

LIGHTS

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Save The Dates

18th Designers' Show House 2007

April 27— May 13

1265 Beechwood Boulevard



A Great Show Of Support

Show House Committee Members have been extremely successful garnering donations from the Pittsburgh community – and deserving kids will surely benefit when they receive a brand-new playground!

Special thanks go to JLP Active Julie Katz, who brought in a 10-thousand-dollar donation from her employer, the outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

Active Jenn Tribble pulled out all the stops at her company – Lamar

Advertising donated 20 Billboards featuring Show House to the Junior League of Pittsburgh. It's a 20-thousand-dollar value – and one that will most definitely bring people to "Elegance On Beechwood."

The momentum continued as Active Beth McCall secured another 10-thousand-dollar donation from UPMC Health Plan.

And Show House Chair Kim Kisner added an additional bonus – five-thousand-dollars in cash – and five-thousand-dollars in spon-

sorship from Howard Hanna Real Estate.

These are some big numbers – but everything adds up. Each Junior League member is doing her part to contribute to the success of Show House. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work so far!



AJLI Announces New Slate

THE AJLI NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S NEW SLATE

AJLI would like to congratulate the following women who have been slated as candidates for the Association's leadership positions. Following the conclusion of the voting process, they will join the ongoing Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee at the 2007 Annual Conference in Boston, MA.

The slated candidates for the Board of Directors include:

- President-Elect 2007-2008*
Debbie Brown Robinson, JL Houston
- Secretary 2007-2010 Deborah L. Smith, JL Boston
- Area I Director 2007-2010 Denise Murphy McGraw, JL Schenectady
- Area II Director 2007-2010 Terri Nass Reeder, JL Akron

At-Large Director 2007-2010 Joanne Johnson Felt, JL San Jose

At-Large Director 2007-2010 Sandra G. Thomas, JL Charlottesville

Nominating Vice Chair 2007-2008* Kathy Rabon, JL Clearwater-Dunedin

*The President-Elect automatically assumes the office of President for a two-year term [2008-2010] and the Nominating Vice Chair automatically assumes the office of Nominating Chair for a one-year term [2008-2009].

The slated candidates for the Nominating Committee include:

- Area II Representative 2007-2009 Julia Sheridan Gleason, JL Pittsburgh
- Area IV Representative 2007-2009 Karen Miller, JL Evanston-North Shore
- Area VI Representative 2007-2009 Teresa A. Baker, JL Boise

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Office of the President

Let's hear it for Team JLP!



Linda Hartman
President
2006-2007

The projects and DIADs help us fulfill our mission of improving the community and promoting voluntarism.

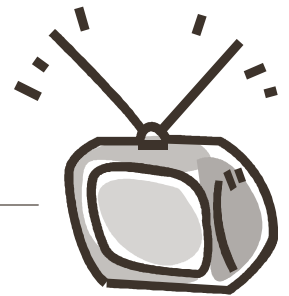
With March comes spring and hopefully warmer and sunnier days are ahead. March also brings the Provisionals' Sing Spring Praises project at Vintage, more DIADs, special events, and the Sneak-A-Peek party and weekend tours of Show House. If you haven't seen the house yet, this is a great opportunity to view it before the designers do their magic. This is also a great way to get friends and family excited about Show House.

The projects and DIADs help us fulfill our mission of improving the community and promoting voluntarism. Show House helps us with this as well as provide us with the necessary funds. It also helps to develop the potential of women through learning new skills or strengthening those already in place.

Another way of developing your potential is to take on a leadership role within the JLP. Remember the League was designed to give women a place to spread their wings and to take on new challenges. There is support from other members, the Board, and AJLI. So, if you are thinking about becoming the chair of a committee or a director, let nominating know. Please feel free to talk to any member of the Board or your placement advisor if you have any questions about a particular leadership position.

I am looking forward to spring and to seeing you at many exciting events this month!

— Linda Hartman, President, 2006-2007



Show House On Comcast Newsmakers

Take a moment next month to tune into Comcast Newsmakers. The JLP's Show House will be featured on that segment during the entire month of April. Comcast Newsmakers can be seen at :25 and :55 past the hour on CNN Headline News – that's Channel 33 on Comcast Cable.

Comcast Newsmakers is a free forum for nonprofits to present events and issues important to Western Pennsylvania.



Sixty JLP members braved the cold weather both outside and inside the 18th Designers' Show House currently under renovation to attend Media Relations training on Saturday February 3, 2007.

Membership Development Kicks Off

The Membership Development Committee kicked off the recruitment season at PUMP's Discover Pittsburgh on Feb. 22, 2007. Traci Nelson, Alma Lucas, Gina DeBlasis, Ondrea Robinson and Christina Kepplinger shared the League's mission with interested women of Pittsburgh. We're off to a great start!

Upcoming events:

6-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Bring-A-Friend Event at the Spring Hill Suites and

6:30-8:30 p.m, Monday, May 7, 2007, MDC Social at the 18th Designers' Show House.

Events during June, July and August are in the works. If you know of interested women please send their contact information to pghjuniorleague@yahoo.com or ckepplinger@gmail.com.



Alma Lucas, Gina DeBlasis, Christina Kepplinger, Traci Nelson and Ondrea Robinson at Discover Pittsburgh on February 22, 2007, recruiting new members.

Committee News

IT'S SHOW TIME



The stage is being set for “Elegance on Beechwood” The Junior League of Pittsburgh’s 18th Designers’ Show House. Twenty-five local design firms are readying to revitalize this Italian Renaissance mansion in Squirrel Hill, once home to former All-Star Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Bob Friend. Located at 1265 Beechwood between Fifth and Forbes Avenues, Show House doors will open for the first time on April 27th – when Glitz, Glamour & Grace will reign at the Gala

DETAILS

When: April 27th to May 13th House Tours
May 14th to May 20th Available for Private & Corporate Event Rental

Where: 1265 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Between Fifth & Forbes Avenues, Squirrel Hill

Hours:
Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Evening 6 – 9 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 12 – 5 p.m.

Monday - House Closed to the Public

Group Tours Available for a minimum of 8 people. Please call Kelly Uranker for more information (412) 391-5122

TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices are \$15 if purchased in advance by April 20th or \$20 (cash/check) at the door.

Tour tickets are transferable (can be used any time the house is open to the public) but non-refundable.

You may purchase tickets by MasterCard, Visa or Personal Check by calling (412) 394-6767. You may also purchase tickets on-line at Blacktie Pittsburgh by visiting blacktie-pittsburgh.com. Blacktie accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and electronic checks.



Enjoy Show House Special Events

All events take place at the 2007 Designers’ Show House, located at 1265 Beechwood Boulevard. Tickets/Reservations are available by calling 412-394-6767.

Tickets are also available on-line by visiting blacktie-pittsburgh.com.

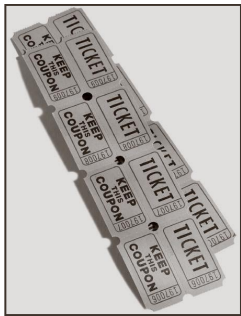
SNEAK-A-PEEK WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday, March 31 – April 1, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$5 Cash Only at the Door. No children under ten. No Infants. No cameras. Flat shoes recommended. Not wheelchair accessible.

Come to see the Designers’ Show House as a diamond in the rough. Walk its barren halls, peep into unfurnished rooms and get a true “before” snapshot of this century-old Italian Renaissance & Colonial Revival style mansion. Take advantage of a rare opportunity and be even more amazed when you tour the final transformation.

HOUSE TOUR AND SPECIAL EVENTS TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SNEAK-A-PEEK WEEKEND.



18TH DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE—ELEGANCE ON BEECHWOOD

OPENING NIGHT GALA GLITZ, GLAMOUR & GRACE

Friday, April 27th, Creative Black Tie ☞

Stroll the red carpet and be among the first to step through the doors of this gracious house. Experience the luxurious high-style waiting inside. Enjoy dinner and entertainment in the moonlight. Meet and mingle with celebrity host Andrew Dan-Jumbo of TLC's "While You Were Out" and "Trading Spaces," and special guest Bob Friend, former homeowner and All-Star Pittsburgh Pirate.

Gala Ticket Prices ☞

Patron: \$300. 5pm. Private cocktail party with Andrew Dan-Jumbo, Private tour of Show House, Dinner & Dessert Reception

Dinner Ticket: \$125. 7pm. Dinner & Dessert Reception and tour of Show House.

Dessert: \$60. 9pm. Dessert Reception and tour of Show House.

Amazing items will be up for bid at Gala's Silent Auction. Choose from a vacation in Spain, golfing with Pittsburgh's Mayor, scuba diving in the Keys and many other exciting items.



Gala celebrity host Andrew Dan-Jumbo of TLC's "While You Were Out" and "Trading Spaces."

EVENING WITH DESIGNERS

Friday, May 4, 7 – 9 p.m.

Reservation Prices: \$40 in advance (until April 30) \$50 at the door.

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 2007 Show House. This is a chance to get up-close-and-personal with the designers who have created "Elegance On Beechwood." Make your way inside to tour the transformed home, marveling at each room's style. The creativity continues in our unique party atmosphere, an outdoor gallery styled by artist & designer Matthias Bodnar. There, enjoy a glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres by Savory Catering and the sounds of jazz/blues singer Jessica Lee.

SUSTAINERS EVENT

Monday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is a two-seating event available at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$40

This luncheon, organized in honor of former Junior League volunteers, will feature guest speaker Erika Wirkkala of Tapis Rouge Events. Enjoy the opportunity to tour the home, shop at the Boutique and receive a free subscription to *Table Magazine*. See page 6 for more details.

SHOW HOUSE BOUTIQUE

Don't forget to include our Boutique in your visit to Show House. This year, the Boutique showcases merchandise from Pittsburgh's finest artisans and entrepreneurs. A wide variety of items are for sale, including art, furniture, home textiles, garden goods, bath & body products, clothing and accessories. Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations are on the horizon, so get some shopping done! Visa, MasterCard, cash and checks are accepted.

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Committee News

18TH DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE—ELEGANCE ON BEECHWOOD

GUIDED GROUP TOURS AND CORPORATE EVENTS



Hold a special event for your company while supporting our playground build initiative! A corporate event at this year's Designers' Show House will give you and your colleagues an afternoon or evening with exclusive access to the house.

Events will be held the week of May 14-20. Times available are 12:00-3:00 and 7:00-10:00 each day. If interested, contact Christa Valentine, (859) 533-7627 or Lisa Chilcote, (412) 953-8834.

We have two exciting opportunities for you and your friends to join us at the 2007 Designers' Show House: group ticket sales and group tours.

Group Ticket Sales are being offered at substantial discounts for blocks of tickets purchased in quantities of 15

or more. And here is the best news; the group does not have to tour at the same time. Once tickets are issued, the individual holding the ticket may visit the 2007 Designers' Show House at any time it is open to the public, Tuesdays through Sundays.

Group Tours, eight guests or more, are being offered on Mondays throughout the 2007 Designers' Show House event. Groups of 15 or more can take advantage of the discounted ticket prices. Groups of 10 or more will be split into smaller groups for easier access throughout the rooms of the house. Group tours will be on a first come schedule basis and are subject to availability.

To book a tour, purchase group tickets, or if you have questions, please contact Kelly Uranker, Group Tours Chair at 412-391-5122 or email kel-lyu2088@yahoo.com

SUSTAINER NEWS - LET'S RECONNECT

GLOBAL LINKS & LUNCH

Join Fredrica Cryan and her group the second Thursday of the month at the Global Links program located on Penn Avenue. Ten sustainers volunteered in March sorting medical supplies from area hospitals to ship to needy areas throughout the world.

Dates for the rest of the year: Apr 12 – May 10.

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon (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 cryanfejk@aol.com

SHOW HOUSE-SUSTAINER LUNCHEON

Sustainers, the 18th Designers' Show House is fast approaching, and there is something for everyone to enjoy. Please see the Show House section of Lights for detailed information on each event.

Our very own Sustainer Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 7, at the Show House tent venue. Don't forget to send in your reservations for you and your guests. Tickets are \$40 each and include a tour of the Show House, luncheon, lecture on Tres Chic Tablescapes given by Tapis Rouge Events, a free subscription to Table magazine and shopping in the boutique.

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AJLI SLATE

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At-Large Representative 2007-2009 Danita Morgan, JL Raleigh

At-Large Representative 2007-2009 Sara Jane Barno, JL El Paso

The search for next year's potential candidates has already begun. Candidates must be Active and Sustaining members with demonstrated leadership experience and a desire to make a difference in the future of the Junior League movement by providing strong and visionary leadership. For more information or to suggest candidates, please contact AJLI Nominating Chair Jan Breen at ajli_governance@ajli.org or (800) 955-3248.

The new application will be available online just prior to the 2007 Annual Conference and will be due on September 10, 2007.

The Committee will be slating the following positions:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vice President

Area III Director

Area IV Director

At-Large Directors (2)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Vice Chair (succeeds as Nominating Chair and sits on the Board for both years of her term)

Area I Representative

Area III Representative

Area V Representative

At-Large Representatives (2)



Participating as an elected member of AJLI provides the unique opportunity to help shape our future and to apply, on an international level, leadership skills which Members have used locally. As we celebrate our new slate of candidates, we not only reflect on our legacy of positive impact in our communities, but look forward to the unlimited possibilities for our future.

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Checks for the luncheon should be made payable to the JLP and mailed to my attention, Suzy Golitko; 200 Tech Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Please specify:

1st Seating: 10 AM tour with 11 AM lunch

2nd Seating: 12 noon tour with 1 PM lunch

Invitations will be mailed to each sustainer.

SHOW HOUSE-SUSTAINER STAFFING

A final Show House request - The staffing committee is also asking our help with two daytime shifts and one evening shift. I have asked them to designate specific dates so we have a chance to staff with some of our fellow sustainers. If you are able to help a day other than the designated shift days, please feel free to sign up when you are available. Your time will always be welcomed. I will forward the specific dates and times when they are made available to me.

About the Junior League of Pittsburgh

Women building better communities.

For more than 80 years, the Junior League of Pittsburgh has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live.

Junior League members, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, interests and professional pursuits work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions and work for change. Time and time again, the Junior League is among the first organizations to step up to the plate and tackle the community's biggest challenges.

Mission

We are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

We reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.



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Submission Requirements

Submit all articles electronically to Chère Tiller, Chair & Editor at: ctiller@forus.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.*

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