

LIGHTS

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
PITTSBURGH

Women building better communities

EverybodyWins!

By Heather Delaney

Everybody Wins! recently hired School Coordinator, Cindy Goodman-Leib, who started at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary in mid-November. Cindy is responsible for the daily operations of the Power Lunch program. She enforces program guidelines and ensures volunteers and students are fully satisfied with their Power Lunch meetings.

Cindy is an incredible addition to the EW!



Program as she comes to us with a great deal of experience as well as creative ideas and enthusiasm about the program. As a counselor-educator, she is dedicated to developing and

supporting culturally relevant educational environments that encourage diverse students to grow, enjoy learning, improve their literacy skills, and succeed academically. Currently, Cindy teaches multicultural education courses at Duquesne University. Each semester she presents multicultural concepts and issues into the curriculum by teaching techniques and strategies for infusing every classroom with multicultural education, increasing awareness of race, prejudice, bias stereotypes, and discrimination within communities and educational settings.

In addition to teaching, Cindy coordinates an annual reading event at Minadeo Elementary School where her children attend. During the past few years, she has worked with the Parent-School-Community Council to develop this highly successful program that promotes reading and involves parent volunteers along with their students. Using Beginning with Books annual reading event, StoryWalk, as a model, Cindy initiated this event, which they hold indoors in the winter in conjunction with Martin Luther King's birthday. This initiative was extremely well received by teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

Cindy's undergraduate studies were in Political Science and French at Franklin and Marshall College and she went on to pursue a Masters in Education, focusing on Educational Counseling with a specialization in Cross-Cultural Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to working at Duquesne, Cindy was the Executive Director and currently serves as the Board President of the Pittsburgh Mediation Center. Anyone who knows Cindy knows how passionate she is about productive ways to manage conflict and that's what the Pittsburgh Mediation Center is all about..."Resolving conflicts, restoring relationships and building peaceful communities." Her community involvement also includes serving as the Chair of the Public Education Task Force for the United Jewish Federation (UJF) of Pittsburgh, Community and Public Affairs Council. Cindy was just notified that she will be receiving the Sonia and

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Special Events!

January 31st

New Member Social

11am to 1pm

Saturday January 31, 2004

South Hills Country Club

See page 11 for details and special referral incentives!

President's Message

Happy New Year,
Junior League of Pittsburgh!

Here we go again - time for New Year's resolutions. Each year, my family does a round-robin discussion over our intended actions, publicly declaring how much weight must be lost, all the books that must be read, or a vice that does not fit with his/her psyche. Its funny how there's never a progress report given on the old resolutions once we need new ones to move along. 2004's crop of "good ideas" has just got to be better than years past (sounds like a resolution to me).

Personally, I've been working on one resolution so long I can't remember. Yes - it's to send more cards and write thank-you notes. People who send little notes of thanks - right away - are astonishing to me. The other day, I received such a thing within 48 hours of giving a gift. How wonderful to be so thoughtful. Email is just not the same thrill.

The second is simple - be a better listener. Enough said.

Of course, there are JLP resolutions.

The first is my husband's. He wants me to stop "playing league" and do more hands-on volunteer work. Believe it or not, he's right. Meeting and planning are vital but it's just not the same thrill. Seeing the happiness in the face of someone you've just helped is so much more rewarding. It's like sending a beautiful card. So, I'm resolved to a

"done-in-a-day" each month, even if it's not an "official" one.

And, the second is to promote creativity and sharing. So many times, there are great ideas for events, projects, fundraisers, etc. But they go absolutely nowhere because the next crucial step is not taken. The "would have" or "could have" discussion is great to have in the parking lot, but it doesn't help anyone. Put it on paper. Pass it along. Share it with friends. Bring it to the Board. This can be quite intimidating to do. But know that with your \$135 or \$85 membership fee, you're entitled to speak your mind. Great ideas can be lost in a sea of "we did that before" or "that won't work" or the real killer - "**we just don't have time**". For 2004, I'm resolved to breaking this cycle (and it may take a lifetime). If you have a brainstorm but are stuck on step one, please call me at 412-825-0540 or email to Julia_Sheridan_gleason@hotmail.com without delay.

See you at the Post Office,

— *President 2003-04*

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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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Yadda, Yadda, Yadda.

MaryAdele Krolkowski, President-Elect 2003-04

Along with the rest of the JLP members, I made some resolutions for the New Year: lose weight, exercise more, spend more time with my family, yadda, yadda, yadda. But I also considered my JLP resolutions. Although our League year runs from June until June, I thought I should finish out my PE year by making a few resolutions. Therefore I resolve to: (1) give the WAS my quota by January 31st; (2) do my WAS shift by February 29th; (3) meet with the new Community Advisory Board by March 31st; (4) get the 2004-05 budget complete with Carol Anderson by April 30th; (5) complete the new JLP personnel Policy Handbook and conduct Performance Reviews with all 5 JLP employees by May 15th; (6) meet as many members as possible by June 2nd. Here's to a Happy 2004!!

Attention Sustainers and other interested members

There are three special committees forming right now to explore the following:

1) Volunteer Memorial

In past surveys, many members have expressed the interest in a memorial or some type of public place that would commemorate the JLP and/or women who are community volunteers. This would be an outstanding way to recognize the contributions of so many and add to the landscape of the Pittsburgh area.

2) Pittsburgh Book Festival

In the spirit of First Lady Laura Bush's National Book Festival held in Washington D.C, each October, there are many interested in developing such an event here in Pittsburgh. This would help to promote literacy on a greater scale and increase the visibility of our signature project, Everybody Wins!

3) Woodlands Foundation

The Woodlands Foundation has agreed to promote the JLP

as high-level sponsors for their upcoming fundraiser. This will give us tremendous exposure and offer greater opportunities for volunteering. In return, they would like our assistance in planning and doing a "done-in-a-day" for the event.

If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please contact JLP President Julia Gleason by phone (412-825-0540) or by email: julia_sheridan_gleason@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your response and lifelong commitment to voluntarism.

EverybodyWins!



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Aaron Levinson Award for Community Relations. She was selected because of her work on behalf of public education and her leadership with the Public Education Task Force of the UJF.

Cindy began on November 3rd and the EW! Power Lunch program officially kicked-off on November 10th. "All of the students from last year are now matched, and we are identifying new students and pairing them with adults," quotes Goodman-Leib. "Both the students and adults are extremely excited that

we are in full swing. As I go to the classroom to pick up the students at lunchtime, so many other students ask if they can come too. I tell them soon they can – we are talking to a lot of people and inviting them to become a part of this wonderful program. The Reading Room is filled with energy as the students walk in, see their special volunteer, and then scan the room and see all of the colorful enticing books. It's hard to describe the smiles that light up their faces!"

Cindy lives in Squirrel Hill with her husband, Scott, and two children, Elena, age 10 1/2 and Joshua, age 7. In her spare time (which doesn't seem like much) she enjoys running at sunrise and biking with her family, especially her husband. As a family they enjoy long rides along some of our region's Rails to Trails. One of their biggest accomplishments was participating in the Tour de Cure (riding 50 miles to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.) They also started running in the Race for the Cure.

The EW! Committee and the Junior League are extremely excited and fortunate to have Cindy on board!



Cindy Goodman-Leib,
School Coordinator at
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Elementary, with EW!
Power Lunch students.

EW! Power Lunch reading partners—scrap book



Junior League Power Lunch volunteer with EW! student



Junior League Power Lunch volunteer with EW! student



Students are matched one-to-one with JLP volunteers.

Shop Talk: Signs, Suits and Shifts

If you haven't seen the new Wear After Shop yet, now is a great time to visit. Thanks to the generosity of the Loeffler family, we have new, permanent signs for the shop. We're still working on a way to generate seasonal signage for the shop's interior. If you're upgrading your computer or printer, the Wear After Shop would love to give your old equipment a new home.

Clean out your closet! Our first annual suit sale starts January 7th. Gently used business suits for both men and women are needed. Also, if your company has overstock or promotional items, consider a donation to the Wear After Shop.

You'll receive tax benefits and we'll generate income for the JLP. For details, contact: Sara Lowery (sara_lowery54@hotmail.com) or Danielle Carlson (danielle.carlson@alcoa.com).

A special thank you to all active and provisional members who have completed their shift and fulfilled their quota requirement. If you have yet to sign up for a shift, please contact Maribeth Thomas at maribeth49@aol.com.

Members Completing Shifts

Active Members:

Heather Chronis
Kelly Enders
Christine Farrell
Beth Harhai
Kristin Liddicoat
Loretta Lobes
Sara Lowery
Elizabeth McCall
Janet Meub
Kimberly Mills
Deirdre Ragan
Karin Rooney
Abby Sandel
Maria Simos
Maribeth Thomas
Beth Vucic
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Susan Wagner
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Provisional Members:

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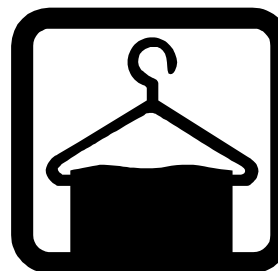
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Heather Delaney
Elizabeth Dollins
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Janet Meub
Diane Rankin
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Abby Sandel
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Elizabeth Winch
Tonya Woody
Sarah Zollner

Provisional Members:

Marica Kelson
Leah Leuschner
Allison McKinley
Jean Novak
Marlo Reese
Jamie Siegel
Catherine Stapinski



Halloween Party a Ghoulishly good time

Halloween Party October 31, at Doc's Place in Shadyside...

The Special Events Committee raised over \$900.00 at the outstanding Halloween Party! Thanks to all who participated and attended the event. We would like to give special recognition to the local businesses for the prizes – China Palace, Walnut Grill, Sushi Too, Max & Erma's, Alexander's Pasta, Del's, Mariani's, Doc's Place, Pizza Hut, and the Children's Museum.



"Special Events Committee"
Sarah Zollner, Liz Winch, Katie Jones,
Lisa Battat

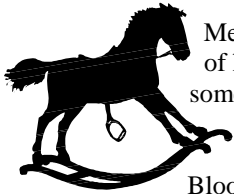


Sarah & Alex Lowery



Martha Foder & Michelle Fisher

Raising Funds and Spirits in Bloomfield Provisional Class Toy Sale a Success



Members who attended the Provisional Class Toy Sale on Saturday December 13, 2003 enjoyed the best kind of holiday retail-therapy. The event raised \$1,000 dollars for the League's Wear After Shop and introduced some new features to the annual sale, including a story time/children's activity table, gift-wrap service and a baked goods sale.

Bloomfield residents braved an unseasonably cold morning to stand outside of St. Joseph's Church for the sale's 9 a.m. start and entered to find nine tables of terrific toy bargains. The sales table recorded approximately forty transactions in its first hour of business. And what a great effort by the public relations committee: a number of Bloomfield residents attended the sale for the first time as a result of flyers being sent home from their children's school.

Many thanks are due to the sustainer and active members who took the time to donate new and gently used toys to the sale. Toys snapped up in the first hour of the sale included Barbie and Bratz dolls, Leap Pad items, and Sesame Street merchandise, as well as traditional favorites like Lego and Fisher Price toy sets. By 10 a.m., books were added to the sale and sold as quickly as they appeared. At the end of the morning, the few remaining toys were packed up and donated to the Women's Center & Shelter, the Wear After Shop, and Goodwill.

Congratulations to Toy Sale Chair Maria Simos; her four committee chairs, Lisa Chilcote, Jacqueline Cox, Jennifer Daurora, and Jill Fleming; and the provisional class members who pitched in to make for a great event. Special thanks goes to Christie Smith who arranged for Starbucks Coffee's generous in-kind donation.

Toy sale committee members took charge of everything from donations and decorations to wonderful sale tags, signs and flyers. In addition to wrapping gifts, entertaining children, and handling sales with the help of Provisional Training Director Lorraine Marks and Wear After Shop committee member Rachele Anderson, members could be found assisting customers, passing out coffee, and demonstrating toys. And three cheers for the members who were the sale's own "town criers" as they traveled the cold streets of Bloomfield to generate more foot-traffic.

Committee members are not done yet: efforts are underway to create a "how to" book for future Provisional Class Toy Sale committees, so please pass along your ideas and suggestions for next year!



End of Sale Smiles:

Standing (L to R)
Jennifer Daurora,
Allison McKinley, Marlo
Reese, Lisa Campoli,
Christie Smith, Sara
Bellisario, Erin Corle,
Lorraine Marks, Rachele
Anderson, Kelly
Schraven, Kelly Notting-
ham.

Seated (L to R)
Naomi Canella, Maria
Simos, Gareth Smith,
Stephanie Hoogendoorn

January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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General Membership Meeting Location

The General Membership Meetings will take place at the **Regional Enterprise Tower located at Sixth Avenue, Downtown — 31st floor.**

All GMMs start with a Social at 6:30pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. Please note, to accommodate requests for tables, easels, projectors, etc. at the GMMs, Program Services needs seven days **PRIOR** notice. Please contact Tonya Woody at 412-826-8866 with your requests. Reminder: parking is available across the street in the Mellon Square Garage.

Directions to the Regional Enterprise Tower

Arriving From the West

(Pittsburgh International Airport)

- From Airport follow Route 60 South/I-279
- Go through the Fort Pitt Tunnel and over the Fort Pitt Bridge
- Exit straight from the bridge
- Take the “Liberty Avenue” Exit
- Proceed straight on Liberty Avenue to Sixth Avenue and make right hand turn

- Proceed for 3 blocks to William Penn Way
- The Regional Enterprise Tower is on your left

Arriving from the East

- Proceed West on Route 376
- Exit at Grant Street
- Proceed on Grant Street to Sixth Avenue and turn left; Go one block and cross William Penn Way; The Regional Enterprise Tower is on your right

Arriving from the North/Traveling on I-79

- From I-79 take Exit #21 to 279 South
- Follow 279 South which turns into 279 as you approach Downtown Pittsburgh
- Look for a sign indicating Sixth Avenue – Seventh Avenue – Civic Arena Exit
- Take Seventh Avenue side of this exit and cross Grant Street; Drive 1 block to William Penn Way and make a left; Drive 1 block to Sixth Avenue and the Regional Enterprise Tower is on your right

One day is all it takes

PROJECT 1

Recipient: Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank
Location: The Repack Center
 1 North Linden Street Duquesne,
 PA 15110
Date/Time: Saturday January 24, 2004
 9:00 am to 1:00
Activity: Volunteers to inspect, sort and
 divide, canned and boxed, food dona-
 tions
RSVP: Heidi Dodds at hdodds@ppg.
 com. H: 412-427-0741;
 W: 412-434-2953

PROJECT 2

Recipient: P.O.W.E.R. (Pa. Organiza-
 tion for Women in Early Recovery)
Location: David Lawrence Convention
 Center - Downtown Pgh
Date/Time: Friday February 13, 2004 -
 evening (exact hrs to be announced)
Activity: Up to 20 volunteers to work
 the Charity Preview Gala "Black Tie
 and Taillights" for the 2004 Pittsburgh
 International Auto Show - proceeds of
 the gala go to P.O.W.E.R and Family
 House.
RSVP: Kelly Enders kle@cbmclaw.
 com

PROJECT 3

Recipient: American Cancer Society
Location: Downtown Pgh or various
 areas in Allegheny County
Date/Time: Tuesday March 16, 2004 -
 morning and/or afternoon shifts
Activity: American Cancer Society
 needs volunteers to deliver daffodils via
 hand delivery downtown or by car in
 various areas in Allegheny County.
RSVP: Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.
 com

PROJECT 4

Recipient: Sojourner House
Location: Sojourner House
 5460 Penn Ave. Pgh, PA 15206
Date/Time: Saturday March 20, 2004
 9:00 am to noon.
Activity: "Spring Cleaning" the House
 and sanitizing the children's play room
 and toys. 8 to 10 of volunteers needed
 for the Sojourner House.
RSVP: Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.
 com

Also, keep the following dates open for
 the DIAD at the Vintage 5K on
 Saturday April 17, 2005 and a DIAD
 involving the Race for the Cure in
 May 2004!

Special Note:

Christie Knott, a volunteer coordinator,
 from the Children's Hospital of Pitts-
 burgh wanted to thank our volunteers
 who worked the CHP Gingerbread
 House at PPG Plaza and Tonya New-
 berry the volunteer coordinator for the
 American Cancer Society Light Up
 Night Tribute of Light Ceremony also
 thanks all those who participated!

Thank you.
 Kelly Enders

On behalf of the DIAD
 Committee:

Thanks for a job well done!



To the following members
 for participating in the
 November and early
 December DIAD projects:

Susan Indrisano
 Tracy Tinnemyer
 Kelly Morgans Schraven
 Lorraine Pantone
 Laura Nichols
 Nancy Dixon
 Maria Simos
 Jackie Cox
 Lisa Contestabile x 2
 Leah Leuschner
 Molly Ruscitti
 Shana Levine
 Erin McKasson
 Beth Reilly
 Marlene Bidelman
 Kelly Nottingham
 Jill Shurie
 Tracy Johnson
 Diane Rankin
 Nikki Wilson
 Jill Fleming
 Karen Chilcote
 Lisa Campoli
 Allison White McKinley
 Meredith Granese
 Elizabeth Winch
 Katie Jones
 Kathy Kesich
 Amy Klein
 Tracy Smith
 Tina Pretsch
 Robin Jones

New Member Social

By Martha Fodor

As we all know, Membership Recruiting is a year-round effort. In the spirit of this effort, and to be sure we continue to generate new members interested in the Junior League of Pittsburgh, we will be hosting a winter **New Member Social from 11am to 1pm on Saturday, January 31, 2004, at South Hills Country Club.**

We thank each of you for your participation and efforts this past summer that resulted in the great Provisional Class of 2003. We would ask that each of our members, including the members of our great new Provisional Class, once again think of your friends, colleagues, relatives, acquaintances and other great women who may be interested in joining the Junior League of Pittsburgh. As you think of potential new members, please forward their names and contact information (including mailing addresses or email addresses) to Martha Fodor, Recruiting Chair, at mafodor@duanemorris.com.

To encourage each of you to delve deep into your social and other contacts (think gym partners, babysitters, playgroup companions, neighbors, church and club members, etc.), the Membership Committee will again be kicking off its now-famous **"Tell Two Women"** membership drive for the upcoming 2004 year. Just think if every JLP member told two women and even if only one joined the league, we would automatically

double in size. Just think about women who you believe would be an asset to the JLP and vice-versa. As with each year of the JLP, we have so much to be proud of and to look forward to.

The membership committee is busy planning for the **New Member Social** set for January 31, 2004. The social will be held at the South Hills Country Club located at 4305 Browns-

**... think gym partners,
babysitters, playgroup
companions, colleagues,
neighbors, church members,
social clubs...**

ville Road (off Route 51 South) in Whitehall. We are asking all members to recruit two women to the January social. To sweeten the pot, for every member you recruit and that joins the league for Fall 2004, you will receive one chance for a raffle prize. Recruit two and you receive two chances, three join/three chances, etc. The winner

will be announced at the first General Membership Meeting in the fall of 2004 and praised all year long!

So ladies, please put on our recruiting caps and **"Tell Two Women"** about the Junior League of Pittsburgh! To include your two women (or more!) on the mailing list for the New Member Social in January, please forward contact information (name, address, email, phone) by email to Martha Fodor, Recruiting Chair, email at mafodor@duanemorris.com. The Membership Committee will distribute invitations to all potential new members and track our successes of the **"Tell Two Women"** campaign.



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AJLI Fall Conference Highlights



Julia Sheridan Gleason with AJLI Board Member Mauria McPoland (Pitt Alum)



Mary Adele Krolikowski (L) and Julia Sheridan Gleason (R) with Christine Benero, AJLI President



Julia Sheridan Gleason with Paula McNulty, Pittsburgh native and President of the JL of London, UK



A whole bunch of fun people out for dinner in Seattle.

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

By Allison Burgan, Director of Public Affairs

Public Affairs is currently looking at issues relating to Health and Education, two buzz topics both state and nationwide. However, another topic which cannot be ignored is the crisis we are having locally. Here are some run downs:

The good

On November 25, 2003 the Senate voted 54-44 to approve the \$395 billion Medicare prescription drug bill. This law includes the most extensive changes to Medicare since President Johnson signed the program into law in 1965. Next spring, senior citizens can buy a card for up to \$30.00 for discounts on prescription purchases. The Bush Administration says it could save seniors 15% to 25% per prescription. Some low-income seniors would also get as much as \$600 a year to help pay for drugs in 2004 and 2005. Starting in 2006, seniors can choose to pay a monthly premium for drug coverage, and the law also encourages a greater role for private insurers. On December 8, 2003 President Bush signed the landmark bill. Skeptics feel that the 395 million over the next decade will not cover the costs and will end up burdening the government. Robert Reischer, an expert on Medicare and a former director of the Congressional Budget Office and current President of the Urban Institute stated, "The Question that has to be asked is 'Is this better than nothing?'" My two cents...YES! Having elderly parents who both need major prescriptions - this is a good thing. One of my parents spends an average of \$250 on prescriptions monthly, which is nearly \$3000.00 a year! You may think they are being over medicated, but that's just one prescription without which they would die!"

The bad

The slippery slope in Harrisburg over House Bill 113. Currently in the State Senate is Governor Rendell's budget reflecting an increase in the state's income tax from 2.8% to nearly 3.0%. To put this in perspective, every tenth of a percentage point in the income tax rate brings in an estimated \$250 million to \$270 million. The state republicans are holding up the process because they are not in favor of an increase of either the sales tax or income tax. The state whose budget year runs from July 1 to June 30 is five months into the 2003-04 year and doesn't have a complete budget. Originally the Governor sought more than \$400 million for the 2003-04 budget, however now he is settling for \$250 million for programs such as lowering class sizes in lower grades, state paid preschool, state paid full day kindergarten and tutoring. Currently more than \$4 billion for public schools has been held up by the budget impasse. Now my two cents...I am all over improving the education system in the State of Pennsylvania, but have any of our legislators looked at the cost per teacher vs. our national ranking? Allow me....The State of Pennsylvania

is ranked 7th in the nation of average salaries of Public School Teachers, our average is \$51,424 an increase of 1.2% over last year. In enrollment we are ranked 6th with 1,816,747 pupils in grades K-12. With these rankings, why are our rankings for quality of education so low (the last found statistic had the State ranked 31 in 2001)? {*Statistics taken from the National Center for Educational Statistics}

The ugly

Where to start with this nightmare? The City of Pittsburgh's horrific budget deficit...No matter where you look the one theme that is holding up, is that we are going to get taxed out the wahoooo! The State Senate is trying to intervene, but like above in the State Budget, a war is brewing. Sen. Jane Orie has created a bill for state oversight for the City of Pittsburgh; the Senate-passed bill would provide no new taxing authority for Pittsburgh. Under the measure, a five-member board would be established to oversee city finances. The Board would approve annual city budgets and a five-year spending plan. The City's failure to comply could result in a loss of certain state money. The Democrats are going to try and add taxing authority for the city and the Republicans are pushing for an amended bill that would not allow Pittsburgh to seek Act 47.

What is Act 47? Act 47 would place Pittsburgh in "distressed status." On December 10, 2003 City Council took it's first steps in imposing a 0.5 % tax on commuters who work in Pittsburgh, and an additional 0.5% wage tax on residents. The City does not yet have authority from the state to impose such taxes, but they wanted to be ready when and if they are labeled "distressed." There is also a recommendation to increase the parking tax from 31% to 34%. Without additional taxing authority, Pittsburgh would have to balance its budget through service cuts and increases in existing taxes such as parking, deed transfers and possibly amusements. The City leaders are facing a projected \$42 million deficit in the Mayor's proposed \$399 million budget for 2004, and are contemplating \$17 million in cuts to help balance the budget.

Here are some of the major findings from a report released December 9, 2003 by Public Financial Management, which was hired by the state to conduct an independent financial analysis of Pittsburgh's financial condition and eligibility for distressed status under Act 47:

- Pittsburgh met three of 11 state criteria for designation as a distressed community, including expenditures exceeding revenues for three consecutive years.

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The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

By Allison Burgan, Director of Public Affairs

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- The City has the fourth-highest tax burden among 27 of the largest cities in the United States
- City residents face the highest combined earned income tax (3%) paid to the city and school district, and the second highest business privilege tax (6 mills, or \$6 on each \$1,000 gross sales) of any municipality in Allegheny County.
- Pittsburgh has the fourth-highest municipal property tax (10.8 mills or \$10.80 on each \$1,000 of assessed property value) among all communities in the county. The city’s school districts property tax rate (13.92 mills, or \$13.92 on each \$1,000 of assessed property value) is the second lowest.
- Even if the city spent nothing on materials and supplies, lights and heat, and fulfillment of current contracts (except labor contracts), it would still run a deficit every year. Using this scenario, the city would run up a \$105.6 million budget deficit by 2007.
- Without “corrective action”, the city might not be able to protect residents’ health, safety and welfare; pay its debts on time; and continue paying its employees and vendors.
 {**Information obtained from the Tribune Review, Amy McConnell’s article 12/11/03}

At Tuesday’s City Council meeting, a realtor addressed the council stating (in effect-not a direct quote) “When a citizen cannot pay his debt they are forced to by any means, when the City cannot pay its debt, the citizens are forced to pay the debt by any means, how is this fair?” The saga continues...

Lights 2004 Advertising Rates*

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Vintage: That's a Wrap

The Fall Saturday sessions at Vintage wrapped up and we're very happy with the results. We focused our resources on 1 and 2 week seminars instead of 6 week class sessions. This seemed to work better for seniors who can't always commit to a lengthy curriculum. The classes offered October 11 & 18 included:

Retirement Planning:

Topics covered were IRAs, living wills, trusts, power of attorney, risks of investing and selling your home. Tracy Tinney, a JLP member, taught this seminar.

55 Alive Driving:

This is a classroom only safe driving class that may reduce insurance premiums.

'Reiki,' 'Healing,' and Touch Seminar:

'Reiki is an oriental Taoist healing practice which brings relaxation, strengthens the immune system and promotes healing.

Powerpoint:

A crash course to creating slide show presentations.

Excel:

Learn the basics of Excel. See how Excel can help create a budget, maintain an address book of friends and family.

Total class participation: 51 people. During the classes, the center was opened to a group of 60 Chinese seniors who used the center as a fun gathering place.

We are half way through our final year of financially supporting the Saturday programs at Vintage. We are very pleased that over the past 2 years we have identified a need for these services, marketed our classes and evolved the program into something that Vintage can continue financially on their own.

If you have never had the opportunity to visit Vintage, there is a fun DIAD opportunity planned for Saturday, April 17, 2004. Vintage sponsors a 5k race and volunteers are needed to help stand along the race course to keep racers on track and cheer on the event. The race begins at 9am, with volunteers needed from 7:30am-10:30 am. There will be more details announced as we approach the event.



Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You...

Member	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MONTH	DATE
Sustainer	Carol Anne	Allen	January	1-Jan
Honorary	Elizabeth	Allyn	January	1-Jan
Sustainer Emeritus	Barbara	Blair	January	1-Jan
Sustainer	Ann	Bridges	January	1-Jan
Sustainer	Janet	Conomos	January	1-Jan
Gold Active	Linnea	Johnson	January	1-Jan
Sustainer Emeritus	Carol	McConnon	January	1-Jan
Sustainer Emeritus	Elizabeth	Schoyer	January	1-Jan
Honorary	Betty	Smith-Fisher	January	1-Jan
Honorary	Ailsa	Thompson	January	1-Jan
Sustainer	Pamela	Wiegman	January	1-Jan
Gold Active	Stacey	Jacobs	January	2-Jan
Active	Jane	Meacci	January	2-Jan
Resigned	Julie	Renz	January	2-Jan
Active	Katherine	Jones	January	3-Jan
Active	Dawn	Rempell	January	3-Jan
Sustainer	Mary Jane	Bent	January	4-Jan
Gold Active	Amy	Klein	January	6-Jan
Provisional	Alexis	Sebastian	January	6-Jan
Active	Sue	Duris-McMurdy	January	7-Jan
Sustainer	Margaret	Finn	January	7-Jan
Honorary	Mary Ella	Kneedler	January	7-Jan
Sustainer	Margaret	Rieck	January	8-Jan
Provisional	Kimberly	Kisner	January	9-Jan
Sustainer	Gale	Goliitko	January	10-Jan
Honorary	Sarah	Schaff	January	10-Jan
Sustainer	Elaine	Parke	January	11-Jan
Sustainer	Grace	Anderson	January	14-Jan
Sustainer	Linda	Hartman	January	15-Jan
Non-Resident Sustainer	Rona	Bartolomucci	January	16-Jan
Sustainer	Elizabeth	Hobbs	January	16-Jan
Sustainer	Allison	Mann	January	16-Jan
Sustainer	Mary Anne	Ohsol	January	16-Jan
Provisional	Jamie	Siegel	January	18-Jan
Non-Resident Sustainer	Cathy	Rogers	January	19-Jan
Gold Active	Cecile	Usner	January	19-Jan
Non-Resident Sustainer	Carol	Knight	January	20-Jan
Sustainer	Mary	Long	January	21-Jan
Sustainer	Carol Anne	Henderson	January	22-Jan
Sustainer	Cynthia	Potter	January	22-Jan
Active	Maria	Simos	January	22-Jan
Sustainer	Anne	Simon	January	23-Jan
Provisional	Sara	Bellisario	January	25-Jan
Provisional	Adrienne	English	January	26-Jan
Sustainer	Susan	Williams	January	26-Jan
Provisional	Jennifer	Cox	January	27-Jan
Gold Active	Robin	McDonnell	January	28-Jan
Sustainer	Curtistine	Walker	January	29-Jan
Sustainer	Eileen	Belak	January	30-Jan
Provisional	Karen	Chilcote	January	30-Jan
Sustainer	Kathy	Hewitt	January	30-Jan
Sustainer	Patricia	Pohlmann	January	30-Jan



Membership and Gray Book Changes

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Maura Zollner to the 04-05 class

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(S) Judi Freeman back to JL San Diego

INTERLEAGUE GRANTED

(S) Nancy Johns to JL Savannah
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kerry Cappella 11-1 to 5-1
Jessica O'Brien 11-1 to 5-1
Elene Moran 11-1 to 5-1

MATERNITY LEAVE

Lynn Davenport 10-1 to 4-1

Congratulations to:

Lynn and Ron Davenport on the birth of son, Jonathan Barnett on November 21, 2003 at 5:58pm. He weighed 6lbs. 10 oz.

Kara and Alistair Rock welcomed a daughter, Bella, on October 31, 2003.

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