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About this issue:

“Lights” has donated its staff and a portion of its standing budget to the Show House 2005 graphic design department kick-off crunch time blitz! In lieu of the traditional version, we’re introducing a test-pilot of ‘eLights’ for the March issue. “eLights” is, in part, a test pilot for future electronic publication considerations; your input is appreciated. The first run of “eLights” will be in this rough-draft form. Future editions would receive branding and graphic design attention.

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The Provisional Experience: Planning Vintage Senior Prom

by Andrea Malone, Provisional

Fancy appetizers. Line dancing. Blackjack. Fabulous door prizes.

For most individuals, this sounds like the beginning to a wild night in Vegas. However, to the ladies of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, these events will take place inside a senior citizen's center on the afternoon of April ninth. The 2004 - 2005 provisional class will be hosting the first ever "Senior Citizen's Prom" for the men and women of Vintage. The afternoon will kick-off with a "Casino Night" theme. Prom-goers can try their luck at craps, black jack, roulettes, or poker. A lucky lady or gent has a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Afterwards, all dance shoes should be securely tightened because the main hall will come alive with music and laughter. Guests should expect to tap their toes to a little bit of line dancing, swing, blues, and the good ol' classics. The "atrium" of Vintage will be open throughout the event where one can find the mood soft, the punch flowing, and conversation inviting. It should be an afternoon that no one will forget and the provisional class is very excited for a successful event.

The Senior Citizen's Prom is my first project as a provisional member. Since the first day I joined the Junior League, I wanted to jump right in and help with the planning and execution of a large event. I had always been very involved in community activities in high school and college – but had to taper off when I entered graduate school and the working force. Thanks to the Junior League, I have been able to once again get involved in planning events that are both meaningful and fun. I moved to Pittsburgh a year and a half ago and knew absolutely no one. Through this organization and especially the Entertainment Committee, I feel as though I have a new support network. We are a great team and hopeful that our hard work leads to a successful "Prom". Now that I have experienced my first committee, I have greater understanding of the JLP and look forward to helping out with more events!

MDC thanks Andrea for sharing her experiences with the League. (Note that some details mentioned by Andrea are still being discussed by the committee and thus may be revised.) In addition to Entertainment, the Facilities and Donations committees are busy advertising the event and soliciting for food and prize donations. A provisional chairs each of the three committees so that the event is truly a provisional project.

Realizing the key to any volunteer organization's success, Maria Lauro, provisional, admits that "anxiety abounds, but we all have faith that if we each take care of our own pieces of the puzzle, the whole will exceed our expectations!"

Join Us For “A Taste Of Highland Park” On April 1, 2005.

The Show House Committee invites JLP members and their friends to a casual party at this year’s Designers’ Show House located at 820 North Highland Avenue on Friday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The evening will be a unique opportunity to see this wonderful Highland Park home before it is transformed by the designers and socialize with other JLP members and friends. There will be beer, food and music. Tickets are \$15 per person.

The First Show House “Sneak-A-Peek” Weekend Is Just Weeks Away!

This year the Show House Committee is adding a new event to Show House. 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 its unveiling on April 22. Please tell anyone and everyone about this exciting opportunity to see this wonderful home before its transformation by the designers. Our goal is to make the first “Sneak-A-Peek” weekend a great success!

Shop Talk: The Wear After Shop’s Annual Housewares Sale

The Wear After Shop will be hosting its annual Housewares Sale on Saturday, May 21st. We are currently accepting all donations of new or gently used house ware items. Now is a perfect time to do your spring cleaning – we’re even looking for those little knick-knacks that you no longer have space for in your home. Donations can be brought directly to the WAS and will count towards fulfillment of your quota. If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Thomas at maribeth49@aol.com.

LEADERSHIP POSTS

President’s Message:

It’s hard to believe that we are “March”-ing into spring already! We had a great February GMM with Jeff Tobe as we Colored Outside the Lines. We got our Endowment Fund onto the books. We got the dues letters out. We had a very successful hosting of the Mid-Atlantic Conference in late February. We are getting ready for our “Bring A Friend” March 9th GMM where we will also be discussing our Community Grants and next year’s Projects. April 1st will be the Kick-Off Party at the Show House with 2 Sneak-A-Peek days following. The April 13th GMM will be the Placement Fair, as handled by Placement Director Beth Regan. Please think about your placement for next year and if you have questions about a certain Committee, ask the Director/Chair today. The Junior League of Pittsburgh’s 17th Designers’ Show House will be opened on April 22nd with a Gala celebration, followed by 3 weeks of tours by the public. On April 25th, the Sustainers will have a Show House Luncheon event. On April 29th, the Designers’

Wine & Cheese event will be held. The first Show House Mother's Day event will be a tour, brunch and fashion show from 10am-2pm. Then the last GMM will be June 1st, when Lynne Chadwick takes on the leadership of the JLP with her very capable hands.

It may seem like all we have talked about this year has been Show House. Please remember that the reason we do this particular fundraiser is that we have been extremely successful with it. The reason we want to be successful is that we can give back to the Pittsburgh/Allegheny County community through Projects and Grants.

The other thing that may be hard for you to believe is that I am $\frac{3}{4}$ Irish (I do love that Krolikowski fellow). And so I leave you with a Spring Irish Toast:

May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

—Mary Adele Krolikowski

President, 2004-2005

PE's Corner: JLP President-Elect Attends AJLI Networking and Governance Meeting—All by Herself!

From February 3-6, I attended the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Networking and Governance Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. The event was formerly known as the Presidents-Elect Conference, so the majority of attendees were my fellow Presidents-Elect from approximately 120 other Junior Leagues. Much fanfare was made about PEs attending their first conference without their presidents, and the focus was strongly on planning for a successful year as President.

All day Friday was spent in PE training with topics that may be of interest to many of you who are planning for your leadership positions in the JLP next year: Transition Time, Diversity and Inclusion, Membership Development and Retention, PR/Marketing, and Community Impact. Please let me know if you would like to see any of the training materials from these sessions.

On Saturday, we began to move into the governance portion of the meeting. Each Junior League—regardless of size—receives one vote at Annual Conference (or other special voting meetings), so it is important that voting delegates (that's me this year) understand the issues that they will be voting on. We discussed two topics: the Reaching Out Statement and the Dues Policy. Our AJLI Board put a lot of thought on its positions on these subjects, and I'd be happy to discuss them with anyone who would like to know more. If you are a JLP Board member, we will be talking over the JLP positions at a future board meeting.

My next AJLI meeting will be **Annual Conference May 11-14 in New Orleans, Louisiana**. If you are thinking, "Gosh, I sure would like to go on an all expense paid trip with Lynne to the Big Easy,"—it's not too late! The 2005-2006 President Elect will be attending with me. If you'd like to be that lucky lady, please contact Nominating

Director Chris Emanuelson at cemanuelson@continentaloffice.com. And as they say in New Orleans, “Let the good times roll!”

—Lynne Chadwick
President-Elect, 2004-2005

Membership Development Committee

How do you pull 43 strangers together to prepare them to build a better community? Socialize! Socialize! Socialize!

This year the Membership Development Committee decided to mix things up a bit by planning traditional social functions while also throwing in a few twists. Our year started off with a Happy Hour at the newly opened Eleven, back in September. Provisionals and Actives were very “happy” to take in the sights and sounds of the new Pittsburgh hot spot. The Eleven Happy Hour also allowed Active members to introduce themselves and the League to the new Provisional class.

Shortly thereafter, the group moved on to Nakama for a Sushi and Hibachi Showdown. At this MDC and Provisional dinner the group was impressed by the skills of our chef while we chatted about how the year was coming along. In December we tried our hand at Ice Skating at PPG Place. While the wind blew, several Active and Provisional members enjoyed hot chocolate just as much, if not more, than the outdoors. Our most recent outing was a Matinee & Martini event at Chaddagh Irish Pub in the South Side Works. However, the conversation was so great we decided to forgo the Matinee and concentrate on Martinis and lunch!

Throughout the year many of the Advisor Groups hosted their own social events such as Happy Hours, Dinner Events, Paint Your Own Pottery and a Coffee Break at Coffee Tree Roasters. Several other impromptu meetings also occurred before and after General Membership Meetings and at Tessaro’s after a WAS shift.

The MDC has several Provisional Social Events planned for this spring including a Health and Wellness Yoga event and an End of the Year Celebration. However, we are always open to suggestions for fun and interesting ways to get together and enjoy the company of like-minded women. Spending time with women and enjoying the lasting friendships that are created are as important an aspect to today’s Junior Leagues as the communities that we help to support. Women need an active and supportive network of women around them and in today’s hectic society you just cannot get enough Girl Time!

To suggest a Provisional Social Event please contact Jill Shurie at JillJers@aol.com or Jen Daurora at daurorj@hotmail.com

 **Provisional Scrap Book: Snaps from provisional placement event on February 5, 2005**

Snap: Mary Adele Krolkowski and Liz Winch gear up for the Provisional Placement Fair. The Membership Development Committee held the fair at Vintage on Saturday, January 5 from 10 am to noon. Committee representatives from nine different JLP committees attended the fair to help provisionals gain a better understanding of each committee.



Snap: Emily Pennypacker listens to Kim Kisner explain the facts about the Fund Development Committee and the many ways the JLP raises money for its programs. Kim details the experience she's had with Showhouse this year as its Designer Chair.



Snap: Lorraine Marks, Membership Development Chair, talks to Monica Lamar about the MDC and its role of both recruiting and training new members. Lorraine distributed a handout about each MDC member's responsibility on the committee.



 **DONE IN A DAY****Thanks**

to the League members who participated in a Done in a Day volunteer project between January 15 and February 15, 2005.

Betsy Boughner
Lisa Campoli
Lynne Chadwick
Kelly Enders
Kathryn Goodman
Kristin Groninger
Julie Haas
Joanne Labriola
Beth Reilly
Judith Scanlon
Christie Smith
Melissa Stewart
Karin Walke

 **FUTURE DONE IN A DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 9a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Black, White and Read All Over, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall

Six volunteers are needed to usher at the library's popular "Black, White and Read All Over" series featuring children's book authors. Black, White & Read All Over is a popular family author series presented by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures. The six-program series features appearances by America's most beloved authors and illustrators and encourages children to read.

The **featured author for March 19 is Seymour Simon**, who has written more than 200 books, half of which have been named Outstanding Science Books for Children by the National Science Teachers Association. Mr. Simon will speak for about forty-five minutes, take questions from the audience and then participate in a book signing. Ushers will be expected to take tickets, hand out programs, and assist audience members. They will be asked to arrive at 9:15 AM at the latest and stay until the book signing in the library begins, about 12:15 PM. To volunteer, log in as a member on the JLP website and reference the calendar entry for March 19 or contact Lisa Campoli (lisa.campoli@gmail.com or 412-288-7186). **The deadline to respond is Wednesday, March 16, 2005.**

→ DONE IN A DAY**Scrap Book**

Snap: Junior League members Kristin Groninger and Karin Walke help with book sales at a February 5 Black White and Read All Over lecture at the Carnegie Music Hall.



Kristin and Karin assisted with the event as part of a League "Done In A Day" volunteer project.

→ Show House Chatter*A Walk in the Park*

The planning is almost complete and the most spectacular event of the season about to take place, The Junior League of Pittsburgh's 2005 Designers' Show House! Thanks go to everyone involved in this project: committee chairs and members, designers, Scott and Diane Dietrich, sponsors, and volunteers for giving countless hours of work and dedication to building our 17th Designers' Show House.

The Show House Committees are very busy with plans and preparations as the grand opening is a little over a month away. If you are not currently on a committee and would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Kari Brumback, 2005 Designers' Show House Chair, at 412-661-7378 or by email dbrumbac@earthlink.net.

Our first Designers' Show House debuted in 1974 and the first 16 netted over an amazing \$1,125,000. We ask that all members help to reach our 2005 Show House goal of netting over \$93,000. Proceeds from this event enable the Junior League of Pittsburgh to continue its commitment to the community through programs and projects focused on literacy, arts, aging, women and children.


Show House Chatter

A behind the scenes look at the 2005 Designers' Show House Committees:

Kari Brumback	Show House Chair
Cookie Roberson	Sustainer Advisor Chair
Christie Smith	Administrator
Jane Terlion	JLP Treasurer
Stephanie Hoogendoorn	Assistant Show House Treasurer
Pamela Rende	Assistant Show House Treasurer
Kimberly Kisner	Design Manager
Katherine Heinritz	Assistant Designer Manager
Melissa Wilkinson	
Lorraine Marks	Operations Manager
Jennifer Daurora	
Nancy Davis	
Elena Heidinger	
Felice Krupp	
Maria Lauro	
Beth McCall	
Emily Pennypacker	
Christie Smith	
Elizabeth Vitchock	
Loretta Lobes	Staffing Chair
Jan Chadwick	Sustainer Staffing Chair
Adrienne English	
Linnea Johnson	
Beth Reilly	
Elizabeth Vitchock	
Karen Rivetti	Sneak-a-Peek Chair
Kathryn Goodman	
Leah Lovette	
Mollie Rea	
Millie Ryan	Sustainer Event Chair
Linda Ban	
Janet Chadwick	
Gusty Kairys	
Peggy Mooney	
Melisa Poletti	
Susanne Wilkinson	

Liz Winch	Gala Co-Chair
Michelle Koehler	Gala Co-Chair
Naomi Canella	
Sarah Datt	
Alyssa Heidinger	
Lori Kuhn	
Andrea Malone	
Beth Vucic	
Jill Shurie	
Lisa Campoli	Mother's Day Event Chair
Kelly Nottingham	
Gareth Smith	
Marcia Kelson	Evening with the Designers Chair
Jessica O'Brien	
Tina Pretsch	
Susan Wagner	
Suzy Golitko	Tickets & Group Tours Chair
Paula Dillig	
Denise Greenberg	
Alyssa Majesko	
Ann Bondi	Communications Director
Robin McDonnell	PR & Marketing Chair
Jamie Alejandro	
Angie Cymbalak	
Denise Gove	
Sara Jefferies	
Amanda Ranalli	
Christina Rippel	
Allison Spory	
Christa Valentine	
Betsy Minno	Program Chair
Kristi Davidson	
Jamie Siegel	Website Chair
Chere Tiller	Graphic Design
Kelly Morgans-Schraven	Historian
Julia Gleason	Fund Development Director
Emily Busse	Sponsor & In-Kind Chair

Gina DeBlasis	
Amy Kobbeman	
Beth Reilly	
Arisa Tinaves	
Joanne White	
Catherine Baker	Rental Coordinator
Sally Ritts-Smith	
Caroline Roche	Boutique Co-Chair
Maribeth Thomas	Boutique Co-Chair
Kathy Ciorra	
Julie Haas	
Diane Rankin	

JLP Sustainer Committee
presents

“Bou-tea-que”
Sustainer Day at Show House

Gather your guests for
A Walk In The Park

Garden Club, Newcomers' Club, Church, PTA, Bridge, Women's Club friends are most welcome. The more, the merrier!

Monday, April 25, 2005
10 AM - 1 PM

Private Guided Tours, 10 AM - 12 PM
Gourmet Luncheon Tea, 11 AM - 1 PM
Speaker on Designer Trends in Pittsburgh, 12 Noon
Early Bird Boutique Shopping, 10 AM - 1 PM

RSVP by April 15 with a check in the amount of \$25 (includes tour, luncheon tea and speaker) payable to JLP and sent to Millie Ryan, 1380 Terrace Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, 412.344-4624. JLP Sustainers who attend the Opening Night Gala will be admitted free, but will still need to RSVP.

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Show House Chatter

Show House Special Events *presented by* the Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc.

All events take place at the 2005 Designers' Show House, located at 820 North Highland Avenue. Tickets are available by calling 412-571-3020 or visiting www.jlpgh.org.

A Walk in the Park – Opening Night Gala

Friday, April 22, 7p.m. to midnight

Ticket Prices:

\$250 Patron

\$125 Dinner and Dessert Reception (7:00pm until Midnight)

\$60 Dessert Reception only (begins at 9:00pm)

Join the women of The Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc. and honorary chair Jennifer Antkowiak at the Opening Night Gala and fundraiser to kick-off the 2005 Designers' Show House, A Walk in the Park. This spectacular evening will feature the first private tour of this gracious house and the opportunity to view the decorating talents of Pittsburgh's finest interior and exterior designers. Sample delicacies from Fluted Mushroom and delectable desserts provided by the Melting Pot, Prantl's Bakery, and Baum Vivant. Dance till midnight and drink champagne under the stars.

Meet the Designer Evening

Friday, April 29, 7-9 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$40 in advance until April 20 and \$50 at the door.

Take a behind the scenes look at the 2005 Show House presented by the Junior League of Pittsburgh, and meet the designers who transformed the Italian Renaissance mansion at this special cocktail reception catered by Girasole. Discover the inspiration behind the decorated rooms and learn decorating secrets from some of the areas most talented designers.

Lilies with Lilly: Mother's Day Brunch and Fashion Show

Sunday, May 8, 2005, 10 AM to 2 PM

A 2005 Designers' Show House Event

It's flowers, fashion and food on Sunday, May 8, 2005, when the Junior League hosts its first Mother's Day brunch and fashion show. Beginning at 10 AM, guests will be treated to a tour of the 2005 Designers' Show House at 820 North Highland Avenue. Following the tour, a brunch will be held at noon with modeling of the latest spring and

summer fashions from Palm Place, and emceed by Pittsburgh Magazine Style Editor Reese Randall. The fashion show will feature fun Lilly Pulitzer fashions that will help you celebrate your inner preppie or imagine yourself in Palm Beach.

Save the date and consider bringing Mother's Day guests to this very special event featuring Junior League members, friends and family as our fashion show models. Brunch will be catered by Opening Night Caterers. Reservations are available by phoning 412-571-3020. Attendees may purchase a \$50 ticket for the tour, brunch and fashion show or a \$35 ticket to the brunch and fashion show.

Event Committee members are: Lisa Campoli, Mary Adele Krolikowski, Kelly Nottingham and Gareth Schweizer Smith.

Call for volunteers :Please contact Lisa Campoli at lisa.campoli@gmail.com to volunteer as an event model.

2005 Designer's Show House La Boutique

The Boutique is open during Show House hours as follows: Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm –9 pm, and Saturday and Sunday noon– 5pm.

Take delight in a visit to “la boutique” as your final destination on the Show House tour. Choose from a unique collection of fine sundries, including: hand-made soaps, hand-dyed garments, children's goodies, stationery, jewelry, candies, lamps, home decorations, and an array of artisans' works including outdoor garden ornaments and other precious trinkets. Indulge yourself or gift shop for a special occasion at “la boutique,” the tour stop offering a unique selection of collectables for purchase.

Union Station Café

Enjoy specialty pastries, coffees and cold drinks at Union Station and support the job training and employment of neighborhood students from Peabody High School. Union Station is a program of Union Project - restoring the abandoned Union Baptist Church as a community center. The project is just a few blocks from the Junior League Show House and has partnered with Peabody to create this new café with local high school students. Enjoy!

 **Show House Chatter****SHOWHOUSE 2005 SPONSORS** as of February 26, 2005:**Gold**

Pittsburgh Magazine/WQED Multimedia
All Occasion Party Rental
Tisdell
Dormont Appliances

Silver

Home Design & Remodeling Resource Guide
UPMC Health Plan
KDKA
American Standard
Howard Hanna
Lamar

Bronze

PPG
Highmark

Copper

Eckert Seamons Cherin & Mellott, LLC
KPMG
Pittsburgh Telephone
Fluted Mushroom
Girasole
Opening Night Catering
Melting Pot
92.9 fm
ABM Janitorial Services

Friend of the League

Jonas Photography
Castriota
Fish Window Service
Pittsburgh Fire Extinguisher
American Speedy
Baum Vivant
Prantl's Bakery
Pittsburgh Brewing Company
PGT Trucking, Inc.

 **Show House Chatter**
Operations

From Show House Ops Chair – Lorraine Marks

So what is the Operations news to update you all with this month? There's so much – where do I start?

The Permits are almost taken care of and will be by printing...the Zone Permit is in the garden of the Show House itself...drive by and check out the big orange board, thanks to Christie Smith!

We have moving companies and locksmiths meeting with us at the house to offer quotes on Friday the 11th February – thanks to Nancy Davis and Adrienne English!

We have the cleaning company, ABM JANITORIAL SERVICES (thank you Dale Schuff!) donating their services to clean the entire house – fabulous news – thanks to Liz Vitchock!

Maria Lauro has secured all the necessary paperwork for the parking issues and continues to work on the insurance element with Beth McCall – thank you!

Jen Daurora has created the fabulous Show House “House Warming” list for you to look at and check off all of the wonderful things that you can donate to make your shift go more comfortably – thanks Jen!

Talking of shifts – we made a motion at the February GMM – 3 shifts – all 3 ½ hours long – and you can do all three or your friends can do them for you! Thanks to Loretta Lobes for figuring out the details of why and how we need three shifts per Active and Provisional member...some complicated calculator moves were used during our meeting to figure it all out fairly!

And last but not least: Nancy Davis has begun the relationship building between the Zone 5 Police Officers and the Junior League of Pittsburgh – we will have wonderful police officers taking care of us throughout the duration of Show House and all thanks to Nancy!

The last month has been rather hectic and truly quite enjoyable. Operations continue to run smoothly – thanks to my awesome committee – no bumps yet (or should I say POT HOLES?)...and remember **Ops Rocks!**

 **Show House Chatter****Watch for the Designers' Show House 2005 Marketing Campaign Blitz!**

The Marketing Committee has put together a fabulous schedule of advertising to get the word around Pittsburgh that the 2005 Designers' Show House is happening. Look for ads in the **Pittsburgh magazine's Home & Garden edition, Shady Ave. and the City Paper's Old House Fair Buyer's Guide**. Exciting additional media outlets will begin in April: billboards, website and radio advertising. **KDKA's Jennifer Antkowiak** will serve as honorary chair of the Opening Night Gala and **Pittsburgh magazine's Style editor Reese Randall** will host the Mother's Day Fashion Show.

Get your pink Designers' Show House bumper stickers at the March 9 GMM and help us spread the word! Past surveys show that word of mouth consistently ranks as one of the best ways people learn about and attend Show House. We are just asking for \$1 donation for each sticker. The bumper stickers are not permanent and will not damage your car.

Designers' Show House Communications Update:

The Communications Committee, newly injected with Provisional enthusiasm, has several projects in the works:

Show House Program: The final content for the Show House Program is in the hands of sponsor, Pittsburgh magazine! Betsy Minno, Program Chair, and Kristi Davidson had done a fabulous job of collecting, coordinating and editing information about the Junior League of Pittsburgh and our Show House Designers. After layout and printing by Pittsburgh magazine, the final product will be distributed to Show House visitors and mailed to Pittsburgh magazine subscribers as a magazine insert. We can't wait!

Show House Website: For the first Time Ever – we have our own Designers' Show House Website! Jamie Siegel has created the information-packed website, www.jlpg.org/showhouse, and it looks beautiful. The site is linked to our home page and includes Show House Information, Special Event Descriptions, our Show House Designers, House History, Online Ticket Purchases and soon – a Photo Album.

Graphic Design Department: The Show House Graphic Design Department, Chère Tiller's one-woman show, has been running full steam, 24 hours a day!

Hot off the drawing board:

- Show House website design elements prepped and sent to our website chair, Jamie Siegel
- Pittsburgh magazine Home and Garden edition full page ad
- Shady Ave. Magazine ad

- Home Design and Remodeling Guide – Spring edition
- Old House Fair Buyer’s Guide insert ad, City Paper
- Show House Bumper Sticker (car paint job friendly)
- Sneak – A – Peek Poster
- Hard Hat/Kick-Off Party Postcard
- Show House Postcard
- Show House tickets
- Show House Poster
- Gala invitation and RSVP set
- Mother’s Day Invitation and menu card

Chère has secured American Speedy Printing as a Friend of the League sponsor and they will be printing the majority of our Show House-related items

Angie Cymbalak has agreed to take on the responsibility of Show House Signage and is in the process of evaluating our needs for April and May events.

 **Show House Chatter**
DESIGN COMMITTEE
By Kimberly Kisner

The most severe weather of the winter season arrived on the morning of January 22, 2005 - the Design Committee’s Storyboard Day. Five brave designers from our illustrious group of 18 braved one-half foot of snow to present their visions for Show House. Kari Brumback, Katie Heinritz and Kim Kisner marveled at how designers working independent of each other arrived at similar color schemes and themes that will create a wonderful flow for the tour.

To accommodate those designers who were unable to make it on January 22, we met at the Show House on January 29, 2005, for Storyboard Day, Part Two. For those who enjoy watching Designers Challenge on HGTV, participating in Storyboard Day is a great way to indulge your design fantasies. Although the Design Committee has already chosen the designers in advance of the meeting, Storyboard Day gives the Committee the opportunity to confirm that the developing design is consistent with the proposals following Room Selection Day.

The Design Committee was thrilled with the presentations. Those touring Show House can expect to experience the grandeur of this Italian Renaissance mansion decked out in sumptuous greens, reds, golds, and browns. Visitors will take special note of the completely renovated kitchen, bathroom, and powder room. They will see the transformation of a drab utility room into a laundry/craft area that is much more than merely utilitarian. Visitors will be treated to a staircase area that is brought to life by Tuscan-infused painting and design. They will also have a taste of Italy in the quaint wine room, which is a new addition to Show House this year.

As the Design Committee continues to process the paperwork associated with a team of 18 different design firms, the designers are continuing their preparations to begin their transformations in early April. Those designers who are working with the completely gutted rooms, such as the kitchen, bath, and powder room, are already working on their renovations. Show House is truly a work in progress. Please plan on visiting us at the Sneak-A-Peek Event on April 1.

Show House Chatter

SH Treasurer's Corner - "\$93,000" is our Goal

Assistant Treasurer – Stephanie Hoogendorn

Assistant Treasurer – Pamela Rende

Finally! The detailed budget for the Designer's Show House is complete. It is an estimation of expenses/revenues based on the 2002-03 budget. In some cases, the event budgets are preliminary and expenses are being finalized with ticket prices in mind. The committees also know that their estimated expenses are a guide and are not necessarily to be spent in full.

Notice that we have several new events, so please be prepared to help spread the word about these fabulous opportunities to further experience Show House! Our members are our best PR & Communication advocates. In order to make money on these events in future Showhouses, we will need substantial **non-League** support, so help get the word out! Remember our projects and community grants! Help us reach our net goal of \$93,000 profit for this 2004-2005 fundraiser.

Now for your co-treasurer's plug: Who of you is interested in counting MONEY? Wouldn't you enjoy fulfilling your three shift requirements as Shift Treasurer? What about Shift Captain or Boutique Staff? Hesitant about what these positions involve? Well, don't be! We will be offering trainings for both the Treasury and Boutique in early April, "Just in Time" for your shifts. *Consider this role for the entire duration of ShowHouse!* You may sign up for these positions at showhousestaffing@yahoo.com.

 **Show House Chatter**
SH Treasurer's Corner

The detailed budget for the Designer's Show House is complete.
 It is an estimation of expenses/revenues based on the 2002-03 budget.

	Revenue	Expense	Net Income
Total Administration	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ (750)
Total Design	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ (2,250)
Total Operations	\$ -	\$ 24,280	\$ (24,280)
Total PR/Marketing	\$ -	\$ 17,575	\$ (17,575)
Events			
- Sneak-a-Peek Weekend	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,955
- Sustainer Event	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
- Opening Night Gala	\$ 30,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 15,500
- Designer Wine & Cheese Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
- Mother's Day Event	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,100
- Café/Coffee Cart	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tickets			
- Tour Tickets	\$ 115,000	\$ 700	\$ 114,300
- Group Tours	\$ 4,500	\$ 250	\$ 4,250
Total Events and Tickets	\$ 158,400	\$ 19,795	\$ 138,605
Fund Development			
- Sponsors/In-kind/Auction	\$ 10,000	\$ 500	\$ 9,500
- Benefits	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)
- Rentals	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ (13,000)
- Boutique	\$ 14,000	\$ 10,350	\$ 3,650
Total Fund Development	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,050	\$ (50)
Totals	\$ 182,400	\$ 88,700	\$ 93,700

 **Nominating****Where would you like to go in your Junior League career?**

We are now officially more than halfway through our current League Year. Have you given thought to what you want to do next year? The Nominating Committee has been diligently working to fill the slate. We are now working on filling chair positions and the slated committee's. Anyone interested in chairing a committee or being placed on Nominating or Membership Development Committee's or being a Placement Advisor, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or submit your self nomination to c.emanuelson@comcast.net

If you have any questions about a role you are considering, please feel free to contact any member of nominating, the current chair, or take a glance at the yearbook. All positions from the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Chair positions, to what each committee does is all listed for your reference. And thanks for helping to change the Junior League by Coloring Outside the Lines and taking a leadership role!

 **Treasurer-Elect's Corner**

By Jane Terlion

JLP Memorial Fund is now the JLP Endowment Fund!

At the February General Membership Meeting, 3 Finance Committee motions passed that will give the Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc greater power in the future!

As many of our members know, we have a JLP Memorial Fund (Bylaw - Article XI: Fiscal Policies, Section 6. Special Funds, Item C) where members and the community can make tax-deductible contributions in memory of/on behalf of JLP members. These funds are then “used for the benefit of the JLP.” With the passage of these motions, we have given the newly renamed JLP Endowment Fund more punch. First, it is clear that this fund is for our future. Second, by revising Standing Rule X - Fiscal Policies: Section 6. Special Funds, A - we have clarified that the JLP Endowment Fund will be used for our projects & grants also....“the betterment of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, its projects, community grants and programs” - not just the JLP in general. Finally, the stage is set for our Annual Appeal contributions to clearly go towards funding our projects and grants.

JLP Investment Policy

Led by the efforts of Lisa Campoli, Abby Sandel, and Jane Terlion, the JLP will soon have an “Investment Policy & Procedures” documents that will guide future boards and members in how to manage the JLP funds. This document will be available shortly and be an ongoing part of the Yearbook - Finance Section. It provides information on Objectives, Asset Allocation, Quality & Diversification, Time Horizons, Investment Management Limitations, Investment Criteria that is in line with our Mission statement,

Reporting Requirements and a lot more. Many thanks to Lisa and Abby for their insight and hard work!

JLP Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation

Last May, the JLP established a fund with The Pittsburgh Foundation. \$100,000 was set aside to seed the fund. In accordance with the design of the fund, each year in the 1st quarter the JLP receives an amount back for our own grant making. This timing coincides with our existing custom that new projects are presented and selected at the Annual Placement Fair in March. I am pleased to announce that we have received \$4,153 from The Pittsburgh Foundation that will be used for next year's projects and grants! This amount will be supplemented by our fundraising successes and normal budgeting process as necessary for 2005-2006.

Reminders!

Chairs - Watch your budgets! If you go over, you are required to be approved by the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Membership - depending on the amount over budget.

2005-2006 Dues - Notices have been sent out for the 2005-2006 annual membership dues. Please contact the Office Manager or Treasurer-Elect if you have NOT received your notice. Payment is due by April 15th w/o incurring a late fee.

2005-2006 Budgets - The budget process is beginning. Current & elect directors and chairs should begin the review & planning process for next years committee expenses. Look for an "invitation" from the Treasurer soon!

For a copy of the JLP 1.31.05 Income Statement, contact Jane *Terlion* directly.

GMMs for the 2004-2005 JLP Year

Meetings take place at the Duquesne Club, 325 6th Avenue, downtown
Remaining 2005 GMM Dates:

March 9th, 2005—**Bring a Friend!**

April 13th, 2005—**Placement Fair**

June 1st, 2005—**Annual Meeting**

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. Visit our official website for an up-to-date calendar: www.jlpg.org

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 **“Correction”**

It was previously announced that, in lieu of a fee to Jeff Tobe (the guest speaker at the February GMM), the JLP would be making a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. At Mr. Tobe’s request, however, the donation is instead being made to Healthy Teens, Inc.

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