

LIGHTS



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17th Designers' Show House Hits the Ground Running

The 2005 Designers' Show House is just around the corner. Finally, after a year long search, chasing many leads, and seeing some interesting sites... the search ended with an e-mail and a visit to Scott and Diane Dietrich's home. The house is fantastic and a true piece of Pittsburgh's architectural history in an unbeatable location of Highland Park! The future Show House is located at 820 North Highland Avenue. The homeowners are very energetic and excited to work with the League over the next several months. As a token of our appreciation for signing the contract and making Show House a reality, the League gave Scott and Diane a cof-

fee maker. They have sent us a Thank You note and are looking forward to the upcoming months. Major construction is scheduled for the first of the year in the kitchen, designed by Manderley Ltd., and master bathroom, designed by Showcase Kitchen & Bath. The contract has been signed and plans are moving ahead fast and furiously. Look for future updates in Lights.

The Show House Committee held a training at the house November 13 (9-12). Key elements: Tour of the house and 4 rotating sessions (Event Planning, Financial Procedures/

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Energy, dedication inspire new year

According to our JLP Yearbook, the Annual Placement Awardee(s) should be someone who has "done a superior job" and is an "energetic, dedicated person who deserves to be acknowledged." During the 2003-2004 League year two individuals truly stood out in terms of their energy and dedication, earning them the shared recognition as Leaguer of the Year.

Sara Lowery and Danielle (Carlson) Boston are jointly responsible for effectively re-

energizing the JLP's oldest fundraiser, the Wear After Shop. The gently-used retail outlet has proved a consistent source of revenue to support our projects for almost 80 years, provided the community with a valuable resource and for more than 30 years the Shop was in its former location in Bloomfield. Over time, as the Shop became more successful, its once bright and spacious home began showing signs of aging and could no longer accommodate its space requirements.

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Final Chapter: Fall Book & Author Raises More than 10k for JLP

Featured Authors Dowd, O'Dell and Schor Recall Fond Memories of Pittsburgh

By Lisa Campoli

On Sunday, September 19 the Junior League's Book and Author Series Fall 2004 event, "Three Women, One Day" raised more than \$10,000 for the League. Five hundred fourteen persons attended the afternoon event, which

was held at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland.

The public lecture began with opening remarks from League President Mary Adele Krolikowski and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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President's Message



"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

In the Junior League of Pittsburgh, we have many seasons:

We have our Fund Raising Season: Lisa Campoli, Kim Johnson and their Committee started the year with an extremely successful Book & Author event, raising over \$10,000. Kari Brumback and the Show House committee have found the 2005 House, located in Highland Park. Julia Gleason and the Fund Development Committee have been working with Jane Terlion and the Finance Committee to gather information on the Endowment and Investment policies. (Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.)

We have our Project Season: Our EW! Project has started off with over 50 readers at Martin Luther King Elementary and we have found a second school. Providence Teen program and Safety Camps have started their seasons by working out the calendar, finding volunteers and working with the staff of the project. The Community Assessment and Development Committee sent out a survey to all Active and Provisional members to discover the needs and value of a Signature Project. And the Strategic Development Committee is planning on meeting with members in January for feedback on changes, ideas, and thoughts

to bring to the League as a whole. (We improve the community through the effective action) and (We promote voluntarism)

We have our Training Season: This is a season which lasts through the whole year, also. We have had brief sessions at each General Membership Meeting as well as longer sessions in the Fall and Spring. (We develop the potential of women) and (Leadership of trained volunteers)

Other year-long seasons include: the Recruiting Season, the Placement Requirements Season, the Communications P/R Season, the Nominating Season, and last, but certainly not least, the Sustainer Season.

But while for every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose, we also have a season for Transfers, for Maternity leaves and Leaves of Absences for personal reasons. Please talk to your Placement Advisor about any changes which may occur in this Junior League season of 2004-05.

Your 2004-05 Season of the Junior League of Pittsburgh is an Exciting Season, a Trying Season, a Learning Season and a Who-Knows-What-What-Else Season. We will weather each season together.

—*Mary Adele Krolikowski*
President, 2004-2005

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PE's Corner **Lead from Strength**



An all expenses paid trip to Miami in October? Sounds great—you picture yourself on the beach with a fruity cocktail. You probably don't picture yourself in sessions from 9-5 each day in air conditioning colder than the brisk Pittsburgh autumn breeze, but that's exactly where Mary Adele and I found ourselves October 14-16...

The theme for this year's AJLI 2004 Fall Leadership Conference was "Lead from Strength," and strong leaders did indeed abound. Presidents and Presidents-Elect from over 200 Leagues shared ideas about community projects, fundraising, training, and governance. Mary Adele and I split up, attending different workshops each day. When we met up after each workshop, we realized that our to-do lists were getting longer, filled with things we can do to make the JLP stronger upon our return (watch out Board!). From reviewing our insurance coverage to formalizing our annual plan, from creating our disaster recovery plan for headquarters to revisiting our three year strategic plan, we've all got a lot to do.

Another topic at the forefront of discussion was the devastation resulting from recent hurricanes that affected communities from Florida to our own back yards. We compared notes with Lea and Zoe, the President and PE from Wheeling, WV. The flooding in Wheeling was just as severe as ours in Pittsburgh.

At the Saturday night closing dinner, AJLI President Pam Newby announced that a task force of Florida Leagues had convened to discuss how all Leagues can reach out to communities affected by the hurricanes. When I told her how hard hit we were in the Ohio Valley, she thanked me for bringing it to her attention and ensured that she would include Pittsburgh and Wheeling in future discussions.



Finally, our speaker at the closing dinner was truly inspirational. Judge Glenda Hatchett, author of *Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say*, brought home the struggles of neglected and abused children by sharing vivid tales of her years as a juvenile court judge. All delegates received copies of her book, so let Mary Adele or me know if you'd like to borrow a copy.

Lynne Chadwick
President-Elect 2004-05

The Nominating Committee continually seeking leaders!

To "apply" for a chair or board of director's position the process is simple. You can find a Board of Directors Nomination form on the website. You can also self nominate for any chair or board position by simply sending an email to

c.emanuelson@comcast.net Please include in the email the position you are self nominating for, and why you think you would be able to assist the league by holding that position. Please also remember to nominate your fellow "Leaguers" for that position they've been talking about for years. Any questions on "the process" feel free to contact any member of the nominating committee!
Christine Emanuelson, c.emanuelson@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

A Private Viewing of the Carnegie International Exclusively for Junior League Members and Guests

Friday, February 25, 2004, 7:00pm \$20 per person
Includes admission, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Please join the Special Event, Sustainer and AJLI Mid-Atlantic Conference Committees as we welcome over 200 Junior Leaguers from the mid-Atlantic region to Pittsburgh

to view one of the city's finest attractions – the historic Carnegie Museum of Art, which will be open exclusively for us that evening. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and an exclusive, private look at the 54th Carnegie International exhibit - North America's preeminent survey of international contemporary art, featuring more than 400 works by 38 artists from around the world.

Watch for more information in the next issue of Lights or go to the online calendar on the JLP website to RSVP and purchase tickets at www.jlpg.org.

Shop: Spotlight

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Sara and Danielle researched options, found a bigger, better location and negotiated a lease. They obtained an extensive list of donated services and materials for renovations and spent every weekend last summer – at time of year traditionally spent on hiatus from the League – providing hands-on effort with remodeling the new space and relocating from the old space.

Their time and effort completely changed the look, feel and image of the Shop, making it a pleasant place to visit, work and shop. Indeed, they have started a new era for our oldest signature fundraiser. Their contributions will make an impact for years to come. Thank you, Ladies!



Danielle (Carlson) Boston and Sara Lowery share recognition as Leaguer of the Year for 2003-04

Shop: Talk

New & Improving!

Shopaholics will tell you – it is all about finding something new! This winter, the Wear After Shop continues to work towards having a store filled with interesting merchandise.

Many thanks to JLP member Tina Pretsch for arranging a fall clothing drive at the Oxford Athletic Club. We've collected five car loads of business and business casual clothing since the drive started!

We're also debuting a new line of freshwater pearl jewelry. The pieces are affordable and make great gifts for any occasion. More consignment is coming, too, from jewelry artists, home furnishing designers and more accessories. Know someone interested in consigning her wares through the Shop? Please contact Shop Co-Chair Abby Sandel at: abbysandel@earthlink.net.

Our annual fur sale has kicked off with the October 2004 preview party. If you weren't tempted during the Fall festivities into buying your fur, consider stopping by the Shop another time and checking out our selection of great deals on warm coats!

While new merchandise will help us grow, we wouldn't be the Wear After Shop without the generous donations of our members. Thanks to those who have already fulfilled their 2004-2005 quota donation requirement. And special thanks to our Sustainer Members who continue to give generously.

Remember that all active and provisional members are required to complete one shift at the Wear After Shop before the end of the League year in May. Gold actives are not required to complete a shift but are always welcome! Sign up for a Saturday shift by emailing Sara Lowery at sara_lowery54@hotmail.com. There are two three-hour shifts each Saturday. The first is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. A Shop committee member will be on hand to explain the projects for the day.

Upcoming 2005 shift dates:

January 22
February 5 & 19
March 5 & 19
April 2 & 16
May 28

Please, call Shop manager Cindy Hank at 412/687-2600 to confirm and schedule a shift.

EVERYBODY WINS! BEGINS THIRD YEAR

The EVERYBODY WINS committee proudly announces that the reading season is now upon us. Students and volunteers returned to MLK Jr. in early October during their lunch hour to read, share stories, and many smiles. Much enthusiasm and excitement was a buzz about the room as the volunteers and children exchanged summer stories, hugs, and new books. The only disappointment was had when the school bell rang and a steady "Ahhhh" was heard from the children. We are also very pleased to welcome back Cindy Goodman-Leib as our school coordinator.

Weil Technical Institute located at 2250 Center Avenue in the Hill District has also been selected as our second school to expand to in 2005. We are asking for your support and that you that you please take a few moments to think about how you personally can help this signature project. Consider becoming a volunteer or maybe a friend or family member would be interested in volunteering, also think about your contacts in businesses in the downtown or the Oakland area that would to help get the Weil Technical volunteer base started!

Everybody Wins Power Lunch continues to expand @ MLK - Heinz has now successfully been recruited and is actively sending volunteers. Thank you to Loretta Lobes for her efforts in get-



ting Heinz on board. Allegheny General Hospital is has also been recruited and sending volunteers.

Please contact Michelle Koehler @ michelleot@hotmail.com or 412-761-3462 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, have a business contact, or would like more information about the Everybody Wins Power Lunch Program.

GMM: New year, same great location!

The GMMs for the 2004-2005 JLP Year will take place at the Duquesne Club, in the Main Dining Room, located on the 2nd floor.

Duquesne Club, 325 6th Avenue, downtown

Remaining 2005 GMM Dates:

February 10th, 2005

March 9th, 2005

April 13th, 2005

June 1st, 2005

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make sure to Visit our official website: www.jlpgh.org

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

The Smithfield Liberty parking garage on Liberty connects to the Duquesne Club directly via the 6th floor level. This is a safer downtown venue for all of our lovely Junior League Ladies. Also, if you desire, you can have the valet park your car via the side entrance.

Please contact Julie Andrews (jandrews@programsonthego.com) one week prior to the GMM with meeting requests such as additional tables, chairs, or AV equipment.

Providence Teen Program Kick-Off

By Lisa Chilcote, PTP Chairperson

Providence Teen Program (PTP) kicked off its year with a commencement meeting in July 2004. This project partnered in conjunction with Providence Connections services families that are economically challenged in the North Region of the city of Pittsburgh, primarily within the Marshall Shadeland vicinity.

Since the initial meeting, the committee members have met on a monthly basis to get the ball rolling on a multitude of varying tasks. First and foremost the committee members have worked in conjunction with Tish Donze, Providence Connections Director and Lisa Chilcote, PTP Chairperson, in securing PTP Part-time Coordinator, Penny Lang. Penny has a vast wealth of knowledge and an extensive background within the not for profit sector. She will be on-site at Providence Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00pm- 6:00pm.

The Recruitment process for teen participants in well under-

way! The initial interest meeting was held on Monday, October 11, 2004. Relationships are being fostered with School Administrators in the area. In additions, teens at Rodney Middle School have been surveyed for their input on the program. They have provided valuable feedback in terms of dos and don'ts. Once the core group is secured a celebration event will be hosted later this season scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2005.

One area of concentration for the program is a Career Services Series where individuals would discuss their chosen occupation with the Program Participants. If you are interested in serving as a speaker feel free to contact Lisa Chilcote, Paula Dilig or Michelle Smith.

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A special thanks to committee members for the diligent efforts they have put forth thus far. PTP's core committee consists of: Maris Bondi, Danielle Boston, Paula Dilig, Michelle Smith, Melissa Stewart, Beth Vucic and Lisa Chilcote (chair).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a committee member referenced in this article.

SUSTAINERS... LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

Sustainers ... Come one, Come All!

JLP Sustainers are cordially invited to a welcoming reception in honor of over 200 AJLI Mid-Atlantic Conference attendees at the historic Carnegie Museum of Art on **Friday, February 25, 2005, at 7:00 pm**. Those joining us for the evening will get an exclusive, private view of the 54th Carnegie International, a much acclaimed exhibit hailed by critics as comparable to the Whitney Biennial.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available. RSVP by February 18, 2005, with a check in the amount of \$20 payable to JLP and sent to Millie Ryan, 1380 Terrace Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

JLP is hosting the AJLI Mid-Atlantic Conference at the Twentieth Century Club on Saturday, February 26, 2005, where Junior League leaders will meet for training and networking. If you are available to assist with the conference during any part of Saturday, please contact Millie Ryan at 412-344-4624 by February 1, 2005.

Sustainers Don't battle the winter blues alone!

Instead, escape the snowy cold and join Sustainer friends for a toasty, tasty time. We are gathering at Bev Elliott's home in Fox Chapel on **Friday, February 4th, 2005** for a "Leave the Winter Blahs Behind" luncheon. It's "potluck" style so bring your favorite appetizer, salad, casserole, or dessert. Bev is graciously providing the drinks/wine. Look for your invitation in the mail. Questions? Contact Linda Ban at lindaban@verizon.net or 412-781-1161.

P. S. Join JLP's post-holiday, **Clean out the old, Make room for the new in 2005** clothing drive for the Wear After Shop. Please bring your gently used dresses, suits, sweaters, pants, and skirts to our luncheon – for your convenience provisionals will collect your donations from the event.

BOOK AND AUTHOR

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Book Editor Bob Hoover. David Shribman, executive editor of the *Post-Gazette*, introduced the featured authors and moderated a question and answer period following the authors' remarks.

In recent years, the authors featured in the Book and Author Series have had ties to Pittsburgh—local professors, journalists and officeholders have all participated in the series. Although this year's authors were not selected on the basis of their local ties, each surprised the audience with fond recollections of Pittsburgh.

New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd began her remarks by noting that her first assistant was a Pittsburgh native and that she visited Pittsburgh often, both as a college student and during the filming of the motion picture "Wonder Boys," which was released in 2000. Ms. Dowd then explained the central ideas behind her view of the Bush presidency and what prompted a collection of her columns to be published as *Bushworld: Enter at Your Own Risk*. At the time of the September 19 event, Ms. Dowd's book was number six on the *New York Times*' nonfiction bestseller list, having spent the previous four weeks as the fourth bestselling nonfiction book.

Novelist Tawni O'Dell, author of *Coal Run*, delighted the audience by recalling childhood memories of Pittsburgh, which she considered her first "real city" when growing up in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Ms. O'Dell also offered anecdotes about her first novel, *Back Roads*, being chosen as an Oprah Book Club selection in March 2000. (She was convinced that a phone call from Oprah Winfrey was a hoax orchestrated by a cousin and become so flustered upon learning that Oprah was on the phone that she could not remember key details from her book. At that point, the talk show host reminded O'Dell to be sure to re-read her own book before appearing on the show.)

More importantly, Ms. O'Dell spoke movingly about struggling with her own doubts and self-confidence in writing her novels and recalled the importance of being encouraged to believe in herself as a child and later as a young writer. At the start of her writing career, Ms. O'Dell received many rejection letters from publishers, in part because she was writing about places and people she did not know. Only when she turned to writing about Western Pennsylvania, in a genre she likened to "Pennsylvania gothic," did she find an authentic voice and generate real interest in her work. Finally, Ms. O'Dell offered some parting comments about the importance and power of the written word. She noted that while music is edited for radio and movies are rated, books are often simply banned.

Professor Juliet Schor, who is an alumna of Winchester Thurston and originally from California, Pennsylvania, gave the audience a very substantive overview of her recent book about the market-

ing of products to children, *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture*. In doing so, Professor Schor offered remarkable details from the extensive interviews and research that form the basis of her book. For example, a premise underpinning the marketing of a particular breakfast cereal, Alpha-Bits, is that parents will buy it if they are led to believe that the cereal will improve children's spelling skills.

Audience members enjoyed posing questions to the authors following their comments and a number of questions focused on the

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audience's desire to become more involved in the Pittsburgh community, whether through politics or a concern for children.

The September event represented a significant departure from past events in the Book and Author series. League members were directly responsible for processing ticket orders and creating publicity materials, and worked directly with publishing house staff to curate and publicize the event. Many thanks are due to the *Post-Gazette*'s David Shribman, who met extensively with League members during the planning process. As a result of these changes, the Book and Author Series produced a great return on the League's investment of time and money and created an awareness of the League among a new audience, including faculty and students from the Winchester Thurston School and members of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Women in the Law Division. Perhaps the starkest evidence of the event's success could be seen in the filled orchestra level of the Carnegie Music Hall—who imagined the League would see mezzanine seats used for the Book and Author Series—or the line for the author book signing, which at one point stretched the length of the Music Hall Foyer.

In addition to the *Post-Gazette*, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and DUQ 90.5 FM, event sponsors included Highmark, Reed Smith, Henderson Brothers, Pittsburgh Telephone Answering Service, and Lamar Advertising Company.

Auction donors included Abate Restaurant, Andracki Law Offices, the Andy Warhol Museum, Asiago Restaurant, Blooms Florist, Big Burrito Group/Casbah Restaurant, Cabo Mexican Grill/RDG, Café Allegro, Caliban Books, Carnegie Science Center, Caswell-Massey, Cheese Cellar Café, City Theater, Dingbat's, Frick Art and Historical Center, Grand Concourse Restaurant, Grey Line Tours/Lenzner Tours, Griffin Gallery, Henne Jewelers, Mary Adele Krolikowski, Le Mont Restaurant, Mario Lemieux Foundation, Robin McDonnell, Munchkin's Bookshelf, Music Together/First Notes, National Aviary, Papermart, Pittsburgh Jeans Company, Andy Russell, Abby Sandel, Society for Contemporary Craft, Sweet Peas, Whole Foods and Wildwood Highlands.

Thanks to all League members who worked to make the Book and Author Series Fall 2004 event such a success.

2005 Designers' Show House Chatter

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Budgets, Communications/PR/Marketing, and A look back at Show House). Thank you to all who attended. It was a great experience to have the JLP Show House members in the house so early in the planning process. Applause Cards were given to Ann Bondi, Robin McDonnell, Julia Gleason, Pam Rende, Stephanie Hoogendorn, and Cookie Roberson. They graciously organized and lead the rotating sessions, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Christie Smith received an Applause Card for being a fantastic support to the Show House Committee organizing the Show House committee binders and folders. The binders are an excellent tool and a wonderful tracking system of this years Show House information for future planning.

Join an exciting committee

Still looking for a way to assist with the upcoming Show House? We are still looking for a few more dedicated, enthusiastic league members to work on the Show House committee. You are guaranteed to meet a lot of people and have fun in the process. Bring us your energy, great ideas, and get involved in the following committees:

Events Manager
 Tickets/Group Tours
 Coffee/Refreshment Cart
 Operations – Signage, House/Security Coordinator
 Communications/PR/Marketing – Print Coordinator,
 Content Coordinator Designer/Publicist Information

Applause, Applause

Bringing back an old tradition, the Show House Committee would like to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in their committee work. If you would like to recognize a Show House Committee member, please send your submissions to Christie Smith, Show House Administrator, christiesmith412@hotmail.com. It is a great opportunity to thank our fellow committee members and give an "Applause" in the process.

Applause were given to the following Show House Committee members:

Julia Gleason, Ann Bondi, Robin McDonnell, Cookie Roberson, Stephanie Hoogendorn, Pamela Rende, and Christie Smith for an awesome training session!



Kim Kisner and Katie Heinritz for a fabulous Room Selection Day. They created a fantastic brochure/handout for Designers, had a tremendous turnout, and filled 95% of the rooms on the first shot. Way to go!

Mary Adele Krolokowski, Jane Terlion, and Stephanie Hoogendorn for working together to open and establish a running, permanent Show House checking account. This will be a definite asset to the operations of the Designers' Show House.

Robin McDonnell and Ann Bondi our PR/Marketing & Communication directors. An entire round of applause is given to them for organizing and negotiating an agreement with Pittsburgh Magazine to produce the Show House souvenir program. Details are being finalized, but the commitment has been made. What an accomplishment! An overhaul of our communication tools and forms will surely aid in the process of working with Pittsburgh Magazine.

Design Committee

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is announcing the interior and landscape designers to decorate more than 18 spaces in and around its Seventeenth Designers' Show House located at 820 North Highland Avenue, Highland Park. These designers, representing the top echelon of the area's design community, will donate their time, talents, and materials to make the 2005 Show House a success, and to maximize the funds raised for The Junior League of Pittsburgh.

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The Design Committee held Room Selection Day in early November with an excellent turn out from the design community. The designers were very impressed with the home and the fabulous setting for the next Show House! The design schedule is still going strong through December with Room Measurement Days on December 8 & 9; following up with Designer Storyboard Day in January. Stay tuned for further design updates in the New Year.

The 2005 Designers

The Junior League of Pittsburgh invites back several decorators from past Junior League of Pittsburgh Designers' Show Houses as well as welcoming new talent.

Designers include:

- Smoking Room: Richard Barranti and Larry Walker, Richard Lawrence Interiors
- First Floor Entryway/ Staircase/ Second Floor Entryway: Neill Stouffer, Today's Home
- Kitchen and Pantry: Suzanne Bernard, Manderly, Inc.
- Living Room: Sue Anderson and Melissa Nonnenberg, Meadworth Interiors
- Sun Porch: Melissa Ferrari, Le Tapisseur
- Dining Room: Ray Dortenzo, Raymond J. Dortenzo & Associates
- Wine Room: Faux Finisher Martha Z. Zatezalo, Z Studio of Decorative Finishes
- Powder Room: Nancy Drew, Drew Designs Limited, Ltd.
- Ladies' Study/Office: Susan Stabnau and others from Ethan Allen, Inc.
- Sitting Room/Study: Rachel Farley, Bennett Farley Interiors
- Master Sitting Room: Mindy Mackins Morton, Mackins Morton & Associates
- Master Bathroom: Showcase Kitchen and Bath
- Master Bedroom: Angela Nolfi, Angela Nolfi & Co.
- Bathroom: Marguerite White
- Bedroom: Evelyn Wedner and James Checkeye, Evelyn James Interiors, Inc.
- Laundry/Craft Room: Ronda Carman and Jennifer Brandenstein, ReDesigned Rooms
- Patios in Back Yard: Germaine Gladu, Heritage Landscape Supply
- General Landscaper: Greg Friday, Friday Perennials

operations

Operations ... what a major

component to the success of any Show House.

What do you do without a committee chair?

Think of all the crazy League members who just can't get enough... and who do you think of Lorraine Marks, and then the Show House Chair, Kari Brumback breathes a sigh of relief purely because she said "OK" (but is extremely excited to have her enthusiasm and energy on the Show House Committee!).

With her 3 additional placements for this League year, Lorraine has jumped in full steam ahead to tackle the behind the scenes, but extremely critical, committee work of House Operations. The Operations Committee is extremely fortunate because to have a wonderful committee - plus a couple of Actives who are helping out - including a non-League gal who is purely interested in learning more about the League who is helping out too (the recruiting hat is on at this point - can you tell?).

What is your Show House placement? Guess what - the Operations committee still needs more help! If you would like to learn how to help with Show House Ops - email Lorraine at: lpan-tone@hotmail.com. The Staffing Committee is **FULL!** The Risk and Permits are taken care of. There are a few things that need a main contact person - is that person YOU?

Email - or call Lorraine at 412-781-0260...She looks forward to hearing from you... as well as having you join a fantastic committee...**OPS ROCKS!**

Ticket Committee

The Ticket Committee needs your help to track down names and address of civic clubs, social groups and professional organizations for a "group tour" data base. Ideal parties would include groups that plan social events or outings as a part of their regular yearly programs. Information may be e-mailed to sgolitto@wpahs.org or by phone 412-330-6057.

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Sneak-A-Peak Event

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A "SNEAK-A-PEAK" OF THE 17TH DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE ON APRIL 1, 2005. Don't miss a "A Taste of Highland Park" when the Show House Committee will host a casual party for JLP members at this year's Designer Show House located at 820 North Highland Avenue on Friday, April 1. This will be your opportunity to see this wonderful home before it is transformed by the designers and launch our most successful fundraiser. We will have beer, casual hors d'oeuvres and music. More details to follow!

THE FIRST SHOW HOUSE "SNEAK-A-PEEK" WEEKEND. This year the Show House Committee is adding a new event to Show House an exciting endeavor sure to generate an interest in the community. On April 2 and 3, 2005, the house will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and tickets will be \$5 at the door. This will be the only opportunity for the public to tour this house before it's unveiling on April 22. Please tell anyone and everyone about this great opportunity so that we can make the first "Sneak-A-Peek" weekend a great success!

Mother's Day Event

It's flowers and fashion on Sunday, May 8, 2005, when the Junior League hosts its first Mother's Day brunch and fashion show. Guests will be treated to a tour of the Show House prior to its noon opening. Following the tour, a brunch will be held with informal modeling of the latest spring and summer fashions. Save the date and consider bringing guests to this very special event featuring Junior League members, friends and family as our fashion show models.

Sponsor/In-kind/Auction

Plans for the 2005 Designers' Show House are well underway and the Sponsor/In-Kind/Auction committee *needs* your assistance. Our goal is to increase the corporate level of involvement in all aspects of Show House 2005. We *need all* League members to suggest corporate contacts they may have to be solicited for involvement with Show House. The many events surrounding Show House offer a great deal of visibility for an up and coming company or a company launching a new project or division. We hope that with support from the local business community we will have many reasons to celebrate come May! Please contact Emily Busse at emilybusse@verizon.net with your questions and suggestions.

Treasurers' Corner

As your assistant treasurers, we have decided to divide our duties into two areas. Stephanie Hoogendoorn will maintain the budget, while Pamela Rende will create and oversee a new training program for Show House treasurer shifts.

We think it is important to provide both Show House shift treasurers and boutique captain's advance training before their shifts begin. We don't want anyone showing up for a shift merely to thumb through a huge binder of instructions that may or may not be clear in the midst of Show House excitement. So when it's time to request your Show House shift preferences, sign up for a treasury or boutique captain shift with confidence that Pamela will prepare you in advance!

As far as developing the 2004-2005 Designers' Show House Budget, it's nearly complete with several new, exciting and profitable event line items! Further, with the help of Treasurer Jane Terlion and President Mary Adele, JLP now has a new permanent Show House checking account simply entitled "JLP Show House", which will be available to all future Show Houses. Each check requires two signatures and the account has four signers consisting of the two assistant treasurers, Show House Chair, and JLP President. This procedure differs from the JLP checking account procedure since Bookminders prints out JLP checks while the Showhouse account checks will be hand-written. Bookminders, however, will still record the activity of the Show House account. Stephanie will use the monthly reports from both Bookminders and each committee chair to maintain the overall budget.

So just how does a Show House committee member obtain a check from this new account? Well, as the committee chairs and members learned at the November Show House Financial Training, if a member needs to pay a budgeted expense, she shall first download a Show House Check Request Form online and obtain her chair's signature. Then she shall submit the signed Check Request, the receipt, plus an additional copy of each of these items to the treasurers' mailbox at Anathan. Generally speaking, Stephanie will process checks on Mondays or Tuesdays of each week. If a stamped addressed envelope is included with the request, the check will be mailed directly. Otherwise, the check will be left in the committee chair's mailbox. Easy!

With all these plans in place, we are ready to assist each committee.

So get ready to "Show House" and don't spend your entire budget!

2005 Designers' Show House Chatter

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REPRINT —

The Junior League of Pittsburgh will host the 17th Designers' Show House in April at the residence 820 North Highland Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh's Highland Park neighborhood. Showcasing the decorating talents of more than 15 area designers, the house will open for public viewing from Saturday, April 23, 2005 through Sunday, May 15, 2005.

The site of this event is a gracious three-story Italian Renaissance style mansion built between 1908 and early 1910 to the designs of prominent Pittsburgh architect Paul Irwin. The house was built for Henry S. Stewart, an oil producer, and his wife, Agnes Stewart. Located as it is among the trees and fine lawns of the vicinity, it commands a superb view of the avenue leading to the entrance of Highland Park. The current owners, Scott and Diane Dietrich, have graciously opened their home to the Junior League of Pittsburgh for the 2005 Designers' Show House.

Distinct features of the home are the low hipped roof with a wide overhang, and its brick construction, smaller third-floor windows and symmetrical façade. The Pompeian brick (also known as Roman brick) with which the house was constructed was not a feature of the Italian Renaissance style, but was used in the construction of some of the larger and more elaborate houses built in Highland Park and other East End neighborhoods during the first decade of the 20th century.

The public is invited to view the house prior to its dazzling revival by area designers during a "Sneak Peek Weekend" to be held April 2-3, 2005. This will be the public's only opportunity to view this grand home prior to its April 22, 2005 unveiling at the Opening Night Gala. Additional special events will include but are not limited to the following: Meet the Designer Special Evening Event, Mother's Day Event, and Private Group Tours. The Show House will again feature its signature boutique, offering items created by local artisans and crafters.

Special Events

Sneak-a-Peak Weekend

April 1 – 2, 2005 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$5 Sneak – a – Peak Ticket – Sold at the Door

Opening Night Gala -April 22, 2005*

Meet the Designer Special Evening -April 29, 2005*

Mother's Day Tea – May 8, 2005*

*Times and Ticket Prices to be announced in the near future.

Tour Hours

Monday's – Closed

(Guided Group Tours &

Special Events by Appointment)

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday – Thursday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Tour Admission Prices

\$15 Advance Ticket Purchase*

\$20 At the door

Group Discounts will be available

*Advance Ticket Purchase: Tickets to go on sale in early March 2005.

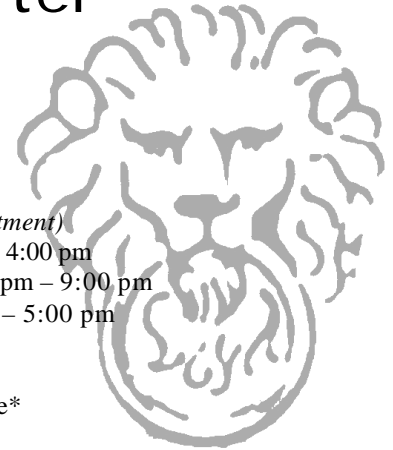
For more information, please contact The Junior League of Pittsburgh at 412-571-3020 or visit our website at www.jlpg.org.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh's enormously successful Designers' Show Houses have netted over \$1,125,000 dollars since the first one debuted in 1974. Proceeds from this event enable the Junior League of Pittsburgh to continue its commitment to give back to the community through programs and projects focused on literacy, arts, aging, women and children.

The Chair of 2005 Designers' Show House 2005 is Kari Brumback.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, to developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Pittsburgh is Pittsburgh women leading by example since 1922. Our current projects include: *Safety Kids Camp* tackles difficult issues in a fun, summer camp format and teaches children to better protect themselves, *Providence Teen Program* targeted towards at-risk teenagers. Volunteers provide developmental, social and recreational activities for 12 to 16 year-olds in Marshall-Shadeland and other North Side neighborhoods.

Everybody Wins! is currently based at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary on the North Side, which partners below grade-level readers with professionals from the League and the community to share weekly meetings surrounding lunch and a good book.



Membership Development

MEMBERS ATTEND AJLI WORKSHOP IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Marks, Campoli and Chilcote gain valuable tips for League

Membership Development Director Lorraine Marks and Committee Chairs Lisa Campoli and Lisa Chilcote attended an AJLI Organizational Development Institute (ODI) in Arlington, Virginia on November 5-7, 2004. Sponsored by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), the ODI workshops are designed to provide League members with mission-based training and tools to improve the League experience for all members.

AJLI instructed that the components of a successful community program are significant research, identification of community needs, formation of policies, program development and program evaluation.

The workshops were divided into three primary areas: fund development, community impact and leadership development. Lisa, Lisa and Lorraine each attended workshop sessions in one of these areas.

Lisa Campoli attended the fund development sessions, which devoted a great deal of time to strategic planning. Specifically, Leagues were encouraged to develop a three-year rolling strategic plan and extract three-year fund development plans, annual plans, annual board work plans and annual committee action work plans from that strategic plan. Lisa also learned that in some Leagues, individual members are encouraged to prepare strategic plans charting their own involvement in the League. The goal should be to have documents that serve as a checklist for board and committee chairs and a means of coordinating fund development, communications, community programming, and membership development. Notably, these plans should include very specific information about costs, sources of income for each project or activity, projected revenue, assignment of responsibility, and deadlines.

As to fund development itself, the ODI sessions emphasized building detailed databases of members and other potential donors, cultivating relationships with individuals and corporate entities, developing a case for support, and creating realistic goals and methods of evaluation for each fundraising activity. The workshop presenter took the view that Leagues are very good at planning events, but rarely stop to consider how effective these events are in terms of generating revenue. A good rule of thumb is to net twice the event's expenses. Absent this outcome, the event is a "friend-raiser" or a social event instead of an effective fundraiser.

Lisa Chilcote attended community impact sessions, the key take away of which was linking the League's community projects to its mission. Lisa learned that a close bond between projects and focus areas is of utmost importance. AJLI instructed that the components of a successful community program are significant research, identification of community needs, formation of policies, program development and program evaluation. In addition, the AJLI suggested that reaching project milestones is made easier through collaboration between the JLP and other community groups and leaders.

Lorraine Marks attended leadership development sessions that focused on nominating, effective leadership and recruitment. In particular, these sessions emphasized the importance of training current League members, pursuing a diverse and vibrant membership, and creating a mission statement that supports these goals. The AJLI advised that the nominating process should strive to provide all League members with a good understanding of the process itself and to build a deep pool of potential candidates for leadership positions. As part of the process of identifying potential candidates, the nominating process should include investigation of members' abilities and willingness to serve the League, solicitation of members' interests and ideas, and gathering evaluations of candidates' strengths and weaknesses.

All three of the ODI participants think that it was an honor to attend such a valuable learning experience and want to thank the JLP for this opportunity. Sara Lowery and Beth Vucic will attend an ODI in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in March 2005.

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for the families, and in a few hours we were ready to start delivering.

We were stunned to see the devastation of peoples' homes. We could see a brown line on the outside of some houses on 6th Street, well above the first story window, indicating where the flood waters had reached their peak. It was stirring to see a community so battered and yet the people we met were so positive!

As a family politely thanked us for the care-package and asked if there was someone else that could use it more, the pride that these families felt for their community was infectious. What started out as a cold and dim day ended up filling our hearts with warmth and optimism at the goodness people can show in the face of adversity. The job was done in a day, but our hearts will be with Sharpsburg much longer than that."

Membership Development

"The Job Was Done in a Day, but Our Hearts will be with Sharpsburg Much Longer than that"

By Erin Queen

The **Membership Development Committee** has the job of helping to develop the Jr. League's newest members, the Provisional class, both socially as they transition into active Membership as well as through training that will lead them to become the best volunteers that they can possibly be in their surrounding community. This Fall, the Membership Committee set out to create and coordinate a Bi-annual Provisional Done in a Day Project, a critical element to the Provisional Year volunteer training program. The Committee exchanged ideas regarding the type of community cause to expose the Provisionals to as well as what tasks/responsibilities the Provisionals could perform to foster their volunteer skills while at the same time, enhance their overall JLP experience and perform critical tasks for a community in need.



The question became: Do we volunteer to help feed the poor Thanksgiving dinner? Do we volunteer at the local Women's Shelter? Do we volunteer to clean up backyards for the elderly? There are always so many critical areas of need...

Before we knew it, a critical area of need developed in front of our eyes. It unfortunately fell into our lap. Hurricane Ivan was not only terrible to Florida residents, but dropped record levels of rainfall in our own backyard. The rivers of Pittsburgh rose 24 feet and caused widespread flooding and devastation to residents of Glenshaw, Carnegie, Etna and Sharpsburg, just to name a few affected areas of Pittsburgh. Homes and businesses and lives were destroyed virtually overnight, "just like that." It was so unexpected, shocking and sad. And our local communities needed us and they needed us immediately.

The JLP MDC responded by coordinating their Provisional DIAD event in conjunction with the Network of Hope, at the Flood Victim Center, in Sharpsburg. The task at hand was to

package and deliver gift baskets full of food and household items to the hardest hit Sharpsburg neighborhoods. The event was enjoyed by all. It evoked emotion and pride in voluntarism and sacrifice from the JLP members who attended and it also evoked a strong sense of appreciation from the flood victims. Following are the testimonials of two Provisional members who participated...

From Liz Vitchock: "A New Mom's Perspective on a DIAD"

It was great to get out and participate in the November 6th DIAD, helping assemble and distribute care packages for Sharpsburg's flood victims. As a new mom of a 6-month old, much of this year for me has been focused on my family - on preparing for and caring for our son. My husband and I have also been so fortunate to be the recipients of so much help (advice, baby items, time and support) from so many people, both people close to us, and those we don't know very well. So, I was very excited about spending a morning focusing on others and "paying forward" all the help we've received. We delivered packages to several homes and people were very thankful, but our visit to a home where a young mother was trying to get her young daughter in the bath was particularly striking. Knowing we made a small difference in helping this mom provide for her daughter under these unfortunate circumstances made the day a huge success for me.

From Catherine Baker and Kimberly Harbaugh:

"When the alarm rang at 7:25 on November 6, and I dragged my body into the shower, I didn't really know what to expect that day. Five minutes later I screamed down the hall to Kim and ordered her into the shower. We needed to be in the car in 10 minutes. It was cold outside and we were tired and groggy, but we knew that a Cafe Latte from Starbucks would get us going. At 7:40 we were in the car heading to Sharpsburg to complete a Provisional requirement of a Done-In-A-Day. We read our Mapquest directions and navigated our way from the South Side to Sharpsburg by finally outsmarting that tricky Route 28 as well as after making a few wrong turns. We arrived at Network of Hope Headquarters awake and ready to work.

We met Kate, a bundle of early-morning energy, signed our release forms, and then listened to our assignments. We were going to package food, kitchen supplies, and other goodies for the flood victims of Sharpsburg and then deliver the packages to their homes.

We all caravanned to the basement of a nearby church and were greeted with stacks of Pyrex baking dishes, wooly winter scarves, boxes of potato chips, packages of Ding Dongs, palates of Honey Buns, hundreds of Power Bars, bags full of crackers, chocolate chip muffin mix; all donated from the surrounding community. It was amazing. Kate put us right to work boxing up care-packages

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Strategic Development Survey 2005

In January 2005, the Strategic Development Committee will be conducting a member survey. All Junior League of Pittsburgh Provisional and Active members are asked to participate. As announced at our November General Membership Meeting, the survey will be conducted in two parts: an online survey and Town Hall meetings.

The following is a brief description of how the surveys will be conducted. Please look for upcoming email blasts for reminders and more detailed information.

The online section of our survey is a brief questionnaire that will be offered on our website: www.jlpg.org. The whole process should take less than 10 minutes to complete - simply click on the link and answer the questions. As decided by our membership, the online survey is a requirement for the 2004-2005 Junior League year. It will be available on the website from January 1-15, 2005.

The Town Hall meetings will be held during the week of January 10, 2005 and will take place in our (always gracious and kind!) Sustainers' homes. These regional meetings are designed to encourage thought-provoking and open discussion on important topics for the Junior League of Pittsburgh.

Provisionals' Town Hall meetings will take place at our Headquarters at Anathan on Wednesday, January 12. Nancy Davis from the Membership Development committee will be sending out the details.

For Active members to make reservations, please choose from one of the following meeting times and make your reservation with the respective sustainer (exact addresses are in our directory and will be available online):

<p><u>Monday, Jan 10, 7 pm:</u> Gail Harbaugh, Upper St. Clair 412-831-9651</p> <p>Cookie Roberson Wexford 724-934-0256</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, Jan 11, 2 pm:</u> Betsy Weigand Fox Chapel 412-826-1911</p> <p><u>Thursday, Jan 13, 2 pm:</u> Peggy Mooney Fox Chapel 412-967-9251</p>	<p><u>Thursday, Jan 13, 7 pm:</u> Jan Wagner 412-661-1618 East Liberty</p> <p>Heather Richardson 412-343-3598 Mt. Lebanon</p> <p>Jeanne Berdick 412-687-4049 Oakland</p>
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Each Active member is encouraged to attend, but it is not a requirement. When calling to make your reservations, please offer to bring a beverage or food item.

We are looking forward to making this year's Survey a positive experience for all members. If you are unable to fulfill your requirement or if you have any questions, please contact Kelly Schraven, Strategic Development Director, at kmschraven@hotmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation!



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Bylaws & Standing Rules

The following three (3) recommendations are prepared for your review and will be discussed at our next General Membership Meeting, February 10th, 2005.

It is the desire of the Finance Committee to modify and clarify several **Bylaws & Standing Rules** to reflect the Junior League of Pittsburgh's usage of our Investments and annually raised funds. As such, following are the three (3) recommendations.

A. It comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the following be revised to reflect the following:

BYLAW - ARTICLE XI: Fiscal Policies, Section 6. Special Funds, Item c. be changed to read:

"Junior League of Pittsburgh Endowment Fund: There shall be a Junior League of Pittsburgh Endowment Fund. Donations to this Fund are tax-deductible and may be spent in accordance with Guidelines set forth in the Standing Rules."

B. It comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the following be revised to reflect the following:

Standing Rule X - Fiscal Policies: Section 6. Special Funds, a. be changed to read:

"Junior League of Pittsburgh Endowment Fund: Donations to the Junior League of Pittsburgh Endowment Fund shall be held in a separate account, overseen by the and Finance Committee. Monies from the fund shall be used for the betterment of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, its projects, community grants and programs. Expenditures of no less than two percent or greater than seven percent of interest earned during the fiscal year, up to \$25,000, must be approved by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. Expenditures over \$25,000 must be approved by the majority vote of the Board of Directors and the Assembly (Membership). Members shall be made aware of the JLP Endowment Fund through an ongoing awareness campaign from Fund Development and reports from the Treasurer."

C. It comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the following be revised:

Rule IX Committees - Section 3 Standing Committees, Subsection h. Fund Development, Number 3. Annual Appeal, be changed to read:

"There shall be an Annual Appeal which is an annual opportunity for the Junior League of Pittsburgh members and interested members of the community to donate to the JLP for its projects and/or community grants."

Thanks to the League members who participated in a Done in a Day volunteer opportunity by December 1, 2004

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