer Daurora

Treasurer-Elect: Stephanie Hoogendoorn

### Board of Directors

CADC Director: Karen Rivetti

Communications Director: Jennifer Tribble

Education and Events Director:

Fund Development Director: Karen Rollins Fitch

Membership Development Director: Alma Lucas

Nominating Director: Katherine Heinritz

Placement Director: Christie Smith

Projects Director: Sara Lowery

Strategic Development Director:

Sustainer Director:

### Committee Chairs

Reporting to: *President-Elect*

Facilities Chair:

Reporting to: *Communications Director*

Public Relations Chair:

Lights Chair:

Web Site & Computer Chair:

Reporting to: *Education and Events Director*

Program Services Chair:

Special Events Chair:

Training Chair:

Reporting to: *Fund Development Director*

Development Co-chair:

Fundraising Co-chair:

Fundraising Event Chair:

Wearafter Shop Chair:

Wearafter Shop Co-chair:

Show House Research Chair:

Show House Research Co-chair:

Reporting to: *Membership Development Director*

Membership Recruiting Chair:

Provisional Training Chair:

Reporting to: *Placement Director*

Transfer Advisor:

Reporting to: *Projects Director*

Done in a Day Chair:

KaBOOM! Co-chair:

KaBOOM! Co-chair:

### Slated Committees

**-Membership Development Committee:**  
(11 total) Alma Lucas (Director)  
(10 members needed)

**-Nominating Committee: (7 total)** Katherine Heinritz (Director); Monica Lamar, Linda Hartman (past President); Christie Smith (Placement Director); (SDC Director plus 2 more members needed)

**-Placement Committee: (10 total)** Christie Smith (Director);  
(9 members needed)

**-Governance Committee: (4 total)** Linda Hartman (past President); Kelly Enders (secretary); (SDC Director and 1 past finance committee member needed)

**-Diversity Committee:** 1 member from the Membership Development, Strategic Development, Community Assessment and Development, and Placement committees. 1 sustaining member and 1 member of the Executive Committee. Any JLP member (provisional, active, or sustainer) is welcome to join.

\*\*The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations (self or other) for the unfilled positions set forth above. Please contact Director Kelly Schraven [kmschraven@hotmail.com](mailto:kmschraven@hotmail.com) with your nominations .

Thank you!

# Committee News

---

## Provisional Class: "Here Comes Santa Claus"

Thanks to the generous efforts of the Junior League, Santa made an early stop at four local Pittsburgh organizations during the holiday season. At the Oct. general membership meeting, the provisional class kicked off the 2006 Secret Santa Project by announcing a goal of providing gifts to 200 underprivileged children and youth this past Christmas. League members answered this challenge by raising more than \$3,000 in donations, with an additional 25 people donating gifts. Organizations benefiting from this year's Secret Santa Project were Providence Teen Project, Gwen's Girls, Macedonia FACE and the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Because of your benevolent contributions, a local child received a special gift and, more importantly, happiness this holiday season. The Secret Santa Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals who supported the 2006 Secret Santa Project.

—Natalie Cale, Secret Santa Public Relations Chairperson

### Public Relations Committee Members:

Maria Angelini, Reshma Paranjpe, Lori Thomasse, Lauren Couch, Karen Anderson, Nneka Hawthorne, Christie Copeland, Leigh Pugliano and Rebecca Gilbert

### Donations Committee Members:

Jenny Danquist (Co-Chairperson), Tiffany Nix (Co-Chairperson), Gail McDaniel (Co-Treasurer), Linda Wright (Co-Treasurer), Shannon Voll, Erin Wallace, Rachel Adams and Bethany Neal

### Shopping/Wrapping/Delivery Members:

Emily Ulrick, (Co-Chairperson), Sabrina Korbel (Co-Chairperson), Becky Purvis, Holly Fajt, Joanne Hogan, Tammy Guinther, Rebecca Winge, Collyn Evans, Kerry Aubin, Ryann nOgrodnik, Brittany Scales, Adrienne Garber, Emily Bush, Ann English, Michele Moenssens and Christie Copeland

---

## Sustainers

It seems like winter has finally arrived. I hope everyone is keeping warm. The sustainers are a busy bunch and even the colder weather does not curtail our activities.

### GLOBAL LINKS & LUNCH

On the volunteer front, I want to remind everyone about the Global Links (GL) and Lunch activity. Fredrica Cryan and her group took a break around the holidays, but they are back on schedule. Here is a recap about the Global Links program and the schedule for the rest of the year. We had 12 volunteers in January – way to go ladies!

**What is GL?** GL is a Pittsburgh based non profit which collects unused medicines & supplies from hospitals & sorts & ships them to hospitals throughout the developing world.

Last year, GL supplied \$13M of aid. GL relies on volunteers like us. PLEASE join us the 2nd Thursday of the month for "Global Links and Lunch!"

**GL detail:** Sign-up once, twice or every month.

Dates for the rest of the year: Feb 8 – Mar 8 – Apr 12 – May 10. Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (lunch to follow).

Where: Global Links, 4809 Penn Ave, Pgh 15224 (a few blocks behind West Penn Hospital). Contact: Fredrica

Cryan Tel: 412-784-9069 or email at [cryan-fejk@aol.com](mailto:cryan-fejk@aol.com)

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sustainer, Barb Smith, on being named a 2006 Jefferson Award winner for her volunteer work with HEARTH. HEARTH provides bridge-housing to homeless women and children in the North Hills. Barb was a JLP volunteer when she first started working with the homeless. Barb has been volunteering with HEARTH for 14 years.

### SUSTAINER SHOW HOUSE UPDATE

On the Show House (SH) front, the SH committee is in the full throes of planning. The event for sustainers, their family and friends will include a luncheon and house tour on Monday, May 7. Mark your calendars and watch for more specific details as they develop.

The Show House is located on Beechwood Boulevard in Squirrel Hill and will run from April 27 to May 14. It is a beautiful 3-story home. I am certain we will be asked to help with general staffing & shifts as well.

## Sustainers

Remember, all SH proceeds are earmarked for the third KaBOOM playground build, our JLP signature project.

Many thanks to the Fox Chapel Sustainers, especially A.J. Jenkins, for organizing and donating their existing event fund to the Show House sustainer luncheon. Be sure it will be put to good use. Additional thanks go out to Jessica Lynch and her husband Jay Arnone for a sponsorship tip for Show House. It's passing along information like this that helps make our fund raisers so successful.

Show House is searching for donations or price breaks on the following items that will be needed to make our event memorable.

If you can help, or have contact information regarding the following items, please contact me at 412-330-6057 or [sgolitzko@wpahs.org](mailto:sgolitzko@wpahs.org) or my SH co-chair Christie Smith at: 412-860-4485 or [christiesmith412@hotmail.com](mailto:christiesmith412@hotmail.com).

Coffee, Tea & Bottled Water  
Sugar, Sugar-Substitute & Creamer  
Desserts  
Table & Chair Rentals  
Paper Plates, Cups & Napkins

## LIGHTS Production Schedule 2006-2007

Issue	Submission Deadline
March 2007	February 26
April 2007	March 23
June 2007	May 18

### Submission Requirements

Submit all articles electronically to Chère Tiller, Chair & Editor at: [ctiller@forum.com](mailto:ctiller@forum.com). It is helpful if you add the topic of your submission in the "RE:" of your e-mail message.

### Articles

Please submit as a *plain* Word document (avoid adding special fonts, tabs or other formatting, such as tables -- they will be deleted, regardless, to comply with *Lights* standards.) You may also submit content within an e-mail.

### Photos "*worth a thousands words!*"

Submission of photos is encouraged! Please, supply as a JPEG file, and *please* compress/zip-up before sending if there is more than one. Limit is 5 meg per email.

Add photo caption information along with your submission.

*\* The editorial staff reserves the right to edit for content, length and style.*

W O M E N leading  
by E X A M P L E

LIGHTS | [www.jlpgh.org](http://www.jlpgh.org) | February 2007



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PITTSBURGH

*Women building better communities*

The Junior League of Pittsburgh  
1620 Murray Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412.422.8580

[info@jlpgh.org](mailto:info@jlpgh.org)  
[www.jlpgh.org](http://www.jlpgh.org)

### 2006-2007 Leadership

#### Executive Committee

**President**  
Linda Hartman  
**President-Elect**  
Martha Wiegand  
**Secretary**  
Christie Smith  
**Treasurer**  
Nancy Davis  
**Treasurer-Elect**  
Jennifer Daurora

#### Board of Directors

**CADC Director**  
Karen Rivetti  
**Communications Director**  
Gretchen Smathers  
**Education and Events Director**  
Lorraine Marks  
**Fund Development Director**  
Beth McCall  
**Membership Development Director**  
Traci Nelson  
**Nominating Director**  
Susan Indrisano  
**Placement Director**  
Brooke McMorow  
**Projects Director**  
Michelle Smith  
**Strategic Development Director**  
Susan Wagner  
**Sustainer Director**  
Suzy Golitzko