

LIGHTS

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Save The Date

Sustainers count the many ways to reconnect!

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Come Out to Play

The JLP's first playground build is only weeks away and the excitement is starting to build. At the September GMM, Cameron Hall (Age 15), Bobby Naglich (Age 12), DJ Kyles (Age 12) and Davonah Fullard (Age 11), participants in youth programs at HSCC, impressed all by discussing what having a playground will mean to them and the other children who utilize the center. The youth told us that the basketball court is currently the only place to play outside and

many children are excluded because they are either too small to shoot hoops or because the court is full. The youth are very enthusiastic about the new playground. Not only have they helped design the playground, they have also helped with the planning process and will be involved in working with youth activities and side project on Build day.

During the training session that followed, speaker Hedda Sharapan helped us all get in touch with our inner children by singing and clap-

ping along to clips from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Hedda discussed the importance of play and shared with us some of the wonderful experiences she had while working with Fred Rogers.

The first build will take place on **Saturday, October 28**, at the Human Services Center Corporation in Turtle Creek. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and scheduled to conclude around 3:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony cele-

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Get Out Your Thinking Caps, Great Ideas Needed

Do you have a great idea for the Junior League of Pittsburgh? Do you wish the Junior League could achieve a certain goal but does not currently have the budgeted funds to do so? If so, the Finance Committee wants to hear from you!

The Finance Committee is actively seeking ideas for how The Junior League of Pittsburgh should spend the proceeds generated from the money in our Endowment Fund, which is held at The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Each year in March, The Junior League of Pittsburgh receives a check equal to approximately four percent of the value of our funds

held at The Pittsburgh Foundation. The percentage varies from year to year based upon the spending policy determined annually each September by The Pittsburgh Foundation's Board of Directors. The current spending policy rate ranges from 4 – 4.4% of the average value of our fund, which equates to approximately \$4,000 - \$4,400 annually for the Junior League.

According to our investment policy, "endowed funds are to be invested in perpetuity. Accordingly, the JLP confirms that the financial objective for the Fund is to support current operations and programs of the JLP while preserving an equal level of support for future needs."

Idea Sampler:

- ✓ Should we allocate the money to the Community Assessment and Development Committee for additional community grants?
- ✓ Perhaps we could allocate the money to our Communications Committee for a PR campaign.
- ✓ What about trainings - should we supplement the training budget and pay for our members to attend AJLI trainings?
- ✓ Other suggestions have included using the money to fund publishing a hard copy of *Lights* for a year.

Or, do you have a better idea?

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Office of the President

Fulfilling Our Mission



Linda Hartman
President
2006-2007

As the seasons change Team JLP is gearing up for our fundraisers. They provide more opportunities for learning and gathering the funds that allow us to continue our mission.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh Team is fulfilling its mission in many exciting ways. The first General Membership Meeting and training were very interesting and informative. The youth from the Human Service Center Corporation were inspirational; talking about their excitement toward the new playground. I can't wait to be at the KaBoom! Build Day on October 28th.

We also welcomed 52 provisionals; women ready to improve the community. At a Red Book training ice breaker I learned a little about their life experiences. Make a point to get to know as many as you can. They would love to know about you and your JLP experiences. (Here's a hint for getting to know someone – get up early on a Saturday, share a bagel and coffee, pound a few nails, turn a few bolts, and share the experience of transforming kids' lives.)

Thank you to all who made the Kick-Off Event at Lorraine Marks' home such a success – those who organized it and those who attended. Even the weather helped to make it a lovely afternoon for provisionals, actives and sustainers to meet and greet.

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See you at the next General Membership Meeting!

— Linda Hartman, President, 2006-2007

Congratulations and Welcome 2006-2007 Provisional Class

Rachel Adams	Carolyn Lauro
Karen Anderson	Bridget Loftus
Maria Angelini	Gail McDaniel
Kerry Aubin	Erin McLaughlin
Lindsey Besch	Aryn Micaletti
Mehret Birru	Michele Moenssens
Nicole Blake	Bethany Neal
Alisha Branson	Jenna Neal
Kimberly Buchheit	Tiffany Nix
Emily Bush	Ryann Ogrodnik
Natalie Cale	Reshma Paranjpe
Christie Copeland	Leigh Pugliano
Lauren Couch	Rebecca Purvis
Michele Cox	Linda Rubin
Jennifer Danquist	Nadine Sabo
Ann English	Brittany Scales
Collyn Evans	Michelle Marie Senko
Holly Fajt	Meredith Stephenson
Adrienne Garber	Lori Thomassee
Rebecca Gilbert	Heather Trostle
Susan Zavage Grivnow	Emily Ulrick
Allison Grotjan	Shannon Voll
Tammy Guinther	Erin Wallace
Nneka Hawthorne	Rebecca Winge
Joanne Hogan	Linda Wright
Sabrina Korbelt	Natalie Yannotti

Training Tip

Organizations, such as the JLP, use rules of order for the group to make decisions. To begin the process of making any decision, a member offers a proposal by *making a motion*. A motion is a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the group take certain action. A main motion is one whose introduction brings business before an assembly. Strictly speaking, there should be no debate on a matter before a motion regarding it has been made. Only one main motion may be before the assembly for action at a time.

Tip from "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief 2004"

Look for next month's training tip in the November edition of Lights!

Come Out To Play at the JLP's First KaBOOM! Playground

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brating the newly completed playground. We need the support of our members, as well as our friends and family, to make this project happen. Approximately 200 volunteers are needed so invite everyone you

know to Come Out to Play on Build Day. For volunteer information, sign-up and directions please go to www.jlpgh.org or send an email to juniorkaboom@hotmail.com.

— Robyn Race-Loughren

The October training will be held immediately before the GMM at 6:30 p.m.

October Training: Planning Your League Career

Did you scramble to pick a placement last year? Ever wondered how you build the skills and requirements to be slated for a chair, board or executive committee position? What are the expectations of these positions?

Find out how to get the most out of your placement from Lynne Chadwick, last year's president, at the October "mini" Training at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of HYP.

Remember that "mini" trainings are 15-minute trainings focused on a specific topic and do not fulfill the training requirement. All trainings will cover mission focused community issues, leadership development or professional skills.

Additionally, the training committee is also planning a Saturday morning training to be offered at an interesting location (and to fulfill the training requirement if you need.)

Acknowledgements from the September Training

We thank the membership for an outstanding show of support to our speaker. Attendance for the September training was ninety-one women.

We thank Hedda Sharapan for sharing her expertise and passion about why play matters. Hopefully her presentation prompted conversations about our KaBOOM! project and possible future projects too. For more information about Mister Rogers' or to purchase media for both adults and children please see <http://www.fci.org/>.

We thank the City Theatre and Gypsy Cafe, both located in the South Side on Bingham Street, for their generous donated gift certificates that were presented to Hedda Sharapan as a thank-you gift.

— Stephanie Hoogendoorn, Training Chair



The October training is being offered before the GMM because members have asked for this option. The main results from the membership survey at the last Annual Meeting are the following responses to the question

"When would you prefer to attend a training session in 2006/2007?"

Training Time	Yes	No
Before GMM	26	6
After GMM	9	19
Weeknight, other than GMM	18	18
Saturday AM	12	15
Saturday PM	7	18
All the above, for flexibility	5	10

Make a Note — GMM Dates

10.11.2006

Week of 11.2006**

**placement coffees rather than GMM

1.10.2007* additional meeting

2.13.2007

3.14.2007

4.18.2007

5.30.2007 Annual Meeting

Committee News



"The Pittsburgh Foundation is the 17th largest community foundation in the country. Since 1945, it has worked to improve the quality of life in the Pittsburgh region by evaluating and addressing community issues, promoting charitable giving, and connecting donors to the critical needs of the community."

"Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities serving individuals who share a common goal: to improve the quality of life for all citizens in their region. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations establish permanent endowment funds, which the Foundation invests and administers. Community foundations focus on specific geographic areas."
www.pittsburghfoundation.org



Finance Committee Welcomes Great Ideas

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We want to hear from you, the members of the JLP, about your thoughts and ideas. Please e-mail Finance Committee Chair Nancy Davis at nancyedavis@hotmail.com with specific, well-developed plans by December 31, 2006. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the February JLP Board of Directors Meeting for how the distribution from the fund should be spent.

So get those thinking caps on and let the Finance Committee know what you think the best plan is for investing in the Junior League's perpetuity while maintaining our current status quo!

— Nancy Davis, Committee Chair

3rd Annual Wear After Shop "Furbulous" Sale

Don't miss the Wear After Shop's 3rd Annual "Furbulous" Sale! We will be celebrating "Lucky" Friday the 13th in style as we present our fine vintage and gently used furs for the first time this season! Join us for some food, drinks and shopping! We also will be featuring genuine pearls and lovely accessories from "Pearl Pouch" (pearlpouch.com).



Furbulous!

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, October 13th

Wear After Shop

4752 Liberty Ave., Bloomfield



Sustainers Count The Ways To Reconnect

The September tea and social was a wonderful success. We had an Indian summer day and sat in a beautiful garden listening to the JLP Board's plans for the League year. President Linda Hartman, welcomed everyone to the tea, and Fund Development Director Beth McCall announced the kick-off of the Annual Appeal, which will help to fund our community grants this year. There were updates from the Wear After Shop committee, the Book and Author event and the KaBOOM! project committees.

How can sustainers continue to reconnect ?

Let me count the ways.

October (and early November) is going to be a very BIG month for the Junior League of Pittsburgh. Not only do we have several social activities planned, but the League's signature project, KaBOOM!, will be making its Pittsburgh playground building debut. So get out your calendars and check the following dates.

Reconnect #1

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, October 12,
Global Links & Lunch.

Five sustainers participated in the first (September) Global Links & Lunch and had a wonderful time. Consider joining Fredrica Cryan and her group on the second Thursday of the month to sort and package medical supplies for needy areas throughout the world. Fredrica has seven volunteers for October and would love to have a few more sustainers to round out her group. Give her a call at 412-784-9069 to sign up.

Reconnect #2

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, October 18,
Bunko Game Night.

Bunko game night will be at my house in Thornburg. Come enjoy a fun evening rolling dice, no skill required; changing tables with every round; and mingling with fellow sustainers. We'll play one round and reconnect with a lot of League friends.

Where: The Home of Suzy Golitko; 220 Tech Road, Thornburg 15205. Cost: \$5 at the door per player. Covers finger-food, dessert, wine and soda. Remaining

funds will feed the kitty to pay the player with the most Bunkos, most wins and most losses.

RSVP: Suzy Golitko, 412-330-6057 or
sgolitko@wpahs.org, by October 16, 2006

Reconnect: #3

8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 28, KaBOOM! Playground Build Day, Turtle Creek

I took a leap of faith and signed us up to man the refreshment tent at the KaBOOM! playground build day. We will be in charge of plying the workers with coffee and bagels and lunch and cookies and anything else they may need to get the job done. The refreshment area will be set up from 6:30 a.m. (yes that's correct) until 2:30 p.m., and I will be accepting volunteers for anytime during those hours. To sign up please call me at 412-330-6057 or e-mail me at sgolitko@wpahs.org. Leave your name, phone number and time you are able to volunteer. I will be there all day, so any time you can give me will be extremely appreciated. (If you would like to do more hands on work that day, please see the KaBOOM! article for details on how to sign up.)

Reconnect #4

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, November 6,
Lunch & Lecture

All sustainers are cordially invited to a lecture at The Twentieth Century Club given by renowned Pittsburgh Art Historian David Wilkins. His topic will be Italian Renaissance Art. David Wilkins' commentaries on art are always colored with marvelous facts and anecdotes. The lecture will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a scrumptious luncheon at noon. This is a fabulous opportunity for all sustainers.

Where: The Twentieth Century Club, Lecture to begin at 11 AM. Cost: \$27, by November 1st

RSVP: Please send a check, payable to JLP in the amount of \$27 no later than November 1st, to Millie Ryan, 1380 Terrace Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, questions phone 412.344.4624.

I hope to see many of you take advantage of these wonderful events and activities.

Fondly,

Suzy Golitko, Sustainer Director



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About the Junior League of Pittsburgh

Women building better communities.

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

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

Mission

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

Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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

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Submission Requirements

Submit all articles electronically to Chère Tiller, Chair & Editor at: ctiller@forus.com. It is helpful if you add the topic of your submission in the "RE:" of your e-mail message.

Articles

Please submit as a *plain* Word document (avoid adding special fonts, tabs or other formatting, such as tables -- they will be deleted, regardless, to comply with *Lights* standards.) You may also submit content within an e-mail.

Photos "...worth a thousands words!"

Submission of photos is encouraged! Please, supply as a JPEG file, and *please* compress/zip-up before sending if there is more than one. Limit is 5 meg per email.

Add photo caption information along with your submission.

* The editorial staff reserves the right to edit for content, length and style.

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