

LIGHTS

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SAVE THE DATE

March 15

GMM

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Meeting 7 PM
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March 19 Book and Author Coffee, Tea & Read

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Junior League Volunteers Put Skills to Work



On Martin Luther King Day, a group of actives and provisionals from the Junior

League of Pittsburgh spent the day at The Center for Creative Play. The Center, located in Regent Square, provides a play atmosphere for kids of all age ranges with toys, dolls, puzzles, a tree house, and more. Normally, the Center has adequate staff to monitor kids and the play environment; parents stay with their kids as well. However, last year on Martin Luther King Day, the Center was packed; so this year, volunteers came in to make sure everything

was covered. Junior League volunteers came in two shifts and helped do everything from painting faces and playing games with children to disinfecting toys and cleaning the Center's café. Each woman got a chance to have her inner child come out and play a bit, as well as put her organization and cleaning skills to use!

Here are just a few thoughts from some of the volunteers that day:

Megan Montgomery gives a great overview of the Center:

"The Center for Creative Play is a great place for children to use their imaginations through interactive play, crafts, and even dance classes. It was a great opportunity

to bring back a touch of childhood for all of us."

Kelly Enders got a chance to play with the children: "I had a great day helping the children design their own links for the Center's Peace Chain and getting beat by 8 year old AJ at Foosball!"

Kathy Dax got a chance to play with young children again: "Volunteering at the Center for Creative Play gave me an opportunity to interact with small children once again. My own children are 20 and 18, so it's been a long time! I enjoyed helping the pre-schoolers try on costume dress-ups in the Music Room and watch-

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CADC Announces Project Slate

The Community Assessment and Development (CADC) has concluded its project search and has selected three projects to be presented to the members and provisionals for vote at the March general membership meeting.

One project will be selected to be the JLP's next three-year project. A copy of the voting guide can be found on the JLP website. Also, at the time of the vote, members and provisionals will also be asked to indicate whether they would like

to serve on the project committee or be the project chair. If an insufficient number of people indicate interest in serving on the committee, that particular project will not be selected, even if it received the highest number of votes.

CADC asks the members and provisionals to carefully consider the project options and hopes that everyone is happy and excited about the project choices and the opportunities that they offer.

Project #1 Children's Art And Chat Program

Organization Name:

Hill House Association
(collaborating with Duquesne University Psychology Clinic and local artists)

Location:

Hill District, Pittsburgh: Program will be offered at the Blakely Center located at 19089 Wylie Avenue. The Blakely Center, one of five buildings in the Hill House Campus, serves as the primary site for programs that serve youth.

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Office of the President

It's Everyone's Job



Lynne N. Chadwick
President
2005-2006

One of the unique aspects of membership in the Junior League of Pittsburgh is that all active members are required to have at least one committee placement in addition to other financial and time requirements. Some organizations require little more of their members than the writing of a dues check, but the JLP provides opportunities for members to learn and grow in a new placement each year. Although our work is segregated into different functions, it's important to remember how all of us (including sustainers!) can participate in a variety of essential activities.

Recruiting is everyone's job.

Yes, we have a great Membership Development Committee with a designated Recruiting Chair (this year it's Traci Nelson), but MDC depends on all of us to reach out to the women who touch our lives and encourage them to join the JLP. Just think of how much easier it is for a potential new member to attend a recruiting event if she knows that you'll be there to welcome her.

Fund development is everyone's job.

Sure, we have a great Fund Development Director (currently Beth McCall) and dedicated committees for our fundraisers; however our events are much more successful when many members pitch in by inviting family, friends and colleagues to attend events and soliciting businesses to make in-kind donations. Don't forget, this year's **Book and Author** event is coming up on **March 19**. Another easy way

we can all raise funds for the JLP is by contributing to the Annual Fund (donations go to the current year's projects) and/or the Endowment Fund (donations support the future of the JLP). You can donate easily by filling in the appropriate box on the dues application, and adding your donation to your dues check.

Placement is everyone's job.

Although we all have Placement Advisors led by this year's Placement Director Sara Lowery, we all can work to make other member's experience more meaningful by inviting a friend to join us on a Done in a Day, giving another member a ride to a GMM, or reminding members of options (leave of absence, maternity leave, sabbatical) when life gets too hectic to complete requirements.

Public Relations is everyone's job.

Yes, we do have a Public Relations Chair (Angie Cymbalak), and it's great when our press releases are picked up by the local papers, but we shouldn't underestimate the power of our personal contact in the community. We can all have a Junior League "elevator speech" ready for when someone asks us what exactly the JLP does. You are already a trusted source of information for the people who know you, so use that advantage by

spreading the word about the good work we have done and are doing in the Pittsburgh community.

Community outreach is everyone's job.

At the February GMM, the membership voted to require that active members work at least one shift each year in support of the major project that we will be voting in at the March GMM. Now, in addition to completing a Done in a Day, members will touch our community directly by supporting our newest project. Much like doing shifts at the Show House lets us all feel a part of our biggest fundraiser regardless of whether we are on the Show House Committee, we will all feel ownership in our newest project through hands-on participation (For more information about the Projects that we will be voting on, see CADC Director Michelle Smith's article on page four.)

— Lynne N. Chadwick
President, 2005-2006

Community Placement: Center for Organ Recovery, Education Board Member

For the last three years I have served on the Board of Directors of the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE). This is the first year that CORE has been my JLP community placement. CORE is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting donation, education and research for the purpose of saving and improving the quality of life through organ, tissue and corneal transplantation. CORE manages the organ and tissue donor program for western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung County, New York. It is one of fifty-eight federally allocated organizations across the nation that aims to provide organ and tissue to those in need. During the last three years CORE has undergone a major reorganization sparked by the sudden death of the founder, Brian Broznick. The Board-named interim president

“We are advocates, leaders and friends to those who depend on us for assistance.

began a selection process that led to a new president and CEO, Susan Stuart, and revised CORE's mission statement. In the last year, the Board, itself, was reorganized to meet to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This revision has left me as the only transplant surgeon on the Fiduciary Board. The Board has instituted advisory subcommittees. There is a Governance Committee, a Medical Affairs Committee, a Transplant Administrator Committee, a Finance Committee and finally Donor/Community Engagement Committee for which I serve as chairperson.

My Committee members and I have the charge of community education, increasing communication between organ/tissue recipients and donor families, fundraising and development. None of these topics have ever been explored by CORE. Currently there are more than 90,000 people nationwide awaiting a life-saving organ transplant and more than 250,000 awaiting a life-enhancing tissue transplant. In western Pennsylvania, there are now more than 1,700 individuals, including 270 children, in need of an organ transplant. Each day 17 people die in America waiting for an organ transplant. As these are all preventable deaths, community awareness and education is my committee's first priority. Identifying misconceptions about organ

donation will serve as the foundation of developing an educational program.

Common misconceptions include the concept that doctors will not do everything possible to save the life of those designated as organ donors. This is completely false. The life-saving team is completely separate from the organ and tissue recovery team, and CORE is only notified after all life-saving efforts have failed. Others are concerned that their religion might oppose donation. This is also false. All major eastern and western religions either support donation as a kind and loving act, or believe it is a personal decision that should be made individually. Some fear that organ donation will preclude the ability of having an open casket viewing. This too is incorrect. Many believe that only the wealthy or influential receive transplants, but the waiting list is organized so that the sickest people will receive transplants first without any consideration of race, gender, religion, or economic backgrounds.

This information has been well documented by published surveys of the general public. However, there has never been a study to determine why families decline donation at the time they face such a request. Our committee is ready to launch field based research project to determine attitudes and misperceptions of families who decline donation. The information from this study will be pivotal in the development of an educational program to increase awareness in our own community.

As members of the JLP, we have already demonstrated our commitment to give of ourselves to better our community. We are advocates, leaders and friends to those who depend on us for assistance. We share our time, offer our talents and lend our voice. Through consideration of the organ donor designation, Junior League members can volunteer to give the ultimate gift to our community, the gift of life. If you are interested in volunteering for life, you can either add the donor designation to your driver's license or sign a donor card, available by calling 800.DONORS.7. Both are legal documents where you can declare your wishes. For more information, to schedule a free educational program in your community or to learn more ways to share the Donate Life message with others, visit www.core.org.



Lisa R. Battat, MD,
Junior League of Pittsburgh
Member

As a corneal transplant surgeon, I have the privilege of restoring sight due to the generous gift of another. The power of organ donation is amazing. Did you know that the designation as an organ donor on your driver's license or a donor card could save or enhance the life of more than fifty people? Organs are used to save the lives of those in acute organ failure. Tissue provides healing due to injuries such as burns and torn ligaments, and ailments such as bone cancer and blindness. Pittsburgh, the birthplace of organ transplantation, remains the world's center of transplantation. More organ transplants are performed here than any other city in the world.

Projects

Providence Teen Program Expands



Nicole Mullet, PTP Program Coordinator

Nicole's rapport with the teens in the program has solved the recruitment and retention problems that plague many after-school programs.

The Providence Family Support Center recently made Providence Teen Program Coordinator Nicole Mullet into a full-time employee. Nicole was born in Millersburg, Ohio and graduated in 2002 from the University of Akron with a degree in Education and a minor in English. She was then recruited by the Richmond City Schools in Virginia to teach writing and eventually eighth grade English in what the city referred to as a "low performing school." A few years later, family ties brought her to Pittsburgh, and her commitment to youth led her to the Providence Teen Program.

Nicole's rapport with the teens in the program has solved the recruitment and retention problems that plague many after-school programs. With as many as twenty-five teens attending events, Nicole admits: "We are to the point where we have no problem with our numbers, so my job focus has turned to facilitating growth based activities. A huge part of what I see my job as, is helping my kids see the good things about themselves.

The more I can get them to focus on the positive, the easier it will be to help them develop the character it will take to succeed."

As a full-time employee, Nicole has more opportunities to accomplish this goal and pursue others. To that end, she plans to expand the program from two days per week to four and is developing a one-on-one tutoring component.

Nicole's enthusiasm for tutoring is obvious and hopefully contagious, since the effort's success depends on volunteers: "My goal in this program is to provide the kids with the one-on-one attention that they are not able to receive in school. This is how we can make a difference in the lives of our kids! I am looking for patient, compassionate tutors who are willing to donate their time to this program. The positive effect it will have on our kids to have one person so available to



help and offer support and encouragement—the possibilities are endless!"

Initially, the tutoring schedule will run from 4:30-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays (boys) and Thursdays (girls). If you are interested in becoming a tutor or would like more information, e-mail Julie Cagney at: julie.cagney@pncadvisors.com or visit the front table at March's GMM.

— By Melanie King, Providence Teen Program Project

Done In A Day Spring Project Opportunities



Save the Date for these New Spring DIAD Projects.

GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK Saturday, May 13, 2006

Where: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, www.gpcfb.org.

What: Volunteer in the Repack Center

Date: Saturday, May 13, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RSVP to sarahdatt@cmu.edu.

More information and directions to the Food Bank will be provided upon RSVP.

Donations arrive at the Food Bank's warehouse in many forms. Whether they are assorted individual cans and boxes collected from food drives, damaged products from local retail stores, or bulk-packaged product in dry or frozen form, this food must be inspected and divided into manageable-sized boxes for distribution to Food Bank member agencies. In the Repack Center, volunteers repackage an average of 350,000 pounds of food each month. Without the significant contribution of volunteer labor,

the Food Bank would not be able to offer such a wide variety of food to help hungry people in communities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SHAKIN & STIRRED Friday, May 12, 2006

Save the Date! Staff the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's annual hip evening event held at the museum. Volunteers will help with prepping, check-in, directing public to exhibits, answering questions, and post clean up. Additional details coming soon. E-mail sarahdatt@cmu.edu with questions or to RSVP.

Email your Done In A Day project suggestions to:
jlpggh.doneinaday@gmail.com.

CADC Announces Project Slate

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Mission/Background:

Hill House Association (HHA) is a comprehensive community service provider and facilitator that meet the needs of Hill District residents and diverse constituents in the Greater Pittsburgh region. HHA is a forty-year old, multi-faceted social services organization. Last year, through their thirty-three HHA programs and the programs of their campus partners, they served over 70,000 individuals. Strategic programs include: Early Learning & Child Development, Youth Services, Family and Workforce Development, Senior Services and Neighborhood Development. Campus partners provide direct outreach in health, social and human services from the Hill House Campus. Partners include Allegheny County Health Department, Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, Carnegie Science Discovery, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hill House Economic Development Corporation, Hill House Health Center, Pittsburgh Community Services Inc., and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. HHA has collaborated with many organizations; collaborations include: 1. Project Voices with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape

(PAAR) (educational seminars and counseling for women who are survivors of sexual assault, incest, and rape); 2. Project Safe Neighborhoods (collaboration of eleven social service agencies to address community violence); and 3. Health Screenings with Highmark Foundation.

Project Description:

Children Art And Talk (CHAAT) is part of an initiative to strengthen after school programming. CHAAT aims at ensuring that children reach their greatest potential, even in challenging circumstances. Children, ages 5-10, will be engaged in groups that will offer opportunities to talk about difficult feelings while being creative and learning how to develop and implement positive behaviors. Over the course of the three-year project, CHAAT will serve one hundred children and their parents. CHAAT will teach the children coping mechanisms, conflict resolution and communication skills, increase self-esteem, and will integrate art and therapeutic activities into the existing After School Program curriculum. It will also identify (without singling a child out) those children who may need referrals for additional assis-

tance with emotional or mental health needs. CHAAT will expand the existing After School Program by adding art and increased parental and community involvement. It will address mental health issues early, so that proactive treatment will help youth contribute to their communities and lead full lives.

The program will be co-facilitated by Duquesne's Psychology Clinic, artists, and the HHA After School Staff. Art-making will be used for creative decision-making, community building, and a process for self and group exploration and expression.

Goals of program:

- Help children address difficult issues (such as grief, loss, and community violence).
- Teach children ways to self-regulate their behavior.
- Provide flexibility for the project to meet the changing needs of the children.

Number and Use of Junior League Volunteers:

8-10 Volunteers

A variety of volunteer opportuni-

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If an insufficient number of people indicate interest in serving on the committee, that particular project will not be selected, even if it received the highest number of votes.



Trained volunteers are key to carrying out the JLP's mission. Accordingly, the Training Committee plans to continue to educate and expand members' knowledge of community needs.

2005-2006 Training Schedule

GMM Date	Training Program Selected
March 15, 2006 (approx. 15 min.)	Mini-Training Highlight JLP Committees
April 11, 2006 (approx. 45 min.)	Requirement Training #3 Sustainer Panel

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ties are available for both the JLP committee, as well as the JLP general membership. There is flexibility for the JLP to help develop and guide the launch of this program. The committee could serve as facilitators and co-facilitators of focus groups (that will both identify the program needs by meeting with staff, children, artists, etc., as well as obtain feedback throughout the program). Volunteers are also needed to assist in the art projects and to prepare and serve snacks. JLP volunteers would also collect feedback throughout the program to share with HHA about the success of the program. Volunteers would also assist in special events that might showcase the children's projects, involving both the parents and community to celebrate the work completed by the children. Committee members working with the children will require all appropriate clearances.

Duration of the Project: 3 years.

Amount Requested: \$30,583 per year for 3 years for a total of \$91,749.

Approximately 25% of this amount will pay for a Program Coordinator and a driver.

Approximately 40% of this amount will pay for consultants – Arts Educator, Community Artists and Duquesne University psychology graduate students.

The remaining 35% will cover supplies, activities, special events and administrative costs.

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Which JLP placement has provided you the most valuable training or professional Development opportunity?

My most rewarding placement has been president. I got to meet so many provisional, active and sustaining members of the League; I got wonderful training through AJLI sessions at Fall Conference, the February Leadership and Governance Conference and the Annual Conference; I got to know other JL presidents from all over the world; I was able to attend local non-profit meetings as a representative of the JLP; and I was able to fully realize that the JLP has done great things in the past and will continue to encourage voluntarism, will continue to develop the potential of women and will continue to improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.



*MaryAdele Krolikowski
League member since 1994*

My most valuable placement from a professional perspective was serving on the CADC (Community Assessment and Development Committee). When I joined CADC, my goal was to learn more about grant making programs. CADC designs and implements grant making programs to benefit worthy non-profit organizations in the region. This volunteer experience helped prepare me for a grant making career.



*Susan Wagner
Most recent professional experience was Charitable Grants Manager for the PNC Advisors Charitable Trust Committee
League member since 2001*

I think that all of my placements have provided some type of development. The placement that has provided the most valuable training and/or professional development for me would be CADC Director. My career has been in the corporate world, so I did not know what it meant to be a grant maker or what was involved to search for, evaluate and launch a project. CADC not only showed me about the process, but also gave me exposure to a variety of different non-profit organizations. I gained a better understanding of the Pittsburgh community. Through the project and grant evaluation process, I also learned more about the League and what is important for our membership and our future.



*Beth Vucic, PNC Corporate & Institutional Marketing
League member since 1998*

*—Poll conducted by Stephanie Hoogendoorn,
Communications Committee*

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Project #2 “A World of Opportunity” Cultural Literacy and Community Integration Project for Youth with Disabilities

Organization Name:

Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania.

Location:

The Woodlands, 134 Shenot Road, Wexford, Pennsylvania

Mission/Background:

The Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania (SBAWP) began as a parent support group in 1969 and has grown into the largest spina bifida direct services program in the country. Spina bifida is a birth defect of the central nervous system characterized by abnormal development of the spinal column and spinal cord, resulting in varying degrees of paralysis and related neurological, orthopedic and cognitive impairments. Children with spina bifida often face ongoing health care issues, which can result in developmental delays, lack of socialization, and fewer opportunities for cultural and recreational activities. The mission of the SBAWP is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, especially those with spina bifida, and their families by providing support services, education and advocacy. The SBAWP's programs include life skills training, vocational guidance and support, community

integration, cultural and recreational enrichment, socialization activities, and educational advocacy. Current direct services for youth and teens include: the Family-School Partnership, Weekend Retreat, After-School, and Summer Development Camp programs. The After-School program takes place on Tuesdays during the school year. The Weekend Retreats take place twice a month during the school year and involve approximately twenty to fifty children and forty-five teens. (One weekend a month during the school year a retreat is held for children and one weekend a month during the school year a retreat is held for teens.) The summer camps take place during three weeks in the summer, one week for children and two weeks for teens. The Weekend Retreats and the summer camps are held at the The Woodlands, in Wexford, PA. The SBAWP has collaborated with numerous organizations in carrying out its mission, including, the Woodlands Foundation, the United Way, Duquesne University, UPMC and Children's Hospital. For more information on the SBAWP, please visit its web site at www.sbawp.org.

Project Description:

“A World of Opportunity” is a three-year, multi-disciplinary community integration project for children and teens with spina bifida and other disabilities which focuses on the exploration of various world cultures. The

project will center on the children and teens who are participating in the book club, either through the Weekend Retreat or the After School Program. A different ethnic theme will be selected every three months and the children and teens, with the help of a reading specialist, will read and discuss books based on the cultural theme. This project will also involve outings to museums, ethnic restaurants, cultural events (music, dance, and theater), special guest artists and instructors. The outings and cultural events will take place during the Weekend Retreats and possibly also the summer camps. SBAWP counselors would attend any outings that occur and would take care of any physical or medical needs the children and teens may have. The SBAWP counselors would provide transportation for the youths. Thus, if an outing would take place at the Carnegie Museum, for instance, JLP members would just have to meet the youths at the museum and would not have to travel to the Weekend Retreat to meet them. Some activities, such as the outings, will likely involve small groups (5 to 10 participants) and other activities, perhaps a performance by the Symphony at the Weekend Retreat, will involve larger groups (40 to 50 participants). The SBAWP recently started the book club which is being run by an SBAWP staff person. The

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SBAWP anticipates collaborating with numerous cultural, ethnic and nonprofit organizations to carry out this project, including local arts and ethnic organizations, colleges and universities (faculty guest speakers, International Rooms at University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne Tamburitzans, for example), Tickets for Kids, and libraries.

Goals of program:

The overall goal of the program will be to equip children and teens with tools that will help them to become fully integrated into the community as contributing adults - socially, economically and culturally. More specifically, this program will help children and teens with disabilities to learn and exhibit socially appropriate behaviors, improve reading skills and comprehension, enhance the awareness and appreciation of different cultures, develop self-confidence, master essential life skills, and gain access to a diversity of community activities and venues.

Number and Use of Junior

League Volunteers: 10-12 Volunteers.

The JLP would be involved in the planning and implementation of the program. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available to the JLP committee and membership including: identifying ethnic groups to be studied over each three-month period, choosing book club selections and planning

discussions, identifying and booking guest artists and speakers, identifying ethnic restaurants, arranging small group outings to restaurants, movies, and museums, and attending activities associated with the project. Approximately four to six JLP volunteers will be needed to attend each small group event or outing. Committee members working directly with the youths will require the appropriate clearances.

Duration of the Project:

3 years.

Amount Requested:

Year One - \$31,535;

Year Two - \$33,115;

Year Three - \$41,026;

Total is \$105,676

Project #3 KaBOOM!

Organization Name:

KaBOOM!

Location: Headquartered in Washington D.C, 2213 M Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037, also has offices in Chicago, Atlanta and Menlo Park, CA.

Mission/Background:

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Founded in 1995 by Darrell Hammond and Dawn Hutchison, KaBOOM! built its first playground in Washington D.C. Since then, KaBOOM! has facilitated the construction of close to 1000 playgrounds and skateparks, and renovated over 1300 playgrounds and athletic fields across the nation in communities that need it

the most, making it the leading playspace facilitator of its kind in America. Children who play are healthier, do better in schools, build confidence and learn social skills. Unfortunately, a nationwide scarcity of play exists and too many kids are missing out on one of the most crucial childhood experiences. KaBOOM! aims to address this issue and, with its partners, make a difference. Additionally, in 2005, KaBOOM! launched Operation Playground with a goal of building 100 playgrounds over the next two years in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This initiative has been so crucial to the region that First Lady Laura Bush attended a KaBOOM! build on January 26, 2006 and continues to speak highly of her experience.

Project Description:

The JLP would build three playgrounds over three years in conjunction with community partners (one partner per playground). KaBOOM! contributes full service project management and would work with the JLP to locate and support community partners for the playgrounds. The playgrounds would be built by the JLP and the community residents, like an old-fashion barn raising with an urban twist. Each playground would be built in one day.

Community partners are partly selected based on the following criteria: interest in providing a safe place for children to play in a neighborhood that is child-rich

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and playground poor, a genuine need for a playground, an appropriate socio-economic profile of the neighborhood (KaBOOM! works predominately with low-income communities), significant number of children served and ability of community partner to prep the site for the build (grading if necessary, remove already existing structures, etc.). Partner candidates may include a school, park, or other youth-serving organization with a good location for a playground.

Goals of program:

- Build three playgrounds in areas in need of play areas
- Develop relationships with community partners

Number and Use of Junior

League Volunteers: 6-8 Volun-

teers.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for both the JLP committee, as well as the JLP membership. The JLP committee would be involved in selecting the community partner, designing the playground, assisting with pre-build preparation, and helping to plan and organize Build Day. Additionally, the JLP committee can plan post-Build Day community activities and events. For the JLP members, the primary volunteer need would be to help on Build Day to construct the playground. Additionally, JLP members can assist with community events planned by the JLP committee, such as a post-build celebration, a back to school celebration or various activities involving the playground and the community children.

Duration of the Project:

3 years.

Amount Requested:

\$60,000 per year for 3 years for a total of \$180,000

The cost for each playground is typically \$55,000.

An additional \$5000 per year is budgeted for the JLP committee to be able to plan community activities, events, hire a summer part-time playground counselor, etc.

Again, the CADC asks the members and provisionals to carefully consider the project options and hopes that everyone is happy and excited about the project choices and the opportunities that they offer.

— By Michelle Smith, CADC Director



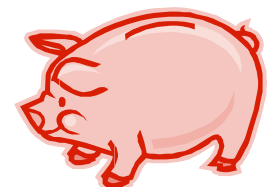
One project will be selected to be the JLP's next three-year project.

Finance: Treasury Achieves Major Objectives

The financial arm of the JLP has completed two major tasks that it undertook this fiscal

year. First, our audit for the 2004-2005 fiscal year has been completed by our auditors, Earl Lukehart and Janice Yost of McKeever Varga & Senko. The audit process began this fall and has kept Treasurer Jane Terlion, Office Manager Elaine Lang, and members of the Finance Committee busy as they have searched for and collected requested documents, located and copied meeting minutes, and printed financial reports required during this process. At the February 1, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, our auditors handed out a draft audit, presented their findings, and announced a clean report for the JLP. They are working on issuing the audit in final form, at which time we will post it on the JLP website (www.jlpgh.org) in the Treasury Forum for JLP members to view.

The second task that the Finance Committee has completed is its dues study. It was the Finance Committee's hope that this year we could realign the JLP administrative expenses with our dues income so that more of the JLP's fundraising dollars could be allocated to the JLP's mission. Thanks to the research of the Finance Committee and the support from the Board of Directors and the Junior League general membership, annual dues have been raised to provide more income to cover basic administrative costs such as rent, utilities and equipment, administrative salary, insurance, book-keeping, and the JLP audit. For the 2006-2007 year, active dues are \$185 and sustainer dues are \$120, with \$35 of each amount going to the Association of Junior



"Thanks to the research of the Finance Committee and the support from the Board of Directors and the Junior League general membership, annual dues have been raised."

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Actives and provisionals from the Junior League of Pittsburgh spent the day at The Center for Creative Play, located in Regent Square.

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ing as they played in the pretend Doctor's Office and Grocery Store. The center has borrowed some ideas from the Children's Museum and is a great place to take a young child for a day of play."

Lorraine Marks shares her hands-on experience: "Most of my shift was challenged with encouraging shy children to come into the face paint-

ing room – they weren't so sure about us grown-up's! Once we had to have a few successful faces out in the rest of the Center doing the "selling" for us, the painted faces started to multiply and our skills developed. That's when the children seemed to grow trust and there was more of a steady stream into our room! At one point I took over in the musical room – that was a blast! Little ones trying to wriggle into crazy dance costumes with frills, sequins and layers of tulle - with arms that were adult length – stuffing their best skirt layers into the leotard part... then grabbing the first article that look vaguely like wings and floating around like butterflies! When I found the percussion bucket - it was all over – the noise was out of control, the kids flocked to pick out the loudest tambourines,

the noisiest maracas and some ventured to figure out the tom-tom drums - all in costume! As I felt like some kind of 21st century Pied Piper - I felt eyes upon me - Maris Bondi and Andrea Malone from the second shift, had found me - and I suddenly realized that I kind of like feeling like a 4 year old! The shift was over too quickly and the Center was extremely grateful to the League for their involvement."

All in all, it was a long day with lots of children running around, but well worth it for the volunteers, who got a chance to see kids play, laugh, and learn at the Center for Creative Play.

— By Maris Bondi

BOOK & AUTHOR SERIES

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Spend a Sunday afternoon with three featured authors at the Junior League of Pittsburgh's Book & Author event, "Coffee, Tea and Read." You'll feel revitalized on this spring day from lively discussions and satisfying samplings of coffees and teas, followed by a book signing.

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Leagues International (AJLI) for AJLI dues. Provisional dues remain at \$185, with \$35 allocated for AJLI dues and \$50 allocated for provisional membership fee. For more information and details about the research process, please see the last issue of Lights.

On that note, the dues notice for the 2006-2007 year has been mailed to all members. Please ensure you mail your dues form along with payment by check or credit card to Anathan House by April 15, 2006. A fee of 20% will be assessed to any payment re-

ceived after this date. Please contact Treasurer-Elect Nancy Davis by e-mail (nancyeddavis@hotmail.com) or phone 724.940.9493 if you would like to begin a payment plan for your 2006-2007 annual dues.

— By Nancy Davis

Sustainers...And All That Jazz. Lights, Camera, Completely Hollywood!

The next sustainer event will be the American premiere of the Reduced Shakespeare Company's "Completely Hollywood" at the O'Reilly Theater, **Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 8 p.m.** We'll meet at 6 p.m. for dinner at Six Penn Kitchen, the Cultural District's latest hotspot.

“**C**ompletely Hollywood” is a hilarious performance that

tuck with fast paced condensations of silver screen legends and cinematic clichés. The production promises to be quite a tour de farce!

We have a group of fabulous seats reserved next to the stage on the floor. Discount tickets are \$34.10 and may be purchased through Becky Richard at the O'Reilly at 412.316.8200, ext. 704 by March 20. Please call Millie Ryan, 412.344.4624, if you plan on joining us for dinner at Six Penn.

— By Millie Ryan

GMM Location

The League's March general membership meeting will be held at the **Allegheny HYP Club, 619 William Penn Place in Pittsburgh's downtown.**

The club is located next to the Regional Enterprise Tower and convenient to parking garages on Smithfield Street and Sixth Avenue. For more information, please visit the club's website, www.alleghenyhypclub.com.

The provisional meeting will be located on the club's third floor, known as the library. The general membership meeting will be held on the second floor in the member dining room. Beverages will be served on the second floor. Restrooms are located on the first and third floors.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PITTSBURGH

Women building better communities

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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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