

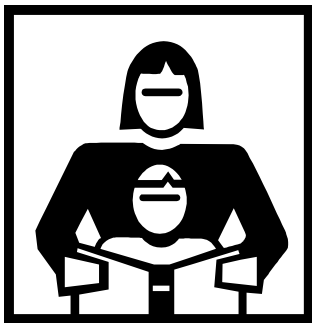
Lights

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In hot pursuit of volunteers Everybody Wins! gears up for new school year

by Julie Ann Wagner



Everybody Wins!, the Junior League of Pittsburgh's Signature Project, is preparing to get this school year underway with lunchtime

reading fun planned for approximately 100 students. Everybody Wins! is offered at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School on Pittsburgh's Northside.

Last year, 26 students successfully completed the program. In order for our exciting increase in enrollment to be equally triumphant, we need your help! Everybody Wins! must enroll reading partners for its 100 eager students!

One of the program's goals is to become self-sustaining; therefore we are hoping to secure corporate sponsors for a significant portion of our volunteer need. Reading partners are asked to devote their lunch hour once a week to read to a student.

A corporate sponsor must be supportive of this lunchtime commitment, as well as willing to fund the participation of its volunteers. Please consider the appropriateness of any of your business contacts or your employer as an Everybody Wins! corporate sponsor.

Even with our thrust to obtain corporate sponsorship, JLP actives, sustainers and provisionals are also welcome to volunteer as reading partners. Your participation is a wonderful way to foster the continued growth of the program and create awareness of it within the community.

Please remember that reading partners may pair-up to alternate reading weeks, where a weekly commitment is difficult to manage.

One of the program's goals is to become self-sustaining...

We will try to accommodate JLP members who wish to pair-up with another JLP member, a colleague or a spouse.

Kindly forward any and all business and/or volunteer contact information to Michelle Koehler at michelleot@hotmail.com or Marcy Mulvaney Reed at marcellamreed@aol.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

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Special Events!

Looking for some excitement in September?

Mark your calendars...

The new Wear After Shop Grand Opening celebration is Friday, September 12th 3:30-7:30pm

See page 4 for details

Vintage 30th Anniversary Celebration is Thursday, September 18th, 6- 8pm

See page 7 for details

Reminder: Our first GMM is Wednesday, September 10th. Welcome back! See page 11

President's Message

It's only September and the Pittsburgh Public Schools have already received a report card. The annual report from the PA Department of Education that is now required under the Federal "No Child Left Behind" education reform law cited **twenty-one** elementary/middle schools that did not meet the target for reading. Eighteen schools did not meet the target for math.*

When this report appeared in the Post-Gazette, I thought, "Here's why EVERYBODY WINS! was selected to be our signature project."

What would you do if you could not read well?

Everybody Wins! must expand and continue to grow for the sake of the children in Pittsburgh and the twenty-one schools on the reading hot list:

Allegheny Traditional Elementary
Arlington Elementary
Arsenal Middle School
Belmar Elementary
Beltzhoover Elementary
Carmalt Elementary
Colfax Elementary
Fort Pitt Elementary
Friendship Elementary
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary
Lemington Elementary
Mann Elementary
McCleary Elementary
Miller Elementary
Milliones Middle
Rooney Middle
Sheraden Elementary
Vann Elementary
Washington Polytechnic Academy

Weil Technology Institute
Woolslair Elementary

Take a look at the list. Do you live or work nearby? Do you have friends or family that live or work nearby? If you do, please share this information with the Everybody Wins! Chair, Marcy Reed (marcellamreed@aol.com). Your help will continue to spread the word about Everybody Wins!

As the cover story explains, all it takes is once a week at lunchtime during the school year. And if you can't swing that, partner with a friend/another volunteer or help to find other people who can give this time during the day.

Note that Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary is on this list. Many of us have already signed up or found someone to volunteer for the upcoming term. I urge all of the JLP to help ensure that there are enough volunteers to make this year even better.

My friend Gina and I will continue to share a reading lunch with a fun 4th grader named Hasani. He likes to read to us, to give us his sports update, to make paper airplanes, and to sit in the bean-bag chairs. We have such a great time being with him. But I can see that there is so much more to do...

— *Julia Sheridan Gleason, JLP President*
2003-04

* Test results for each school can be found on the state's Web site at:
www.pde.state.pa.us

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The Junior League of Pittsburgh is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh reaches out to women of all races, creeds, religions or national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation...

This summer, Julia, as President, and I, as PE, met with nearly all Board members for a "Meet and Greet." We wanted to find out goals, strategies, questions, etc from and for the committees. We wanted the Board members and Chairs to know that Julia and I will do what ever we can to help the year run smoothly. We also reminded members that one of the themes for this year and the next is Continuity. One year should move into the next with help from prior year's Chairs, which would include Year-End reports and discussions between new and former Chairs before taking over a new office. I also spent lots of time discovering what all is in the office at Anathan House; learning about the Audit process; and lifting wet boxes off the floor. I met with the Personnel Committee (WAS Chairs, Sara Lowery and Danielle Carlson and the Facilities Chair, Louise Kay Woodside) to discuss employee job descriptions. I had a wonderful time at the New Member Social in July and am looking forward to meeting all our Provisionals at September's Orientation. I sent in my RSVP (& check) for the Vintage Party. I am still deciding which of the Convention Center celebrations I will be attending. My daughter and I helped with the WAS move. It was a summer filled with JLP.

– *MaryAdele Krolkowski, President-Elect 2003-04*



The Wear After Shop
and the
Special Events Committee
proudly invite you to
The Grand Opening Celebration of the
New! Wear After Shop

When: Friday, September 12th, 2003

Time: 3:30pm - 7:30pm

What: Wine & Cheese Celebration/Open House

Who: All Junior League of Pittsburgh Provisional Members, Active Members,
Sustainers, Family & Friends

The New Location of The Wear After Shop
4752 Liberty Avenue
(Between Philip Pelusi 2 and the Hallmark Store in Bloomfield)

Welcome to a New Chapter in Wear After Shop History

By Danielle Carlson & Abby Sandel

It all started with an idea, a desire and a lot of passion for the project. It all started on a warm summer night when two league members peeked into the windows of 4752 Liberty Avenue storefront and got a really good feeling. And then, it all happened because of the extreme dedication of a whole league that pulled together to get the job done.

It is the Wear After Shop committee's honor to **welcome you to the new home of the Junior League of Pittsburgh's Wear After Shop at 4752 Liberty Avenue and to a new chapter in history.** It took the vision of a committee, the trust of the board and the excitement of the league to make this a reality. League members came on Saturdays, Sundays and even weekdays (during the summer break) to paint, spackle, sweep and schlep merchandise from one side of the Bloomfield business district to the other. It is with extreme gratitude that we thank all those that contributed their time, expertise, cheers and prayers.



Danielle Carlson sprucing up the new shop.

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the excitement of the league
to make this a reality.

Now it's time to celebrate!

All Provisionals, Actives, Sustainers, family and friends are invited to the Grand Opening Celebration/Open House. Please

come to visit the new shop on Friday, September 12th from 3:30 – 7:30 for a wine and cheese reception put on by the Special Events Committee and the Wear After Shop Committee.

Besides a tour of the new and improved WAS, it will also be an opportunity to shop, drop off donations and sign up for a shift.

Please remember that the Wear After Shop is the main fundraiser for the league. In partnership with The Women's Center and Shelter we provide clothing vouchers for mothers and their children who are victims of domestic violence and we serve the community by providing affordable clothing to the lower-income communities.



Sara Lowry repairing new display window.

Many nonprofits these days are looking for ways they can become more self-sustaining and are looking toward social ventures or enterprises. The Junior League of Pittsburgh has been running a social enterprise for over 75 years. It took the fore-

thought and vision of our past leaders to create the Wear After Shop in order to help the community and at the same time to sustain the league.

Please join the Wear After Shop committee in writing the next chapter in history and creating the future of the shop. We urge you to get involved! Donate your time, your clothing, your expertise and your excitement to the New Wear After Shop!

Reminder — Shop talk

All active members are required to complete one three-hour shift during the League year and donate \$100 worth of merchandise suitable for sale. Provisionals are also asked to complete one shift and donate \$25 worth of merchandise.

Please remember that donated merchandise must be clean, free of tears or stains, and hung on hangers. Sweaters and jeans may be neatly folded in shopping bags – NOT garbage bags or Giant Eagle bags! Appliances should be in good working order. If in doubt, refer to the Wear After Shop procedures outlined in the gray book.

The Wear After Shop Committee and Staff
extend a heartfelt thanks to the many companies
and individuals who helped make our new home a reality.

K&L Builders
Sherwin Williams
Affordable Home Improvements
Continental Office Environments
Pittsburgh Coatings

The many busy bees who volunteered over the summer:

Linda Ban	Lynne Chadwick	Heather Chronis
Marie Coleman	Chris Davis	Nancy Dixon
Christine Emmanuelson	Kelly Enders	Denise Fetsko
Julia Sheridan Gleason	Stephanie Hoogendoor	Katie Jones
Mike Kania	Mary Adele Krolikowski	Sarah Krolikowski
Alex Lowery	Lorraine Marks	Charlene Marquart
John Marquart	Beth McCall	John McClusky
Jeff McMurdy	Sue Duris-McMurdy	Alice Pantone
Deirdre Ragan	Pat Ragan	Art Sandel
Kelly Morgans Schraven	Beth Vucic	Susan Wagner
	Louise Kay Woodside	

The Board of Directors for taking a chance
and everyone whose thoughts were with us.

Snaps to all!

Strategizing for the JLP

By Beth Harai

The Strategic Development Committee (SDC) spent a hot summer evening at Panera Bread in Squirrel Hill defining JLP strategies while munching on sourdough bread and sipping cold diet cokes. Our goal: to provide ample communication to JLP leaders and members-at-large on the progress and plans for the JLP's future. In addition to articles in *Lights*, look for information on the website, at General Membership meetings and in Board Reports.

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As a reminder and to keep us all focused, below are the strategic objectives identified to help implement our vision and lead the JLP into the future. These include:

Our Vision

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is 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. Its purpose is entirely educational and charitable.

Strategic Directions

The JLP is committed to lead into the future. To implement our vision, JLP has identified several strategic directions:

- **MEMBERSHIP/TRAINING**
Establish a rewarding and supportive volunteer organization for women
- **COMMUNITY**
Serve the community through the effective use of volunteers, resources and projects
- **FINANCIAL/OPERATIONS**
Preserve the long-term financial health and operation of the JLP
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
Enhance the awareness and image of the JLP to both internal and external sources

The following SDC Members will be assigned to the above goals and will be contacting Board Directors to discuss their goals/objectives for the 2003-2004 year keeping the strategic objectives as the backbone of their plan.

Membership/Training - Beth Harhai
Community – Elizabeth “Beth” McCall
Financial/Operations – Tracy Tinnemeyer
Communications – Kari Brumback

All leaders are encouraged to contact SDC should they have any questions for or need help from Beth Harhai, SDC Director, at bethharhai@adelphia.net or 412-344-1748.

Honoring Our JLP “Herstory”

By Louise Kay Woodside, Facilities Chair and Archivist

Did you know that...?

The Junior League has moved its Thrift Shop three times since 1926. The first move was to a larger store on Penn Avenue in 1960. The second move was to 4707 Liberty Avenue in Bloomfield in 1969. Sara Lowery, Danielle Carlson and their WAS Committee hope along with the whole JLP that the third move to 4752 Liberty Avenue will be the charm!

The first JLP signature project was the Girls' Service Club “which provided temporary lodging for girls (read ‘pregnant teens’) where they might have personal attention, where their

futures were protected or at least guarded until their problems were solved.”

In order to raise funds for this project, “Snapshots of 1924,” a follies-type revue was held. Proceeds from this venture were used to purchase 1220 Sheffield Street as a permanent home for the Girls' Service Club.

*Information gathered from [The Junior League of Pittsburgh/ Fifty Years of Service/1922-1972](#)

It's Showtime

The research begins...

With the new League year starting, the Show House Research Committee will move into full swing. Along with the search for a fabulous house, the committee will be researching and writing a process to encompass "How to Produce a Show House". The process will include the following key areas:

- A Business Plan / Media Kit for the future Show House to be given to potential homeowners (JLP history / highlights, past show house information / photos, timing etc...)
- Compiling and reviewing the 2003 Show House Chairs' Recaps, Surveys, and Notebooks
- Reviewing the Show House 2003 Survey Results
- Researching other Leagues on Best Practices
- Identifying and defining the key components of a Show House: time lines, committee descriptions, number of members required, time commitments, budgets, necessary forms etc...

Spread the word...

The **Junior League of Pittsburgh** is looking for a house to decorate.

If you've got a big house that needs a major face-lift or know someone who does, the Show House Research committee is looking for you. We are in search of a home with approximately 15 – 18 rooms, which can be made over by area interior and exterior designers for the 2005 fundraiser, **The 2005 Designers' Show House.**

The designer show house is a tremendous fundraiser with the potential to be an outstanding public relations opportunity for Junior League of Pittsburgh (as we experienced with the 2003 Designers' Show House) and can really highlight the community programs we support in the process. It is also a perfect way to showcase the talents of interior / exterior designers, landscapers, painters, and craftsmen.

The research committee will use the following list as a guide when researching a house:

- Interesting History
- Eye-catching Architecture
- Curb Appeal
- Solid Structure
- Updated Utilities
- Accessible Parking

We are calling on all league members for your support in helping the Show House Research Committee find a magnificent house. If you have leads on potential sites, please contact:

Lisa Contestible (litro@bellatlantic.net),
 Show House Research Co-Chair
 Kari Brumbac (dbrumbac@earthlink.net),
 Show House Research Co-Chair
 JLP Headquarters 1620 Murray Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15217
 (jlp@aol.com)

Thank you all for your help and support in advance.

Honoring the Past...Uncorking the future

SAVE THE DATE!

"Honoring the Past... Uncorking the Future"
Thursday, September 18, 2003 6pm - 8pm

Join Vintage as it celebrates its 30th anniversary and honors three of its founding members: Melinda Beard, Mimi Bitzer and Donna Holland. The Junior League was instrumental in establishing Vintage and several members are also involved in organizing this event including Marie Coleman, Julia Gleason, Lori Kuhn, and Dierdre Ragan and Allison Lee Mann on the honorary committee.

We hope that many actives and sustainers will show their support for this vital organization.

Festivities include: hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a silent auction and the unveiling of a new mural depicting the history of East Liberty. The artist, Vincent Beatty will be on hand to talk about his work. The mural will be installed on the outside wall of Vintage in October 2003.

Ticket prices are \$60 and \$100 (Patron). For more information, call: 412-361-5003. Vintage is located at 401 North Highland Avenue, East Liberty.

CADC Committee

Focused on reaching out to worthy organizations and programs

CADC, or Community Assessment and Development is charged with keeping informed about community needs and determining how the resources of the JLP can help meet those needs. This involves primarily:

1. Community Grants: Awarding \$10,000 in grants to non-profit organizations that fit our mission and other specific criteria

Last year CADC focused on grants for those organizations whose work contributed to 'the improvement of women's lives'. Grants were awarded to: **Sojourner House, Lydia's Place, The Corporate Collection and Hearth.**

This year, CADC will search for a way to reach other worthy organizations and programs keeping in mind :

- Our JLP Mission and focus areas: women, children, literacy, aging, health, the arts
- Our Signature Project, Everybody Wins! which focuses on children's literacy
- Ways to positively promote the JLP name and how we impact the community
- The top priority for the Pittsburgh region is improving its economic viability

2. Scholarship: Selecting a recipient for the \$2,500 Rae Watson Scholarship. It will be given to a young women who is an Allegheny County resident, is attending college the following year, and has shown devotion to volunteer work.

3. Projects: Sending Request for Proposals that outline the different types of support (both monetary and volunteer) that are available from the JLP to area non-profit organizations.

This comprehensive group includes organizations, which we currently support as well as those we have supported in the past, organizations who have shown interest in becoming a project in the past, and non-profits suggested by League members. CADC then reads project proposals and selects a short list of projects to be approved by the board and voted on by the membership. Potential projects are presented and voted upon in the spring at a general membership meeting. Examples include Vintage, Children's Museum Backyard project, and Family Resources.

4. New Signature Project Search: Researching and working with our Strategic Development Committee (SDC) to find a Signature Project (like Everybody Wins!) to launch, once Everybody Wins! is turned over to Beginning with Books. Because EW! will only be in its second of three years, it is not time yet to research a new signature project. That will occur next year (2004-2005).

5. JLP Guest Membership in Grantmakers of Western PA: Evaluating if the JLP should permanently join Grantmakers and how we fit into the grantmaking community. Committee member, Susan Wagner is the JLP/CADC representative for Grantmakers. More to come in future issues in Lights on this...

The 2003-2004 Community and Assessment Development Committee (CADC) includes:

Beth Vucic (Director), Susan Wagner, Kimberly Mills, Katherine Doyle, Beth Demko, Beth McCall (Strategic Development representative) and Christine McMillan

Be on the lookout for future articles. We will be asking the Membership for their ideas and input!

Would you walk a mile... to save a life?



The Junior League of Pittsburgh has made a commitment to build a team for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk. This is an opportunity for our organization to do something good in our community. It is an opportunity for individuals to join the JLP Team and

- Raise funds for the Society to use for critical cancer research and services for patients and their families
- Project a very positive JLP image to the Pittsburgh community

Light the Night is a non-competitive evening walk to celebrate and commemorate the lives of people touched by cancer. It is a great family event and all ages are welcome. Walkers hold illuminated balloons – white for survivors, red for supporters – and light the night with hope. The Walk culminates in a community celebration with music, refreshments and entertainment, where friends, family members, co-workers, and others come together to demonstrate their support for cancer patients.

Funds will be used for research to find cures for blood-related cancers - leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma – and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

As the JLP PR Director, I encourage you assist the League in having a part in this worthwhile endeavor. You will be glad you joined us.

Contact Ann Bondi at 412-341-7038 or bondoa6@adelphia.net to join the League Team!

Walk event information:

When: Wednesday, October 1
 Time: 5:30pm registration, 7:30pm walk
 Place: Heinz Field, North Side
 How: Contact Ann Bondi to join the JLP Team

Why: The need for cures is critical.
 Every five minutes, someone in this country is Diagnosed with a blood-related cancer.
 Every nine minutes, someone dies.

Leukemia is the leading cause of disease-related death among children under age 15.

Light the Night and brighten the future for millions touched by cancer.

You're Invited!

To the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 81st Birthday Party

Where: General Membership Meeting,
 New Enterprise Tower

When: October 8, 2003 at 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting

The featured speaker for this evening is Linda Babcock, the James M. Walton Professor of Economics at Carnegie Mellon University. This will be the Pittsburgh premier of her latest book, "Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide".

Books will be available for purchase and signature prior and after meeting.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY
 ARE WELCOME!!**



Authors Selected for Fall Series November 6, 2003

The Junior League of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette have selected two authors for the Fall Book and Author Series.

Gail Collins, editor of the



New York Times editorial page and author of *America's Women: A History of Women Beginning with the Roanoke Colony*

and Wil Haygood, a staff



writer for The Boston Globe and author of *In Black and White: The Life of Sammy Davis, Jr.*

A third author will be announced later this month.

The Book and Author Series will be the JLP's most exciting and educational fundraiser this fall so please plan to attend.

The evening will begin at 6:30 with heavy hors d'oeuvres in the Carnegie Music Hall Foyer. At 7:30, the authors will speak in the Carnegie Music Hall, followed by a question and answer session and book signing. We lowered ticket prices to \$35 and are offering a special \$10 student rate.

Come hear about these new releases, meet the latest authors and support the Junior League of Pittsburgh. If you are in a book group, writing group or any other club that would enjoy this event, please spread the word.



2003-04 Board/General Membership Meeting Dates

2003

September 3 – Board Meeting
September 10 – General Membership Meeting
 October 1 – Board Meeting
 October 8 – General Membership Meeting
 November 5 – Board Meeting
 November 12 – General Membership Meeting
 December 3 – Board Meeting

2004

January 7 - Board Meeting
 February 4 - Board Meeting
 February 11 – General Membership Meeting
 March 3 – Board Meeting
 March 10 – GMM /Placement Fair - REQUIRED
 April 7 – Board Meeting
 April 14 – General Membership
 May 5 – Board Meeting
 May 26 – Transitional Board Meeting
 June 2 – Annual Meeting/GMM - REQUIRED

September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 BMM	4	5	6 DIAD
7 DIAD	8	9	10 10AM-2PM DIAD 6:30 GMM	11	12 *Lights * WAS Open House	13
14	15	16	17	18 Vintage 30th Anniversary Party	19	20 Celebrate Convention Ctr. Opening
21 Celebrate Convention Ctr. Opening	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

General Membership Meeting Location

The General Membership Meetings will take place at the **Regional Enterprise Tower located at Sixth Avenue, Downtown — 31st floor.**

All GMMs start with a Social at 6:30pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. Please note, to accommodate requests for tables, easels, projectors, etc. at the GMMs, Program Services needs seven days PRIOR notice. Please contact Tonya Woody at 412-826-8866 with your requests. Reminder: parking is available across the street in the Mellon Square Garage.

Directions to the Regional Enterprise Tower

Arriving From the West

(Pittsburgh International Airport)

- From Airport follow Route 60 South/I-279
- Go through the Fort Pitt Tunnel and over the Fort Pitt Bridge
- Exit straight from the bridge
- Take the “Liberty Avenue” Exit
- Proceed straight on Liberty Avenue to Sixth Avenue and make right hand turn

- Proceed for 3 blocks to William Penn Way
- The Regional Enterprise Tower is on your left

Arriving from the East

- Proceed West on Route 376
- Exit at Grant Street
- Proceed on Grant Street to Sixth Avenue and turn left; Go one block and cross William Penn Way; The Regional Enterprise Tower is on your right

Arriving from the North/Traveling on I-79

- From I-79 take Exit #21 to 279 South
- Follow 279 South which turns into 279 as you approach Downtown Pittsburgh
- Look for a sign indicating Sixth Avenue – Seventh Avenue – Civic Arena Exit
- Take Seventh Avenue side of this exit and cross Grant Street; Drive 1 block to William Penn Way and make a left; Drive 1 block to Sixth Avenue and the Regional Enterprise Tower is on your right

One day is all it takes

From the DIAD Committee

PROJECT 1:

Recipient: The Family House of Pittsburgh
 Date/Time: Saturday 09/06/03
 Shift 1: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm 3-4 volunteers
 Shift 2: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm 3-4 volunteers
 Activity: Volunteers to staff the Boutique at the Family House of Pittsburgh's 20th Annual Polo Tournament at Hartwood Acres
 RSVP: Diane Rankin at diane.rankin@momlistens.com or 412-841-9984

PROJECT 2:

Recipient: National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
 Date/Time: Sunday 09/07/03; 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 Activity: NOCC Walk for the Whisper at North Park
 RSVP: Register online at www.ovarianpgh.org (and let Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.com know that you participated)

PROJECT 3:

Recipient: Every Child, Inc.
 6401 Penn Avenue - 3rd Floor
 Pittsburgh, PA (East Liberty)
 Date/Time: Wednesday 09/10/03; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Activity: Through the United Way Day of Caring 5+ volunteers are needed to organize donations and revamp the children's room to make the facility more inviting to children and their parents
 RSVP: Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.com or 412-391-9860

PROJECT 4:

Recipient: American Cancer Society
 Date/Time: Saturday 10/11/03 (time TBA)
 Activity: Volunteers to assist on the day of the American Cancer Society's "Cura-A-Palooza," a unique black tie fund raiser event; 6:00 - 11:00 pm at the Omni William Penn, 555 William Penn Place, downtown Pittsburgh.
 RSVP: Kelly Enders at kle@cbmclaw.com or 412-391-9860

Placement Committee off to a fast start!



Melissa Stalder, Alison Tyson, Linnea Johnson

Photo highlights
 Placement Committee Tea
 June 22, 2003



Lynne Chadwick, Laurie DuChateau, Katie Jones



Jane Terlion, Sue Duris-McMurdy, Sara Lowery

As these photos show, fun was had by all. The Placement Team is excited this year. We already have lots of things in the works. We are looking forward to working with our individual advisee groups and to helping to make this year a "blast."

Placement... It's a Whole New Ball Game

By Sue Duris-McMurdy, 2003-04 Placement Director

There's a lot of excitement about Placement in the air these days. At our Placement Committee Retreat last month, there was so much enthusiasm, and great ideas on how to help you advance your Junior League "career" and have a great experience in the process. Before we get to upcoming events, I thought it would be great for you to get to know your Placement Advisor. Each advisor was asked a set of five questions and these were their responses:

Jane Terlion

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years in the JLP and 1 year in the Junior League of Denver.
Placements You Have Had? CADC Committee, Computer Committee (member and Chair), Fund Development, Lights Editor, Pittsburgh Children's Museum Backyard project Chair, Placement Advisor, Placement Director, Projects Director.

What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? IT professional/Enjoys golfing, upholstery/refinishing/decorating, travel, and coin collecting (especially "smooshed" coins).

What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To ensure that my advisees enjoy their year by "knowing how to be involved."

Cecile Usner

How long have you been in the JLP? 10 years.
Placements You Have Had? Placement Advisor, Wear After Shop, SDC, SDC Director, President-Elect, President.
What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? State Farm Claims Representative/Enjoys reading, walking, baking, and writing.
What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To get enough advertisements in Lights to cover the cost!!!

Melissa Stalder

How long have you been in the JLP? 3 years.
Placements you have had? Training Committee, Training Committee Co-Chair, Placement Advisor.
What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Enjoys golfing, cooking and playing with my son.
What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? I would like to really get to know my committee and bring us together as a team.



L to R: Katie Jones, Lynne Chadwick, Sara Lowery, Melissa Stalder, Cecile Usner, Beth Regan, Crystal McCormick Ware, Laurie DuChateau, Sue Duris-McMurdy, Allison Burgan and Louise Kay Woodside. Not pictured: Jane Terlion, Kim Powers, Pam Gardner, Alison Tyson, Jeannette Laudner

Laurie DuChateau

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years.
Placements You Have Had? I Have A Dream, Silent Witness, Public Affairs Director, Nominating Committee, Book and Author, Placement Advisor.
What is your occupation/What do you like to do in your spare time? Attorney/Enjoy travel and spending time with my nieces and nephews.
What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To foster a relationship with my advisees that will enhance their JLP experience and create open communications with the JLP.

Louise Kay Woodside

How long have you been in the JLP? 4 years in the JLP, plus 2 years in the Junior League of Chicago.
Placements You Have Had? Provisional Toy Sale Co-Chair, 1999 Show House Preview Party Chair, Fund Development Director, WAS Co-Chair, Placement Advisor.
What is your occupation/What do you like to do in your spare time? Homemaker/Enjoys playing tennis, reading, singing in church choir, knitting and cross-stitching, and playing with Lowrie.

What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To be a friendly mentor and resource for my advisees.

Placement...

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Beth Regan

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Book and Author, Nominating, Facilities Director, Placement Advisor.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? My goal is to help advisees get to know each other and be available to answer any questions regarding the league.

Allison Burgan

How long have you been in the JLP? 6 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Silent Witness Chair, WAS Chair, Projects Director, President-Elect, President, Public Affairs Director, Facilities Chair, 80th Anniversary Gala Chair, Placement Advisor.
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Horticulturalist and owner of "Dirty Paws" Garden Maintenance./Besides gardening, I do a lot of needlepoint, scraping and stamping. I also volunteer for other organizations, including being Junior Warden of Fox Chapel Episcopal Church and President of their ECW, Secretary of Woodlands Garden Club, and member of the Beechwood Farms' Secret Garden Tour.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? My hopes are that my group of advisees feels a kindred spirit within the group as well as the JLP as a whole. But the most important thing is to have fun...enjoy...and bond.

Lynne Chadwick

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Caring Place, HEARTH (formerly North Hills Affordable Housing), Training Chair, CADC Director, Projects Director, Nominating Director, Placement Advisor, and Everybody Wins!
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Training Manager/I like to travel, play golf, watch cable TV, especially Sex and the City, Trading Spaces and anything on BBC America.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To help members enjoy their JLP experience.

Kim Powers

How long have you been in the JLP? 5 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Transfer Committee, Training Committee, Training Chair, Strategic Development Director, Placement Advisor.
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Trainer/Consultant/Mom.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? Have fun!

Crystal McCormick Ware

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Membership, Training, Nominating, Placement Advisor.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To be a role model to the women that I will advise in the Junior League.

Sara Lowery

How long have you been in the JLP? 3 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Cookbook/Fund Development, WAS, WAS Co-Chair, Placement Advisor.
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? I work for Pittsburgh Coatings./This summer my spare time has been spent getting the new WAS location ready to open. When I do have spare time, I go to the gym, take dog agility classes with Buck, watch rodeos, and travel.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? I'd like to make sure everyone is enjoying her involvement in the League.

Jeanette Laudner

How long have you been in the JLP? I have been in the JLP for 2 years, JL of Chicago for 2 years, and the JL of Los Angeles for 2 years.
 Placements You Have Had? Transfer, Scholarship, Membership, Placement Advisor.
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Retail Management/golf.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? To make people feel more included in the league.

Katie Jones

How long have you been in the JLP? 3 years
 Placements You Have Had? Children's Museum, Special Events, Special Events Chair, Placement Advisor.
 What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? IT Project Manager/I will be pursuing my Masters in Teaching at Chatham starting this fall. I also enjoy spending time with friends, skiing, and traveling.
 What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? Make sure we have a great group, go to several special events, and get to know each other.

Placement...

Pamela Gardner

How long have you been in the JLP? 7 years.

Placements You Have Had? CADC Director, Education/Events Director, Program Services, Cookbook, Nominating, Placement Advisor.

What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Agency Manager and Consultant./ I have no spare time as I am getting married! When I do have spare time I like to golf, ski, and do charity work.

What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? Make sure members feel included, that there is continuous communication, and a connection with the members of my group.

Sue Duris-McMurdy

How long have you been in the JLP? 5 years.

Placements You Have Had? Provisional Toy Sale Co-Chair, WAS Chair, Fund Development Director, SDC, Vintage, Program Services, Placement Advisor, Placement Director.

What is your occupation?/What do you like to do in your spare time? Marketing Director/Playing with Folsom (our new chocolate miniature poodle), watching college and pro football, charity work, shopping, traveling, and playing tennis.

What is your #1 goal as a placement advisor this year? Making sure all my placement advisors have the tools they need to be the best they can be so they can help their advisees have the best junior league experience they can.

What's in store in the coming months?

You should have heard or will be hearing from your placement advisor. Each placement advisor has committed to ensuring their advisees have fun, so get ready for some fun social activities with your own placement group.

Your advisor has also committed to be your mentor, to help you navigate through your junior league career and help you have an enjoyable junior league experience. To help you, this year your placement advisor will be conducting one-on-one interviews with you. You will be asked to participate in a Fall Placement Interview as well as one in the Spring, right before Placement Fair in March. The Fall Placement Interview is your opportunity to communicate your expectations, opinions, suggestions and leadership aspirations to your placement advisor. Fall Placement Interviews will be conducted in August and September.

For the September GMM, we are asking that all actives sit with their respective placement advisors. We will be communicating this to you in more detail via telephone, e-mail blast and the JLP web site, so please check out the details.

In October, we will be conducting what we hope to be the annual "We Want You Back" Campaign. The objective of the campaign is to re-recruit members who have left the JLP for whatever reason. We are taking the position that while a member might find the need to leave our league, the door is always open to return. If you are interested in helping us with this effort, please e-mail me at jeffsue2@comcast.net or call me at 724-469-6056.

Sustainer News

By Barbara MacQuown, Sustainer Director

This past May 20th, the Sustainer Spring Luncheon was held at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh in the Founder's Room.

The luncheon was very well attended by our Sustainers including Louise Bergstrom, Sally Bregenser, Sue Bond, Stephanie Bozic, Jan Chadwick, Janet Conomos, Jo Ann Churchill, Grace Compton, Babs Donnell, Lucy Douglas, Ellen Foulke, Audrey Garbisch, Linda Hartman, Carol Heppner, Karen Dunn Kelley, Mary Kistler, Candice Komar, Carrie Casey Leemhuis, Clare Meehan, Mary Kay Mitchell, Peggy Mooney, Jean Novak, Jean Petersen, Pat Pohlman, Heather

Richardson, Cathy Rogers, Millie Ryan, Nancy Scarton, Karen Slevin, Thea Stover, Betsy Teti, Mary Lloyd Thompson, Libbet Weidlein and Frances Wilson.

The luncheon included a tour of "Panopticon" as well as remarks by Chief Curator, Sarah Nichols.

We look forward to many more Sustainer events.

Sustainer Spotlight

Take Advantage of the Training Opportunities



Many of us enjoyed sustainer Cookie Roberson's recent training about Show House at the February General Membership Meeting. Cookie is glad to contribute to the wonderful volunteer training that the League provides, having benefited from it herself in the past. As the 1995 Designers' Show House Chair of a 40 member planning committee, she greatly appreciated that her volunteers were already well-trained by their past League experiences. She feels that this strong

preparation of volunteers is well-known and respected in the community, and this translates into a significant advantage when it comes to fundraising.

Cookie feels that the training of League volunteers greatly contributed to a successful 1995 Show House. Although this was the first Show House after a six-year hiatus, the net profits exceeded \$93,000. Cookie found that the talent within the membership was enormous and that members brought substantial energy, creativity, and resources to the project. She was also grateful that numerous sustainers returned to provide their support and give their perspective.

Having never belonged to a women's organization, Cookie Roberson was excited to join the Junior League of Pittsburgh in 1992, after moving here with her husband from Northern Virginia. Having heard of the League as she moved around the world with her husband, who was in the military, she felt the League would be a good introduction to Pittsburgh. In addition to Show House, Cookie served on the Financial Development Committee and chaired the Holly Days Development Committee. She also founded "Take a Girl Scout to Work Day," which paired high-achieving Girl Scouts with Junior League and other professional women from the community. She served on the Board of Directors and received the JLP Placement Award in 1994.

Cookie's advice to actives? Take advantage of the many friendships and opportunities that the League provides. She reminds actives that the skills you learn within the Junior League will contribute to the rest of your life. The Junior League taught Cookie to thoroughly research a project and to set goals and objectives. Currently she is applying this knowledge towards planning her daughter's wedding this coming summer and

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towards editing and directing the publication of the autobiography of her father, who was interned in a Japanese Relocation Camp in Wyoming during World War II. She currently serves on La Roche College's Board of Regents and with the Civic Light Opera Guild. This all comes in addition to owning a consulting business and living part of the year in Hawaii.

What was perhaps the most significant contribution that the League made in Cookie's life? Her current profession! After Show House, one of the committee members introduced Cookie to professional fundraising. Cookie took a position the following year as Fundraising Counsel to the Italian American Program at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center and raised over \$1 million for the program. To devote herself full-time to her new career, Cookie became a Sustainer in 1996. Clearly, Cookie has continued to benefit from her Junior League training, long after it formally ended.

Executive Committee Nominating Form & Leadership Interest Survey

We appreciate any additional information on your/your candidate's qualifications. Nominations for the following positions should be sent to the attention of Linnea Johnson. They must be received at JLP Headquarters or via email (nea429@aol.com) by **September 10, 2003**.

(If mailed, please mark the envelope Confidential Nomination.) The Gray Book leadership requirements are listed below each position. Please note, these requirements may be amended at a Board meeting if the best candidate for a position does not meet them as specified.

Your Name: _____

President-Elect _____

- 1. served on Board or Chair of two Committees
- 2. 3 years in the Pittsburgh League
- 3. Served on three different in-League committees

Have you discussed the fact that you think this nominee would be good for this position with her? yes no
Candidate qualifications:

Secretary _____

- 1. served on Board or Chair of two Committees
- 2. 3 years in the Pittsburgh League
- 3. Served on three committees

Have you discussed the fact that you think this nominee would be good for this position with her? yes no
Candidate qualifications:

Treasurer-Elect _____

- 1. Understanding of accounting
- 2. Past treasurer of any fund raiser, project, or other committee
- 3. Served on the Board or Chair of two committees
- 4. 3 years in the Pittsburgh League

Have you discussed the fact that you think this nominee would be good for this position with her? yes no
Candidate qualifications:

Note: The current President-Elect automatically becomes the President and the current Treasurer-Elect automatically becomes the Treasurer unless she declines or is unable to fill the position.

League Member's Leadership Interests:

- I am not interested in a leadership position at this time.
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Which positions are of interest?

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Sally Willing to Indianapolis

TRANSFER IN

Katherine Doyle from Augusta, GA
Kristin La Fond from Omaha, NE

NON RESIDENT ACTIVE

Christa Houser
Michelle Dobbs

ACTIVE TO GOLD ACTIVE

Julie Andrews
Kerri Cappella
Marie Coleman
Kim Jackson
Stacey Jacobs
Charlene Marquart
Amy Sorber Klein
Louise Kay Woodside

ACTIVE TO SUSTAINER

Eileen Belak
Jennifer Calihan
Julie Dever
Janice Johns
Jessica Lynch
Sally Mueller
Allyson Sveda
Lisa Marie Toffolo

SUSTAINER TO ACTIVE:

Laurie Ann Foster

REINSTATE TO TRANSFER

OUT:

Mollie Gallagher

RESIGN IN GOOD STANDING:

ACTIVES

Anissa Boyle
Jennifer Broadhurst
Katy Caliguiri
Carie Connell
Jessica Green
Lori Grandon
Cynthia Henley
(Elizabeth) Betsy Jones
Jill Miller
Ronna Mineo
Constance Moniodes
Julie Renz
Michelle Rhee
Julie Rooney
Julia Scott
Emily Sinar
Brenda Smolkey
Jennifer Weinberg

SUSTAINERS

Vira Doughton
Bernice Hooten
Joann Kacin
Patricia Osborne
Melanie Luther
Susan Roberts

REMOVED ACTIVES

Heather Brooks
Laura Bucks
Karen Cooper
Jacqueline Cox
Meghan Jones
Sherry Kanzius
Stephie-Anna Kapourales
Holly Morgan
Cynthia Morrison
Kelly Reynolds
Justine Ryan
Amy Scheible
Meghan Stein
Natalie Smith
Maria Teramana
Maureen Pritchard

MATERNITY LEAVE

Stacey Jacobs
5-1 to 11-2

LOA

Jane Meacci
6-1 to 11-1
Tammy Monk
6-1 to 11-1
Elene Moran
6-1 to 11-1
Jessica O'Brien
6-1 to 11-1
Shelley Pieklik
6-1 to 11-1

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Renee Jabbour
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COMMUNITY PLACEMENT

Marie Coleman—Vintage
Christine Farrell—Pittsburgh
Vintage Grand Prix Exec Commit-
tee
Laurie Ann Foster—Children's
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