

LIGHTS

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SAVE THE DATE

October 11
General Membership Meeting

New location!
Details: www.jlpggh.org

October 14
Furbulous Fur Sale

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Halloween party

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Disaster Fund Established in Hurricane Katrina's Wake

The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) established a Junior League Disaster Fund to provide an effective way for Leagues to contribute to their sister Leagues in times of natural disaster. The JLP collected money to be contributed to this fund at its September 14, 2005 general membership meeting.

The JL Disaster Fund is designed to specifically address the need for Leagues to directly assist their sister Leagues and their communities. The AJLI Board of Directors will administer the Fund. This fund has been established not only to ad-

dress needs in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, but also to ensure

made payable to AJLI and note JL Disaster Fund on the check.



Hurricane Katrina: week two. Satellite photo provided by DigitalGlobe.

Contributions to the Junior League Disaster Fund should be sent to: AJLI, 90 William Street, Suite 200, New York City, NY 10038.

Questions regarding the fund should be directed to AJLI Chief Financial

Officer Martha Ferry, mferry@ajli.org or AJLI Treasurer Ann Payne, at ann.payne@us.pwc.com.

that AJLI can move quickly whenever disasters occur.

If you wish to make an additional contribution, checks should be

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Wear After Shop Debuts New Logo

The League's thrift store at 4752 Liberty Avenue goes by many names, "WAS," the Shop, the

Junior League Store, Wear After. Sales associate Sally Cox reports that some customers have dubbed

it "Little Kaufmann's." Nicknames abound, but this fall the League's Wear After Shop will have a consistent logo and brand image, thanks to the efforts of Lights Chair/JLP Graphic Designer Chère Tiller. The Shop logo kit, which includes signage and stationery, incorporates the JLP logo and colors, but it also creates an identity that communicates the Shop's importance to the League and welcomes customers.



Office of the President

On a Mission



Lynne N. Chadwick
President
2005-2006

One obvious way to become a trained volunteer is to attend a training session at a general membership meeting. Training also takes place informally, through seeking guidance from someone with experience or by trying something new and learning as you go.

Although spring is often referred to as the season of rebirth, fall is the season for new beginnings. It's the start of a new school year and in the Junior League of Pittsburgh, fall is a time for welcoming new provisionals

As we begin the year, I challenge all of you, regardless of where you are in your League career, to think of a new way that you will be focusing on our mission this year. For instance, you may decide to

experience or by trying something new and learning as you go.

I encourage you to seek help when you need it and offer help

OUR MISSION STATEMENT directs us in everything **WE** do, from meetings to fundraising events.

to join our membership and catching up with members at committee and general membership meetings. Even if heading off to school or attending provisional training are distant memories for you, the new JLP year brings excitement as we finalize annual plans for community service, fundraising, and membership development. What ties us together—provisionals, actives and sustainers in 294 Leagues with over 170,000 other women—is our mission: *The Junior League is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

Our mission statement directs us in everything we do, from projects to training sessions, from board meetings to fundraising events.

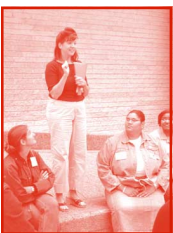
promote voluntarism by inviting a friend to come with you to a Done in a Day, or to develop the potential of women by sharing something you've learned with other members, or to improve the community by suggesting an idea for a new project to Community Assessment and Development Director Michelle Smith.

Consider how we accomplish these goals: *through the action and leadership of trained volunteers.* One obvious way to become a trained volunteer is to attend a training session at a general membership meeting. But, training also takes place informally, through seeking guidance from someone with ex-

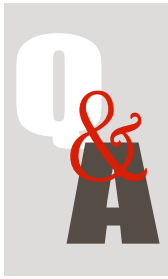
perience or by trying something new and learning as you go. This organization is full of talented, intelligent, experienced, enthusiastic women who are willing to help—they're just waiting to be asked.

I look forward to serving the Pittsburgh community with you this year and I thank you for your service.

— Lynne N. Chadwick
President, 2005-2006



Provisionals listen and learn about Everybody Wins during a 2005 training tour of JLP projects.



with

Providence Teen Program Committee Chair Lisa Chilcote



Providence Teen Program Committee Chair Lisa Chilcote explains the project during February placement training for provisional members.

Q: Describe where you grew up and attended school.

A: Morristown in Northern New Jersey; Bachelors in Psychology and Masters in Justice Administration at Boston University; a Masters of Business Administration at Duquesne University.

Q: What are your interests?

A: Running, yoga, and reading.

Q: What brought you to Pittsburgh?

A: Graduate school.

Q: What do you do professionally?

A: Human Resources Director for American Healthways.

Q: Why did you join the Junior League?

A: To give back to the community.

Q: Tell us a bit about the Providence Teen Program Committee that you chair.

A: Providence Family Support Center provides support services to families on the North Side. The Center's programs include parent education, child care, pre-school, summer day camp, and after-school enrichment activities but there was an identified need for programming for 12–16 year olds so the Providence Teen Program ("PTP") was developed to provide a "home away from home" and activities for this age group. The intent of the program is to discourage teens from engaging in negative behavior or undesirable activities that could contribute to a cycle of violence and poverty. So with PTP, the activities are designed to provide guidance to teens after school, during key developmental stages of their lives, and encourage them to stay in school, improve their social skills, prepare them for the workforce, prevent teen pregnancy, promote healthy lifestyles, and assist them

in understanding the value of community service.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge as chair of this Junior League project?

A: Securing the "right fit" for a PTP Coordinator.

Q: What is the program's greatest need right now?

A: Getting up and running for FY 2006.

Q: What can League volunteers do for the program in the months ahead?

A: Provide assistance with after-school activities and volunteer for career programs.

Q: What other League committee placement interests you?

A: Working a second placement as a placement advisor—I would love to be involved with the Special Events Committee next year.

Q: What would you tell members who are thinking of chairing or serving on a project committee?

A: Go for it! It is a great way to give back. In addition, a program like PTP puts things in the proper context.

Q: Who or what influenced you to dedicate time to volunteer efforts?

A: I started volunteering at a local hospital as a teen and have been volunteering in some way ever since.

Q: What do you want most from your fellow JLP members over the next year?

A: To continue to bond with fellow league members and learn more about the JLP.

Q: What about the JLP do you like most?

A: Working with such a dynamic, diverse group of individuals—the work that evolves from the volunteer efforts is amazing!

Q: What is the most valuable thing that you've gained or learned from being a JLP member?

A: I've learned about the multitude of projects the JLP is responsible for within the community—the Children's Museum, various Done In A Day projects, Show House, other community projects, etc.

— *Editor's Note: Q&A is a regular feature of Lights during the 2005-2006 League year. To propose a subject for a future Q & A, e-mail lisa.campoli@gmail.com.*

PE's Point of View



The hallmark of Junior Leagues is leadership and training. Through committee and

volunteer placements knowledge is passed along and experience is gained to better prepare the member for future community service.

Another strength of the Junior League of Pittsburgh is the fact that we are part of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). We have 294 other Leagues and AJLI from whom we can gather knowledge and experience.

I encourage you to go to the AJLI website, www.ajli.org. Here you can gain an insight into the governance of AJLI as well as the resources and trainings they provide. Most of the committees have a link off the resources section. Take a look and see what is available.

I also encourage you to take advantage of the leadership opportunities available within the JLP. The nominating committee is beginning to think about next year's leadership. Please seriously consider taking on a leadership position. It is great experience that can be carried into other parts of your life. And remember, you are not alone. The JLP and AJLI will provide you with the resources you need to be successful. I look forward to seeing you at the board table next year.

— Linda Hartman
President-Elect, 2005-2006

Committee News

Membership Development: New Provisional Class Welcomed

WELCOME

Marcy Aber
 Jennifer Andrade
 Andrea Armstrong
 Amy Bair
 Rachel Bernstein Strege
 Geina Black
 Shannon Bunting
 Kristin Carlton
 Cara Carpien
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 Laena Ilk
 Tanisha Jackson
 Tonya Johnson
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 Jessica Lee
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 Kathleen Madonna
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 Megan Montgomery
 Erika Mullenback
 Allison Murphy
 Maggie Nicholson
 Kristi Perry
 Christin Pintar
 Lisa Porter
 Tanza Pugliese
 Ondrea Robinson
 Joy Sakonyi
 Gretchen Smathers
 Natalie Solomon
 Kimberly Surmacz
 Jodie Tabano
 Allison Theis
 Jennifer Tribble
 Melissa Vail
 Michelle Walter
 Heidi Ziegler

My mother always joked that “a woman’s work is never done” but I never really appreciated the meaning of that saying until I met some of the newest members of the League’s Provisional Class. These women hail from a variety of backgrounds and bring to the League skills that will not only enhance our membership, but also expand the League’s ability to serve communities. Provisional class members are mothers, wives, and single independent women who all evince a commitment to volunteer in their community. They work both outside and inside the home. Some currently attend graduate school.

Many are new to Pittsburgh while others have lived in the area most of their lives. These women who lead bright and fulfilling lives are the future of our eighty-three year-old League because they will bring new ideas and projects to the League, helping it to remain a leader in the nonprofit community. With all that these women

have accomplished already, it is laudable that they have joined the League to continue making a difference in the lives of others. For our newest members, a “woman’s work” really is never done.

In keeping with the Membership Development Committee’s theme for the year, “**Inclusion, Diversity, and Involvement,**” the committee is working hard to provide provisional members with a diverse range of League trainings. Our goal for this year’s provisional training course is for each woman to feel as though she can confidently chair a committee or a subcommittee in her first placement as an active member. The Membership Development Committee will accomplish this goal by providing meaningful and interesting trainings about how the League works, and will ensure that each provisional member knows she is a direct contributor to the League’s success.

A September 10, 2005 red book training familiarized provisional members with the League and presented various opportunities

for each new member to become involved in League activities. Each provisional member will participate in a service project that is connected with a past or present League project to sustain the League’s partnerships with these community groups. These projects will provide each of our new members with valuable experiences working within the League’s committee structure.

I am confident that as we welcome our newest members to the League, the special fabric that sets the Junior League of Pittsburgh apart from other groups will assure that each woman is given the opportunity for a rewarding experience. Please join me in welcoming the 2005-2006 Provisional Class of the Junior League of Pittsburgh!

—Jennifer Daurora, Membership Development Director

Projects: Register for the Volunteer Service Awards Program

The Volunteer Service Awards (VSA) program is an exciting new way for League members across the Association who volunteer for at least 100 hours of service on League projects in a twelve-month consecutive period to receive national recognition. All League members—provisionals, actives, and sustainers—in good standing

are eligible to participate in this program. The current twelve-month period runs from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Members will need to estimate volunteer hours from April 1, 2005 to the present, submit the hours as one lump sum, and then record future volunteer hours as they are performed until March 31, 2006.

The VSA program has four different award levels. League members who contribute 100-249 volunteer hours to League projects in this 12-month period are eligible for a **Bronze Award**. There is also a **Silver Award**, for 250-499 hours volunteered in this 12-month period, and a **Gold Award** for those extraordinary individuals

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Projects: Track Your Hours of Volunteer Service

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who contribute 500 volunteer hours or more during this 12-month period.

Each Awards package consists of a special President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate suitable for framing, and congratulatory notes from President Bush and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. League members who volunteer more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service on League activities during their tenure with the Junior League will be eligible to receive the President's "Call to Service Award"—a special "lifetime achievement" awards package.

League members can track their League volunteer hours in a special, easy-to-use, online service log contained in the special VSA Program website that has been created for this initiative. The website is accessible by visiting <http://vsa.ajli.org> or through the Volunteer Service Awards page in the member section of the AJLI website. Detailed screen-by-screen explanations of the VSA Program website are contained in a separate training document. A copy of the VSA Program training document is also available on the Members' Area page of the JLP website under the "Volunteer Service Award" tab. It only takes a few minutes to register before you can start recording your vol-

unteer hours on your own personal "My Service" page and it is very easy. League members who volunteer for other organizations besides the JLP can track those hours separately and apply for their own awards on the regular Points of Light website. The League will review and "certify" your hours and place an awards order after March 31, 2006. Awards will be presented at the JLP's Annual Meeting on May 31, 2006. If you have any questions regarding the VSA Program, please contact Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.com.

—Kelly Enders, Projects Director and VSA Administrator



Members who log more than one hundred hours of service will be eligible for the **U.S.**

President's Volunteer Service Award, an initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Which League Activities Count?

- All League committee placements (but only time spent working, not socializing)
- Attendance at provisional training sessions (plus any hours Provisionals volunteer for a special provisional community project)
- Attendance at general membership meetings
- Attendance at transfer orientation sessions
- Attendance at League placement fairs
- Attendance at AJLI trainings (but only for the time spent in plenaries and workshops)

Which League Activities Do Not Count?

- Attendance at League fundraisers (unless you are actually working the event)
- Attendance at League social events
- Travel time to/from League activities
- Any time spent "socializing" before, during, or after League activities
- Time spent reading League publications
- Volunteer work on a non-League projects, even if that project was a former Junior League project

Suggest Done In A Day projects for the 2005-2006 League year —e-mail jlpgh.doneinaday@gmail.com.



Committee News

News in Brief



How do YOU wear your WAS?

Do you have a favorite bargain that you found at the Shop? If you have a snapshot of yourself or a loved one wearing affordable fashion from the League's store, submit it to wearaftershop@yahoo.com for possible inclusion in future publications. The League will contact you prior to using your photo.



Wear After Shop co-chair Naomi Canella wears her WAS while dressing the Shop display windows. Naomi bought her top that day for \$6.

Wear After Shop Talk—Furbulous Fur Preview Party Slated for October 14

Think mink! And beaver. And nutria. Furs will return to the Wear After Shop on Friday, October 14 from 6 to 9 PM. Members and guests are invited to this special shopping opportunity where vintage and estate coats and jackets are available at a fraction of retail price. Full-length Blackgama minks sell for as little as \$1500 at the Shop. Hats and other fur merchandise start at \$75. Layaway is available and credit cards are accepted. After this preview night, furs will not be available on the sales floor until November. Many thanks to our supporters, Canadian Furs and Carl Herman Furs, for their generous support of the Wear After Shop and the Junior League of Pittsburgh.

—Abby Sandel, *Wear After Shop Co-chair*

Placement—April 15, 2006

The deadline for all actives and gold actives to complete JLP requirements, excluding Wear After Shop quota, is April 15, 2006. These members have until May 20, 2006 to donate quota to the Shop. This scheduling change has been made so that the Placement Committee has time to place all members prior to the May 31, 2006 Annual Meeting. —Sara Lowery, *Placement Director*

Placement—Make-ups

If a member is unable to complete her requirements, she is advised to contact the Placement Director or her placement advisor prior to April 15, 2006. The Placement Committee will work with each member so that all members can complete requirements and maintain JLP membership. —S.L.

Placement—Online tracking

All members will be able to check their progress in completing membership requirements online by logging on to the members' area page of the JLP website and clicking on "My Profile" to the left of the page. A requirement checklist appears at the bottom of the resulting page. This is the first year that the League is tracking completion of requirements online. Members are asked to contact their placement advisors with any questions. —S.L.

Placement—Changes/Additions

A member is always allowed to change her committee placement or take a second placement. It is not uncommon to request a change in an assigned placement—a member may find that she wants to do something else, that she signed up for a committee that no longer truly interests her, or that she no longer has time to commit to her current committee assignment. All members are encouraged to contact their placement advisors with questions about placement changes or additions. —S.L.

Placement—Advisors

Placement advisor assignments are listed on the JLP website. Please contact Placement Director Sara Lowery if you have not been assigned an advisor. Placement advisors exist to help you make your Junior League experience as rewarding as possible. These advisors are a one-stop resource for information about the League. Your placement advisor may not have all the answers, but the Placement Committee will find answers to your questions or direct you to the League member who can help. —S.L.

Fund Development—United Way Contributor Choice Donations

Fall is in full swing and so is the 2005 United Way of Allegheny County campaign. The Junior League of Pittsburgh receives Contributor Choice donations administered through the United Way. As you donate to this campaign, please consider allocating a portion of your annual contribution to the Junior League of Pittsburgh, contributor code number 655. Your generosity will permit the League to continue its work in the Pittsburgh region. —Emily Busse, *Fund Development Director*

Lights—Perspective

A reminder to JLP members: "Lights" seeks to provide in-depth analysis and perspective. Contribute your knowledge and insight on League activities by submitting ideas or articles. For "Lights" deadlines, submission requirements, and editorial guidelines go to www.jlpgh.org. Refer to the downloads tab in the members' area "Communications Process" forum. —Chere Tiller, *Lights Chair*

SUSTAINERS ...And All That Jazz

2005-2006 Preliminary Program Calendar

Friday, October 14, 11:30 AM,
Home of Millie Ryan ~ Ya Ya Sustainer
Transfer Brunch, New Orleans-Style

Monday, November 21, 10:30 AM,
The Twentieth Century Club ~ Former
White House pastry chef presents
"What's for Dessert at The White
House?" with lunch following

Friday, December 16, 11:30 AM,
Home of Gail Harbaugh ~ "Make New
Friends and Keep The Old" Potluck
Holiday Gathering

Thursday, March 30, 2006, 6:00 PM,
Pittsburgh Public Theater ~ Reduced
Shakespeare Company's "Completely
Hollywood" with dinner before

Saturday, May 20, 6:30 PM,
Home of Peggy Mooney ~ End-of-Year
Coed Soiree

Please look for postcard invitations
to these events. Contact Millie
Ryan with questions and comments:
412.344.4624 or miliearyan@gmail.com
(new address).



GET OUT YOUR BROOMSTICKS!

Join the Special Events Committee for a ghoulish night
of fun and festivities at the Annual Junior League
Halloween Party!

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2005

When: 8 PM to 1 AM

Where: Doc's Place, 5442 Walnut Street, Shadyside

Tickets: \$15 advance; \$20 door

Guaranteed: A Frightfully Good Time

- ☒ Ticket price includes unlimited beer, 1 mixed drink and pizza.
- ☒ Friends, family and fellow monsters are all welcome to brave the evening, if they dare!
- ☒ Costume and Casual attire.

To purchase: You may buy advance tickets at the October GMM
or from any Special Events Committee member, or reserve
online at www.jlpgh.org.

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About the Junior League of Pittsburgh



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PITTSBURGH

Women building better communities

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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