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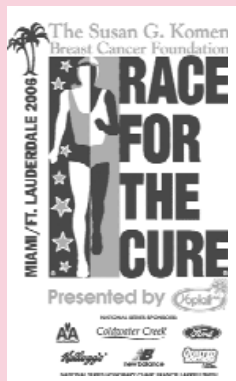


The Junior League of Miami, Inc. Membership Newsletter

JLM Races for the Cure

By Liza Winkeljohn, Done In A Day

On Saturday, October 21, JLM members joined the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure early in the morning at Bayfront Park. As always, the Junior League hosted a tent and strongly encouraged all members,



to participate on the JLM team. Those that did could receive one GMM credit for their participation. See photos in the JLM web gallery.

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2006-07 President's Message *By Susan Lerner*

Looking Beyond the Junior League of Miami



This fall we reach beyond the League to hear the stories of others at the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Casa Valentina, The Children's Trust, Overtown Youth Center, Independent Living Initiative, Miami-Dade's Court system and the Black Archives of Miami. Why?

Bringing these people to our meetings and venturing out to their venues enables the Junior League of Miami to see and hear firsthand just where other organizations, and the private businesses that support them, are committing significant dollars and why. One case in point is the Overtown Youth Center (OYC), which several League members visited in September. OYC started as a vision of local real estate developer Martin Z. Margulies. Through the Margulies Foundation, he built the Overtown Youth Center with the support of Alonzo Mourning. OYC is also funded in part by The Children's Trust

(to which we as homeowners contribute – recall our September speaker Charles Auslander from the Trust) and one of our sustainers Sara Herald is on the OYC board. OYC is tackling Miami-Dade's appalling high school graduation rate through an after-school program that follows children from a young age until graduation. The program already boasts impressive measurable school performance outcomes.

As we continue to venture outside of our own organization this year in search of where the League can make the greatest impact, I challenge each of you to engage in your own due diligence and participate in the League's dialogue for our future. How can you do this? Attend our general membership meetings and program development presentations. Join the signature project ad hoc committee. Express your opinions about where and how the Junior League of Miami should spend our hard-earned dollars and precious volunteer resources. You can start by emailing me at: ssl@florida-attorneys.com. ☎

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Nominate a Woman Who Has Made a Difference in Our Community

Women Who Make a Difference Honoree nominations are due by October 27th for the 2007 event scheduled for March 2007. Please submit your WWMD nomination online at www.jlmiami.org/fundraisers-current.php or contact co-chair Vicky Hucks at vickyhucks@aol.com with questions. ☎

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SAVE THE DATES

General Membership Meetings

Evening Meetings will be held at the Country Club of Coral Gables and begin with a social at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Morning Meetings will be held at HQ, 9:00 a.m. social and 9:30 a.m. meetings. General Membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month.

November 14
January 9 (Area Meetings)
February 13

March 13
April 10
May 8 (Annual Meeting)

As a courtesy to others, please sign in only if you are able to stay for the duration of the meeting to receive one meeting credit.

The Junior League of Miami 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 exclusively educational and charitable.

Our Vision is to empower Miami's women, children, and families to conquer tomorrow's challenges and to build a united community.

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Miami Magic

By JJ Snow, Co-Chair

Miami Magic, celebrating Junior League of Miami's 80th Anniversary, is going to be an unforgettable gala evening of jazz, dinner and dancing on November 11, 2006. The black-tie event will be held at the Country Club of Coral Gables. This year's honorees include: **Alex Rodriguez** of the New York Yankees; Miami artist and advocate for children, **Xavier Cortada**; **Dr. Dorothy Fields**, founder of Miami's Black Archives; and **Ken Gorin**, philanthropist and owner of The Collection.

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with an Honoree Reception at Coral Gables Mayor and Mrs. Slesnick's home. The Honoree Reception will be an intimate event, where approximately 100 guests will mingle among this year's honorees while enjoying hors d'oeuvres presented by Christy's Restaurant and cocktails courtesy of National Distributing Company.

The Main Event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Country Club of Coral Gables. In

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honor of the era of Junior League of Miami's formation, the Country Club of Coral Gables will be magically transformed into a 1920's supper club with live jazz performed all evening. In between dining and dancing, guests will enjoy libations compliments of National Distributing Company.

The Miami Magic auction is taking a different approach this year. Instead of a silent auction, we will be selling individual raffle puzzle pieces (\$100 each) for a chance at winning one of ten fabulous items worth at least \$1,000 such as jewelry, artwork and travel-related items. In addition, a handful of highly-coveted items will be auctioned off during the evening through a live auction.

We invite you to partner with us for this elegant, festive event through sponsorship or table hosting. Contact event co-

chairs **Katie Lane-Arriola** (305.788.7047) or **JJ Snow Hansen** (305.608.8750) for more information.

Tickets are limited and are on sale now. \$250 includes the Honoree Reception and Main Event and \$150 for the Main Event only. Tables, individual tickets, and raffle puzzle pieces may be purchased online at www.jlmiami.org



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President Elect's Message

Preparing for Next Year... By Lauren Harrison Genovese



What an incredible year my President-Elect year is already shaping up to be! I am excited to have the time and opportunity to fill in my information gaps so that I can do the very best job possible as your leader next year. Taking on the Presidency of this incredible organization is a daunting task. There are big shoes to fill. I continually marvel at the accomplishments that so many of our former Presidents have made: **Mary Young** as President of the YWCA and first female chair of the Coral Gables Community Foundation; **Claudia Kitchens** as founder and Executive Director of The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County; **Debbie Korge** as President of Informed Families... just to name a few.

I have already called upon several of you to make arrangements to observe and participate in our eight community projects this year. I will be contacting many others in order to learn more about the League functional areas that

my prior JLM experience has not encompassed. This is your League. Please contact me if you have ideas about potential new community projects, deserving grant recipients, thoughts about enhancing our future fundraising efforts, increasing our membership satisfaction or other new initiatives that the Junior League of Miami should consider undertaking.

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking to our 2006-2007 Provisional Class. As I told these 100 outstanding women, my most fervent wish for each of them is that the Junior League of Miami will "work" for them; that they will become passionate about JLM and that they will become personally committed to the League. For our members, JLM should be a continual and progressive experience from Provisional to Active and eventually, Sustainer. Learning about the amazing charitable organizations in our community that JLM currently assists, establishing meaningful relationships within our organization and con-

necting with those less fortunate in our community are just a few of the rewards the provisionals will experience.

For the rest of us, (Actives and Sustainers), my hope is that we will revitalize our passion for the Junior League of Miami this year. Support our fundraisers and encourage others within your circle of influence to attend. Stay informed about our Community Projects, and the incredible impact that JLM makes on the lives of so many. Tell others about what JLM is accomplishing to help to build upon our community reputation and support. Encourage bright, capable and compassionate women to join our organization so that we may continue to fulfill our mission. Finally, permit yourself to be touched, inspired and motivated to make a life-long commitment to voluntarism.

I look forward to working with you next year!! ☺

Our Website...

Your Link to All Things JLM By Bibi Cruz-Ledón, VP Communications



Have you been to the JLM website lately? If you haven't, please be sure to click on www.jlmiami.org today for the latest news and events. This summer we have worked hard to update and keep all information current and interesting. If you need more information about one of our projects, want to buy fundraiser tickets, or just want to find out when the next event is...it's all available on our website. Be sure to check out the photo gallery, your picture may be there!

We update the site on a daily basis and want all members to know what's available.

In addition to news and our calendar, we now have a password protected portion of the site. If you haven't already checked on your information, please email our Interactive Communications Diva, **Kara Skelley**, at databasediva@jlmiami.org to get your user name and password. ☺



Susan Speaks... *By Susan Lerner*

This year, our *Journal* editor, **Kendall Pryles**, asked me to write a column captioned, "Susan Speaks". (Kendall tells me that she is a literary fan and likes alliteration). So, I would like to take this opportunity to share an important observation with you.

As many of you already appreciate, our members' entrepreneurial successes in the business community are quite impressive. At least four businesses in a three-block radius of downtown South Miami alone are member-owned. And, the number of other member-owned enterprises throughout the County is also significant. Likewise, many of our members are executives and in other leadership positions in many of the largest and most successful businesses in

Miami-Dade County. These members, like so many others among us, have a long history of supporting our league through advertising, monetary and in-kind contributions, and volunteer commitments.

The plain truth is that all of us also bring an incredible amount of talent, drive and expertise to our League's table. No doubt, our members themselves are truly our most valuable asset. I submit that this is why the Junior League of Miami remains relevant and continues to thrive after 80 years. Record numbers of women are inquiring about our organization and ultimately making the decision to join.

Thanks to each of you for doing your part that contributes toward this upward trend. ☺

Community Partners

Community Partners is the League's corporate fundraising arm and we welcome your suggestions. Is the company where you work a good one for the League to contact? Whom might you recommend we contact? How should we approach this contact?

Please share your suggestions with Katie Cabanas at khartmeyer@hotmail.com or 305-322-9272.

Thank you!

"Race for the Cure" continued from page 1

Reasons Why Women Walked & Ran

The hundreds of women who turned out for the annual Race for the Cure....

- Supported the thousands of courageous women who currently battle breast cancer
- Paid tribute to those who have passed away due to breast cancer
- Honored breast cancer survivors
- Supported breast cancer programs in our community with up to 75% of net proceeds from the Komen Miami/Ft. Laud. Race for the Cure staying in our community to support local breast cancer programs
- Contributed to breast cancer research – 25% of net proceeds support the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program – one of the country's most innovative, responsive breast cancer grant programs in existence today. ☺

Training Events

By Kabrina Means

Mark your calendar to join in these informative, fun events:

November 9, 2006

Books & Books evening event

February 13, 2007

De-stress Yourself After the morning and evening GMMs

March 2007

Fitness Event w/Equinox Gym, date TBA

April 10, 2007

Orchid Care, After the morning GMM

Nominating...Cast Your Straw Ballot!

Nominate 2007-2008 Junior League of Miami Board of Directors and Other Slated Positions

Read all about the Straw Ballot online at www.jlmiami.org, where you can cast your ballot. The deadline for Straw Ballot Submissions is **Friday, December 1, 2006**, at 5:00 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the deadline!

SuperLeaguer & Leadership Awards

Melissa Silva, Kara Skelley recognized for summer work

By Michelle Ramirez-Patricios, VP Membership



We thank the many members who have already worked so hard over the summer to ready us for the league year. We would like to recognize one member in particular for the SuperLeaguer award. That is Melissa Silva for her initiative and efforts in June to introduce the league to the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Melissa arranged for a tour of the Miami Lighthouse and a meeting with its president and CEO Virginia Jacko. The Lighthouse, just west of Brickell Avenue has a beautiful garden, wonderful state-of-the-art facilities and impressive programs: from an outreach called

"Mothers of Blind Babies" to a children's summer camp and audio computer programming.

Because of Melissa's initiative, our Done in A Day committee will help with the Lighthouse's client holiday party on December 9th. We have Melissa Silva to thank for this wonderful opportunity to partner with a new and incredible community organization. Congratulations, Melissa, for receiving the summer SuperLeaguer award.



The Summer Leadership award goes to our very own database diva Kara Skelley. Throughout the Summer, Kara has worked

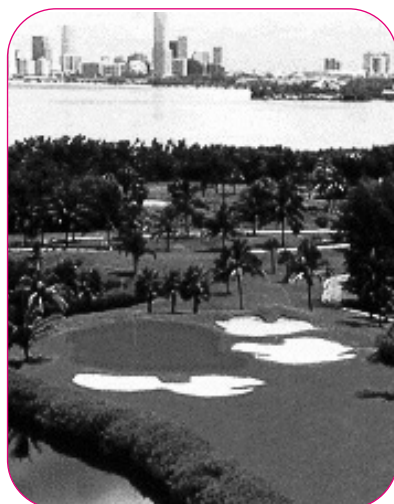
tirelessly to keep the all member emails flowing with up-to-date information and beautiful graphics. But, she took on more than that. When we were in borderline crisis mode for placement mailings, Kara came to the rescue not once but twice. She took care of the first mailing and when the letters disappeared into the post office black hole, she mailed out the letters again – this time from her mom's law office in Gainesville Florida where she was away on vacation.

Kara exhibited all the characteristics of a true leader by doing whatever it took to get the job done and for this we are pleased to present her with the summer leadership award. Thank you, Kara. 🍷

Golf Tournament

By Kim Sarkisian and Linda Criblez, Co-Chairs

The Junior League of Miami's Third Annual Golf Tournament, was a sold-out success on October 13, 2006, at Crandon Park Golf Course on Key Biscayne. We had marvelous community support from our sponsors, players and other donors for a complete day of golf, a luncheon, great auction gifts and an exciting raffle. The weather and everything about the day turned out perfect.



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Crandon Park Golf Course • Key Biscayne

For the first time, the Golf Tournament included a Hole in One Challenge for up to two winners, which no one aced, unfortunately! The prize offered: a three-year lease from Lexus of Kendall for a 2007 ES 350 or a 2007 RX 350. This year the raffle item was a fabulous three-day stay for two at the Ritz Carlton's Lake Las Vegas resort.

The cost to play in the tournament was \$750 for each foursome, or \$200 per individual player. (This included green fees, cart, food, beverages, gift bag and the awards reception). For non-players, the luncheon was offered at just \$25 a person.

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Provisional News By Christina Ureña, Chair



The 2006 Provisional Class kicked-off its year on Saturday, September 16, with the League's traditional SUPER SATURDAY, held at the Coral Gables Country Club. The Provisionals spent the day learning about our important community projects, exciting fundraisers and other aspects of what it means to be an Active Member of the Junior League of Miami. The day began with a welcome from our President, **Susan Lerner**, and later the women experienced a motivational talk from keynote speaker, **Mary Young**.

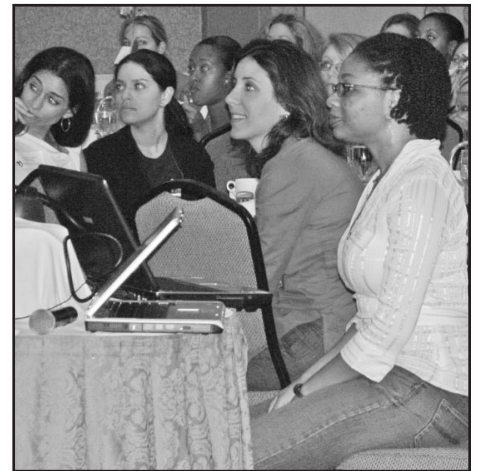
The Provisional Chair and her assistant have been tirelessly working over the summer to plan a fun and informative year for the


incoming Provisionals. Educational topics to be covered over the next 9 months include domestic violence, homelessness, child abuse and early childhood education. During each meeting, the Provisionals will hear from an expert in one of the Junior League's focus areas, many of whom preside on our Community Advisory Board.

What would all this work be without a little fun? The Provisional Committee hosted an Ice Cream Social for all the

incoming prospective members in July. It was a fun evening to mingle and get to know our newest ladies while enjoying everybody's favorite guilty pleasure. We are very lucky to have such a talented group of women joining us and we look forward to getting to know these new members over the year.


Check the JLM Website Provisionals section for the latest updates and calendar of events: www.jlmiami.org.





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Inn Transition North

By Brigid Cech, Chair



The Inn Transition North Committee jumped into gear early this summer. The County began to search for new families who would take full advantage and benefit from the services of the Inn Transition North program and the events sponsored by the Junior League. As such, throughout the summer, numerous panels were held to interview potential families for admission into ITN. After completing the interviewing process, the ITN Committee is pleased to announce that each of the 18 apartments is filled with a family looking to begin a new and better life.

The ITN Committee met in early September at the facility. During this meeting, we discussed how we can best work with the families and help to ensure their success. Also, in order to maximize attendance of the ITN resi-

dents, we outlined our plans for ITN this year, including all educational programming and family events. This year, the ITN Committee will hold eight programming evenings for the residents on topics like self-esteem, budgeting and nutrition. Additionally, the ITN Committee will hold eight weekend events for the families including trips to Miami Seaquarium, Metro Zoo and Wannado City.

At the initial meeting, the members of the ITN Committee discussed how we could best mentor the families living at the facility. We recognize the difficulties that these women and children face, and are excited to assist them as they move forward in a positive direction. The families of ITN are fortunate to have such amazing women from the Junior League dedicating their time and emotion to improving the future of each family.

All in all, it is shaping up to be a great year at ITN. Each committee member has expressed their belief that the League truly can assist in improving the lives of these 18 families. The ITN committee is working hard to ensure that their future is bright and filled with promise. We're looking forward to a great year!

On a personal note, as the

Junior League of Miami Done In A Day

By Molly Osendorf

Please plan on joining us at the upcoming Done in a Day events: We will let you know details as soon as possible. Participation counts as a meeting credit!

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure Bayfront Park

Time: 8:30 A.M.

**Contact: Liza Winkeljohn
Liza.Winkeljohn@Bowne.com**

November 2006

**Project with GAP
Details to follow**

**Contact: Molly Osendorf
mollyo1010@aol.com**

Saturday, December 9, 2006

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc. Holiday Party

Time: TBD

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Inn Transition South

By Jill Falke and Keith Landon, Co-Chairs



The Inn Transition South Committee is geared up and ready for another great year working with one of JLM's flagship projects. There are 56 families at ITS whose lives will be enhanced by the educational and entertaining programs and projects. The ITS committee holds monthly programs and discussions for the mothers at the facility. During the meeting times, we also provide children's activities so that the mothers can leave their kids to be supervised and attend the meetings worry-free.

The ITS committee welcomes our fellow League volunteers to join us for a day of fun at Inn Transition South. No training is required for you to join us for our monthly meetings – all you need to do is call us to let us know you will be

attending. Below you can find our program dates and themes so you can plan ahead and join us at a meeting that interests you. All of our events take place on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated!

This summer was a busy one at ITS. We were able to send approximately 25 of the resident kids to a summer camp held at one of the Miami-Dade parks. The kids loved every minute of the camp, and the mothers were able to go to work knowing their children were in good hands. This was the first time we provided this service to our ITS residents, and hope to grow the program next year.

We hope to see you at one of our projects in the near future at ITS. Please feel

free to contact either of us or a member of the ITS committee for more information.

Meeting/Event Schedule & Themes

- November 18 – Healthy Lifestyles and Nutrition
- December 9 – Holiday Party
- January 20 – Career Building and Resumes
- February 10 – Provisional Program: Safety
- March 17 – Reading Program/Family Literacy
- April 14 – Infectious Diseases/Health
- May 5 – Mother's Day Party/Cinco de Mayo Theme

Even Start Off to a Great Start!

By Jen Osle, Co-Chair

The first All Aboard Even Start Family Literacy program's "Family Night" was a huge success with a dozen families with two to three children each, ages zero to 10. We centered the event around a book entitled "Tucker's Apple Dandy Day" about a rabbit who learns to help and share while picking apples with his friends to make apple pie. Dinner of *arroz con pollo* and plantains was served with cookies and, of course, apple pie for dessert!

After dinner we read the book to the children and had craft tables set up that involved painting gourds, making caramel apples and bobbing for apples. The children swarmed, enjoying the crafts and eventually lining up over and over again to try to catch an apple in the steel bin. The parents really enjoyed helping their children paint and cheering them on while they dunked their heads! Our families enjoyed themselves immensely. We're all looking forward to our November 1st event!

HoneyShine

By Mary Prindle, Chair



This is bound to be a fantastic year for our committee, the Junior League of Miami and the members of our newest community project, Honey Shine Mentoring Program.

Honey Shine was founded in 2002 by visionary Tracy Wilson Mourning, as a program of Alonzo Mourning Charities, Inc. The mission of the Honey Shine program is to provide mentoring experiences that nurture the mind, body and soul of young women in at-risk situations, between the ages of eight to 18, by enlightening their paths and creating balance in their young lives.

The nine members of our Honey Shine committee are hosting a one-day career and education workshop for approximately 100 girls on January 20th. Five speakers, in multiple and diverse areas, will be recruited to lecture on their area

of expertise and distribute relevant and helpful information. We plan to set up lecture areas for each speaker and an open area where information booths will be accessible for the girls to collect information on each career – similar to a job-fair atmosphere. Be on the lookout for the date of the event!

We are excited to make this opportunity available for the girls together with Honey Shine. We hope that the event guides the girls toward career directions that will feed their hunger for knowledge and the ability to succeed in life.

We encourage any League member to recommend a professional in the community as a guest speaker. If you would like to recommend someone, please contact Mary Prindle at mtprindle@bellsouth.net or 305-323-6550.



Sustainer News

By Sally Doerner, Sustainer Chair

I hope you are all as excited as I am to be starting off on our year of activities!

By the time you read this, we will have had our opening event, the Sustainer Brunch, on September 30, at JLM Headquarters. The start of our celebration of the 80th year of the Junior League of Miami was the perfect time for us to rediscover our beautiful and historic building, which itself is a reminder of the rich history of JLM and the many contributions we have made to our community over the years.

Also, for those of us who miss having the opportunity to donate to the late

Encore Shop, the League has now established a consignment relationship with Cristi's Closet, a Coral Gables boutique. We invited Sustainers to bring up to 10 of their best items to the Sustainer Brunch so they could be forwarded to Cristi's Closet for donation on behalf of the Junior League of Miami.

Other important reminders:

- Nightly Business Report live taping Channel 2, WPBT
Date TBA shortly!
- Sustainer Bridge Group – TBA

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year! 🍷



Membership Outreach

By Alison Simon, Membership Outreach Chair



The Membership Outreach Committee is excited to announce the kick-off of the 2007-2008 Provisional Class Membership Drive. Our search for and recruitment of dedicated and hard working volunteers is underway. We have planned several outreach events including our annual appearance at "Race for the Cure" on October 21, the Heart Fair on February 16, 2007, and a new event at Books and Books with a book reading by author Tina Cassidy on November 9, 2006.

We kicked off our word-of-mouth membership campaign by holding our first Membership Open House at the October 10 General Membership Meeting at Coral Gables Country Club at 6:00pm. Many interested, prospective women came with members to learn more our amazing organization...it was standing room only!

The Junior League of Miami has begun accepting applications for membership in the 2007-2008 Provisional Class. Applications are available online at www.jlmiami.org. To be eligible for membership, a prospective member must have the following qualifications:

- 1) Be over 22 years of age on or before May 31, 2007.
- 2) Possess an interest in volunteerism, a commitment to community service and an interest in developing her potential for voluntary community participation.

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- 3) Have a sponsor from (although a sponsor will be assigned if the prospective member does not know a JLM member at the time of application).
- 4) Submit an application online, by mail or by fax.
- 5) Attend one Membership Open House.

Membership Open Houses

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Open House Headquarters

6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Open House Headquarters

1:30 pm Social, 2:00 pm Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Open House Headquarters

6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Meeting

The deadline for membership applications is Tuesday, May 8, 2007. However, we encourage all members to get their friends, family and colleagues to submit their applications as early as possible so that they can start receiving information and invitations to the exciting events we have planned for this year!

Thanks and get the word out!

Alison Warren Simon, membershipchair@jlmiami.org. ☎

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More Member Events

By Melissa Lowry, Meetings Chair



Let's face it ladies - the League is all about the parties! Well, maybe the League is much more about philanthropy and contributing to society, but the social occasions are pretty satisfying too! Whether you enjoy author talks, partying with your spouse or a night out with the girls, 2006-2007 is shaping up to be a great social year for League members.

The following is just a taste of what we have to enjoy:

- November 9 – Author Talk at Books 'n Books
- December 2 – Holiday Party celebrating 80 years of service for the JLM

- January 27 – JLM Family Picnic
- January (date TBD) – Heels 'n Wheels with The Collection

- February (date TBD) – Martini Madness
- March (date TBD) – Fitness event with Equinox Fitness
- April (date TBD) – Orchids with Jamie Adams
- Happy Hour socials will also take place in the Alhambra bar at the Country Club of Coral Gables following our General Membership Meetings.

Please remember to check the all-member emails and the web calendar for exact dates/times, as these details are subject to change. ☎



Placement Committee

By Jana Hertz, Chair



The Placement Committee is comprised of seven members. There are five fabulous Advisers and each has approximately 50 advisees. Each adviser is really excited to be working with her assigned group and getting to know them better through out the year.

Area meetings will take place on January 9, 2007. Each Placement

Advisor will host a potluck meeting at various locations throughout the community. Members will have the opportunity to sign up for the Area Meeting location of their choice at the November General Membership Meeting and following the meeting through their adviser. We will have at least seven locations to choose from and each location will have about 20-25

members in attendance. Area meetings are a wonderful way to get to know a smaller group of women and are a lot of fun!!

If a Member is having difficulty fulfilling their placement or are in need of a TES- Temporary Excuse from Service than they are encouraged to contact their advisor immediately. ☎

Stepping Stone

By Allison Banks, Journal Committee

Junior League member **Lani Kahn Drody** is a remarkable woman. She is Executive Vice President of Lowell Homes, president of the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF), and has served on the Habitat for Humanity committee for two years and on the executive committee for the last four years. Her efforts have led to BASF initiatives such as the renovation of counseling and play space for children at Women in Distress in Fort Lauderdale, and most recently with the creation of a local Future Builders of America chapter at Turner Tech High School in Miami-Dade County.

While Lani served on the finance committee she not only

learned the framework of JLM, she also gained additional insights on strategic planning and on various methods of fundraising. Lani feels this helped her in her professional and community life.

Lani later decided to join the Inn Transition committee. She said, "It was filled with emotional ups and downs as I learned how to mentor women with vast life experiences that were sometimes hard for me to relate to..." This experience was very rewarding for Lani and helped her prepare for her volunteer work at the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Service.

Kathryn Menke Miller Community Service Awards & Scholarships Program

By Holly Troup, Chair



The Junior League of Miami, Inc. is proud to continue to sponsor the Kathryn Menke Miller Community Service Awards & Scholarships. The awards are given to female, high school seniors who have exemplified exceptional service to their community, both at school and outside of school, while maintaining high academic achievement. The awards are given in memory of one of our members, Kathryn Menke Miller, who was the "epitome of a hardworking, caring and loving volunteer."


The Community Service Committee recently attended the Miami-Dade County Public School's C.A.P. Advisor meeting at St. Thomas University. There, the committee informed the C.A.P. Advisors from each public high

school about the Honoree selection process, the Honoree Reception, and the Scholarship Application and selection process.

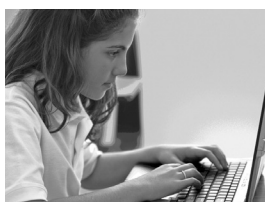
The committee also announced that this year the Junior League would be awarding three scholarships each of \$2000.00 to three, female, graduating high school seniors. Last year, the Junior League awarded only one \$1500.00 scholarship. It is the hope of the committee that the increased number of scholarships and the higher amount will inspire the young community volunteers to continue their outstanding community service efforts through college and beyond.

This year's Honoree Reception will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at the Coral Gables Country Club before the

March General Membership Meeting. The reception will allow League members to recognize the honorees from every school and to award the three scholarships to the winning honorees. The reception also allows the honorees to become familiar with the Junior League and the programs that it supports. The committee also hopes that these young women will consider continuing their community service careers through the Junior League of Miami.

The committee looks forward to taking part in the selection of the 2006 - 2007 honorees and the three scholarship recipients as well as continuing to support community service involvement in our community. 

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The Planning Council Needs You

Member Input Vital for JLM's Future *By Bonita Whytehead, VP Planning*



All good companies and organizations think ahead. That's the only way to stay current with an ever-changing community. The members of the Planning Council are the women in charge of forward thinking of the League. The Planning Council is ultimately responsible for drafting, updating and implementing the Strategic Plan (detailed on the JLM

website). The current Strategic Plan was written in 2005 and is valid until 2008.

This is a living document that we use as a guideline in determining action steps that are taken. The Strategic Plan guides decisions that are made by you (the General Membership) and the Board on current projects, membership issues and fundraising. I know that your placement is not the Planning Council.

Members-At-Large are the four women who are elected to these positions for two-year terms serving on the Planning Council. They often work on projects at the request of the VP of Planning or the President-Elect, but they also are on the Council to make sure that any plans made for the future are in accordance with what the membership envisions. This year, I am pleased to be working with **Sarita Baigorry, Sharon K. Johnson, Mallorie Marshall and Kathleen Duran**. I encourage you to speak with them and share your thoughts about the League; its projects, fundraising activities, requirements, etc.

The Planning Council would like to know your feelings about any and all aspects of the League. This year, we have established "Membership Speaks," a short survey on various topics that will be available at GMMs for your feedback. We may not be able to solve the

problem or address the issue immediately, but we can incorporate your thoughts into future planning.

The primary reason that many of us joined JLM was to have an opportunity to make a difference in the community. The Program Development committee works hard all year with community agencies and JLM members to encourage them to submit project ideas to the League. I just had an opportunity to attend an informational meeting held by Program Development and I was amazed by all of the organizations that sent representatives. When all of the proposals have been submitted, it is the Program Development committee that works to bring the proposals that fit within our Focus Areas to the membership. Please plan to attend the Program Development Presentation January 16, 2007. This is the best way for you to give feedback on project ideas and state which ones you think are the best.

The Planning Council members include **Barbara Oikle**, Placement Chair-Elect; **Jennifer Stearns Buttrick**, Membership Outreach Chair-Elect & Bylaws/Parliamentarian; **Stephanie Demos**, Community Advisory Board Liaison; **Alise Johnson**, Program Development Chair; and **Lauren Harrison Genovese**, President-Elect.



Welcome Transfers!

By Catherine Grieve, Transfer Liaison

The Junior League of Miami would like to welcome our new transfers. This year we have seven women who have made Junior League of Miami their new home.

Diana Falsetta comes to Miami from Boston's league and is serving on the Meetings & Hospitality committee, along with **Stefanie Mederos**, a former member of the Orlando league.

Jenny Han, from the Washington, DC league, and **Jeannie Moran**, from the Boca Raton league, have joined the Inn Transition North committee.

Kathleen Slesnick Kaufman, formerly of the Tallahassee league, is serving on the CHARLEE Creative Expressions committee.

Michelle Polito, a transfer from the Scranton, Pennsylvania league, joins the Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon committee.

Debra Williams, from the Tampa league, is serving on the Journal committee.

We hope that these ladies enjoy all that the Junior League of Miami has to offer and we look forward to getting to know them. ☺

Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee 2006-07 Legislative Priorities

1. Young Adults Emerging from Foster Care

Promote changes to the Road to Independence Act that increases a foster child's successful transition from foster care to independent living and adulthood.

2. Booster Seat Legislation

Require that every child in Florida ride in a federally approved booster seat until the child's 8th birthday

3. Guardian Ad Litem

Request full funding so that every child needing a Guardian Ad Litem in dependency court receives one, as outlined in Florida Statutes.

Melissa Fritsch, Chair, State Public Affairs Committee, melfritsch@yahoo.com

Program Development

Gearing Up for the Year

By Alise Johnson, Chair



The Program Development committee is responsible for presenting the JLM Membership and Board of Directors appropriate, well-defined community projects within JLM's focus area that utilize budgeted funds along with JLM volunteers. We also offer grants of up to \$10,000 to non-profits to assist them with funding projects that assist women and families in need.

This year, the committee is initiating a new aspect to the process, by having the Women's Fund send our proposal to their grantee database. We are hopeful that this will increase and diversify JLM's projects and lead to further community involvement.

What is your role in all this? It is simple. Help the committee locate organizations that are interested in submitting a

proposal. We are also accepting applications from JLM members who have ideas for community projects they would like to see implemented, so if you have a great idea, let us know! The Program Development committee members are available to assist you with any leads for new projects. The Program Proposal applications and Applications for Grants are located on the JLM website www.jlmiami.org and the deadline for submission is December 1, 2006. A non-profit may apply for a community project that requests JLM members participate as part of their placement, or a grant for funding assistance (no JLM volunteers), or both. Your participation in Project Presentations will help us determine which projects will be recommended for the upcoming year.

JLM Current Projects for the 2006-07 year are:

- Alonzo Mourning Charities (Honey Shine)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters (Project Reach)
- CHARLEE (Creative Expressions)
- CHARLEE (Mentoring Moms)
- Children's Bereavement Center
- Children's Psychiatric Center (All-Aboard Even Start Family Literacy)
- Done In A Day
- Inn Transition North
- Inn Transition South
- Kathryn Menke Miller Community Service Awards

All information and/or questions should be directed to Program Development Committee Chair Alise Johnson at johnsona@sec.gov ☎

Shopping Card


By Kelly Kendrick, Chair



Shop 'til you drop, and for a good cause! Shopping Card 2007 (official name to be announced in November 2006) is the perfect excuse to shop, and support the Junior League of Miami. With the purchase of a \$50 Shopping Card, you can take part in this nine-day shopping extravaganza in fall 2007 and save 20 percent at Miami's finest stores. Participating stores will include national retailers and many of your favorite specialty shops!


Name that Fundraiser! The Shopping Card fundraiser needs a name. We are accepting submissions until October 31, at klykendrick@adelphia.net. The winner will be announced at the November General Membership meeting and will win a complimentary shopping card.

Please join us in supporting the Junior League of Miami with the purchase of a card in fall 2007. ☎



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