

Junior League Journal



The Junior League of Miami, Inc. Membership Newsletter

President's Message

713 Biltmore Way

I recently read an article about three women who are covering the Olympics for The Herald discussing how they manage their home lives when they travel. Some prepare meals and freeze them for their families while they are away; others plan birthday parties they will not be able to attend. It reminded me of our volunteers.



You manage your homes, professional careers, relationships, and workout schedules to mention a few. When all of that is in order (well, some sort of order), you volunteer your time to help others. While a good part of League work is done at home or at a community project, a big chunk of our time is spent on Biltmore Way.

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Candles Take on a Whole New Meaning

By Jennifer Kravetz and Roselyn Smith,
Children's Bereavement Center Co-Chairs

Most of us enjoy lighting candles to give off a nice aroma or to look pretty when visitors come by. But candles signified something much greater at the Children's Bereavement Center this year. In its first year as a Junior League project, the Children's Bereavement Center has had not only perfect attendance by its members but has given our volunteers an experience they will never forget.

The candle lighting ceremony at the Center was a beautiful closing to 2005. The committee members shared a very meaningful and important experience with the participants at the Center. Each child brought something that

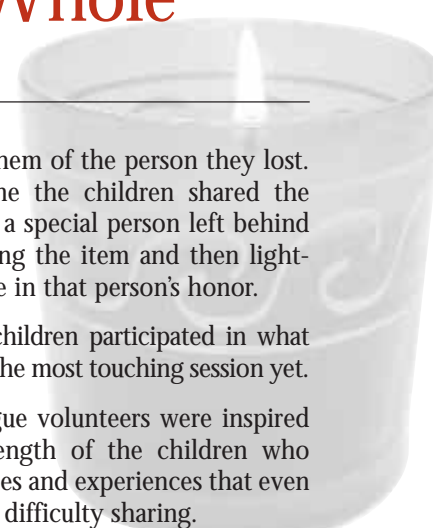
reminded them of the person they lost. One by one the children shared the memory of a special person left behind by describing the item and then lighting a candle in that person's honor.

Over 100 children participated in what was by far, the most touching session yet.

Junior League volunteers were inspired by the strength of the children who shared stories and experiences that even adults have difficulty sharing.

The eloquence and bravery of the children at the Center was met with much compassion and love from all the volunteers and other participants.

To learn more about this community placement, please contact Co-Chairs Jennifer Kravetz jlpress@bellsouth.net or Roselyn Smith rgrs@bellsouth.net.



Champagne, Diamonds & Exceptional Women!

by Betty Lopez Castro and Christina Urena
WWMD Co-Chairs

The Women Who Make A Difference annual celebration will be held on Sunday, March 5th 2006. We are excited to have the opportunity to honor remarkable



women in our community, who through their volunteerism in the

areas of women and children have made a significant impact on our community. In our fifth year, the Junior League of Miami will host the luncheon at the beautiful showrooms of THE COLLECTION in Coral Gables. Along with the generous co-sponsorship of Gibraltar Bank this year's event is sure to be the one of the best. Honorees for 2006 include **Melanie Emmons Damian** and **Virginia**



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Any night I stop by our Headquarters building I am amazed by the energy I feel. Most nights there are several committee meetings spread throughout our building. This makes me happy on many levels. I am happy to see us use our building, a project that Past President Julia Bianchi worked so hard on and made so beautiful. I am also happy to see us hard at work. It is difficult to describe the feeling of seeing this but someone told me a story that sums it up well. She said a few years ago when she was at headquarters, working late on a Committee, the current President at the time, Lyn Pannone, came into the little workroom, looked at them, and started crying. When the committee members asked what was wrong she simply said, “I can’t believe it is 10:30 at night and you guys are here working so hard.”

As president, you take on the position knowing it will be an important priority and responsibility, but are so touched when you see the commitment of others. I admire the work of each and every one of you. It is so nice to see friendships forming, and progress being made at the same time. Our projects are fortunate to have women like you working hard to help them. And even more so, we are fortunate to have our projects, people that touch us as much as we touch them.

Thank you ladies, for all the energy you bring to that old beautiful building. I am in awe of your service to our community. 🙏

Andria Hanley, President

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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Message from President-Elect

By Susan Lerner


Over the January 20th weekend, our president Andria Hanley and I took a road trip to Charleston South Carolina for the POLL (Presidents of Large Leagues) conference. The hostess, Junior League of Charleston was the epitome of southern charm and hospitality, and their members filled our sessions with several topics, ranging from life long membership to fundraising.

The fundraising session stressed the necessity of educating our members about the charitable choices in our own League above and beyond our dues such as contributions to annual campaigns. I left the session assured that the Junior League of Miami is on par and in many ways ahead of the curve in our fund development, especially with the creation and growth of our JLM Foundation.

The conference also focused on reinforcing the concept that Junior League membership is designed as a life long commitment. All presidents agreed that one of the best ways to promote the concept is by educating our provisionals on life long membership. The ties that bind us begin then and grow during our active years in the League. As sustainers, we continue to endorse our confidence in the new members and remain loyal to our mission by paying sustainer dues, serving as sustainer advisors, and supporting the League fundraisers. This life long membership is a crucial component of the sustainability of every League, including ours which is going into its 80th year.

The last piece of news from the conference that I want to tell you about is how AJLI (the Association of Junior Leagues International) and 200 Leagues across

the country have embraced our Immediate Past President Amy Sussman's idea of a national volunteer day with national media coverage for all Junior Leagues. AJLI executive director Susan Danish kicked off the National Volunteer Day at this conference, giving full credit to Amy for her forward thinking. Our Done in a Day committee is taking the lead in Miami to implement National Volunteer Day which has as the national theme: "Kids in the Kitchen," combating childhood obesity.

I continue to urge each member to take full advantage of all that JLM offers. Take on a leadership role, attend conferences and trainings or simply serve your own placement to its fullest. 

Susan Lerner, President Elect



"Champagne, Diamonds & Exceptional Women!" continued from page 1

Emmons, co-founders of EDUCATE TOMORROW; Nancy T. Hector, for her work for CHARLEE; Christina McKinnon, for her amazing efforts as Hands-on Miami Project Coordinator for COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS; and Ellen Shishko, for her tireless work on behalf of the WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI.


This year's Women Who Make a Difference event will feature a fabulous champagne brunch, beautiful table décor and centerpieces by Lilly Pulitzer and the 3rd annual "Champagne & Diamond" raffle sponsored by Montica Jewelry. Complimentary valet parking will be provided by THE COLLECTION. Lilly Pulitzer will present a spectacular fashion show featuring their 2006 Women and Children Spring Collection, modeled by some of our celebrated League members along with their children. State-of-the-art plasma TVs will be in each of the showrooms to highlight the event. Many dazzling silent auction items will be available, and a raffle with a grand prize of 4



days/3 nights at any Sandals/Beaches Resorts plus two round-trip American Airline tickets to anywhere in the Caribbean. Great gift bags will top it all off.

This year's VIP ticket holders will enjoy the perks of preferred seating with the Honorees in the Maserati and Ferrari showrooms and a weekend loaner of a Jaguar compliments of THE COLLECTION. VIP tickets holders will be invited to a Pre-Reception for our honorees hosted by Montica Jewelry on Friday, March 3, 2006, at their beautiful new location on Miracle Mile.

The Junior League of Miami is honored to pay tribute to women who make a community-wide difference through

their volunteer work! All proceeds from the event will help to support and continue our community projects and grants throughout our community. 

Tickets are available online at www.jlmiami.org.

Tickets are \$85 per person. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 3/\$60 or 6/\$100. You can also purchase a tribute in our program book to a "woman who makes a difference" in your life for \$25. Please see details on our website. We look forward to seeing you on March 5!



Community Projects

Notre-Dame d'Haiti Church
Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center



October 18th, 2005

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI
713 Baltimore Way
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

Dear President and Members of the Junior League:

For three years we have received your generous financial help to be used towards the needy "Little Haiti" children who attended our SUMMER DAY CAMP at Notre Dame d'Haiti church, in Miami. May God continue to bless you and reward your concern for the poor and needy of our society with His Love and His Peace.

This year, as the other years, we also registered about one hundred low income children for our Day Camp. We were fortunate again to have three multicultural Seminarians (one American, one Colombian and one Haitian) from the Archdiocese of Miami, working as Counselors with us. The children loved them and enjoyed their leadership. This year we were welcomed at the Range Pool where the children had all kinds of sports to practice and also a bigger pool to refresh themselves. In the afternoon, as usual, the children had the opportunity to learn music, drama, Haitian classical dance, Arts and Crafts and Haitian culture.

We also had several volunteers assisting the children at the Park and during our fieldtrips. Thanks to your generous help we were able to fulfill a children's dream by taking them to "Wassabo City". There they became what they will be in the future. It was a very educational fieldtrip. We also took them to the Swap Shop, to Super Wheels and to Boomers.

Every day they enjoyed playing different sports and other games. In the afternoon of the Parents Nightly Show the "Special Events Police Unit" visited us to educate and entertain our Campers with different kinds of shows.

The last week of Camp we didn't have the lunches from the City because they had closed their Camp Season early this year. So I had to hire a lady to cook lunch for our Campers. They were delighted to have a hot, home-made meal. On Friday, the last day of Camp, I ordered Burger King Hamburgers for everyone and a big cake from the Haitian Bakery. We could do all this thanks to your help. Thanks!

St. Paul says that God loves a cheerful giver and I believe that generosity is its own reward and that kindness will always prevail. Dear Junior League Members, I thank you for proving me right. "It only takes one life to MAKE A DIFFERENCE... and blessed be the person who will live it." (A. Bradley)

I hope young adults of today will follow on your footsteps. Be assured of my special prayers for the success of all your great projects.

Sincerely,

Sister Yamile M.
Sister Yamile C. Utech FMA
Camp Directress

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Dear Andria,



... I want you to know how much it means to CHARLEE to have the League's support. The everyday work at CHARLEE is overwhelming, especially now since we are downtown and have 1000 plus children in care. Everyday the staff reacts to tragedy involving the most vulnerable of kids. They work around the clock and respond to intake emergencies often in the middle of the night. Gladstone Center has become our intake welcome center for children removed from their homes in the middle of the night. To live and work with these issues everyday is intense for staff and they truly need outside support.

The League is absolutely incredible support to us. The projects you support and the monies you donate are phenomenal but in addition to that you provide us with so much intangible support. Everywhere I go people know CHARLEE and appreciate our work. I know that that is because League members are out in the community spreading our message and telling people about our program. Yesterday I was overwhelmed with the comments and support shown to me personally and to CHARLEE at the [League's Miami-Dade Legislative] breakfast. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate it. I just wanted you to know and to say again, thank you, you guys are the best.

Mary Cagle
Executive Director

September 29, 2005



Sister Yamile assists adult student.

IN STYLE Partners with League

Get Ready for Another Fabulous Fashion-Focused Event

By Lori Del Vecchio, *IN STYLE* Chair,
and Denie Freyer, PR Chair


The Junior League of Miami has been selected for a second year to be the benefit charity for *In Style* magazine's most talked about event on Miami Beach! "Inside In Style", the magazine's signature event, will give attendees an insider's look into the pages of *In Style* magazine. The event will be held at the Eden Roc Resort (4525 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach) during the weekend of May 6.

The May "Inside IN STYLE" event will transform the Eden Roc Resort into an outdoor oasis filled with cabanas throughout the lush beachfront lawn. Guests will be invited to explore the cabanas to enjoy shopping, free giveaways and more. Runway fashion shows will take place throughout the day on *In Style*'s center stage.

Just like "Inside IN STYLE" 2005, the proceeds from all ticket sales will benefit the Junior League of Miami. Tickets will be sold to the public for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Information on how to purchase tickets will be posted on the JLM website soon.

Additionally, we will start signing-up our team of volunteers... members who will be the pinnacle in making this event the fabulous success we know it will be. Volunteers will have the opportunity to assist in many different ways, including dressing the models, vendor relations, membership outreach and fashion show logistics. The shifts will serve as a fun way to fulfill a membership shift/ticket requirement. We encourage everyone to sign-up early by contacting event chair Lori Del Vecchio at lorldelvecchio@yahoo.com or 305-379-5674.

This is the 5th annual "Inside In Style" event and the second year that Miami will host this special affair. The Junior League of Miami is honored to have been chosen for a second time as the benefit charity for this event and looks forward to a fabulous weekend.

IN STYLE, a celebrity, lifestyle and fashion magazine, was launched in June 1994 by Time Inc. and within 10 years has emerged as one of the most successful magazines on newsstands today. *IN STYLE* takes a uniquely fun and inviting attitude towards style in all its forms which include special issues, international editions, television programming, books, and *Instyle.com*. 

Don't miss this fun event...and help JLM at the same time!

*Weekend of May 6
Eden Roc, Miami Beach*



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Community Partners

Annual Campaign Launched for League Leaders



By Aniella Gonzalez, Community Partners Chair

The Junior League of Miami, Inc. is giving nearly \$100,000 toward our community projects and grants annually. This is thanks, in large part, to the generosity of our own members who give dedicated volunteerism and financial support for our projects supporting families in need. This year, the League has launched its Annual Campaign for League Leaders, a program to encourage our membership to consider the League as part of their annual giving decisions. The Campaign's goals are to:


- Raise \$50,000 during our fiscal year (ending May 30, 2006);
- Reach our goal through the participation of 100 members pledging \$500 each; and
- Recognize the League Leaders donors

at the general membership meetings and throughout the year in our E-news, *JOURNAL* and event programs.

The cumulative effect of 100 pledges is monumental – \$50,000 directly affecting our community projects and grants. With donations from our private business Community Partners and Foundation, the Campaign will make an immediate difference for the League.

Please contact Aniella Gonzalez, Community Partners Chair at aniella93@aol.com or (305) 485-8810 to make a donation, recommend a business partner or learn more about giving to the League.

Thank you to the following League Leaders

for 2005-2006 – let's add YOUR name to this list: Julia Bianchi, Paula Brockway, Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Deborah Corbishley, Linda Criblez, Sandra Fairman, Andria Hanley, Barbara B. Heim, Peggy Hudson, Linda T. Johnson, Gretchen Kirtley, Susan Lerner, Margaret R. McMahan, Loretta Nido, and Elaine and Hayes Worley. 


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Looking Ahead to 2006-07 Fundraisers



By Jackie Crabill, Fund Development Chair

The Fund Development Committee needs your thoughts and suggestions for new fundraisers for the 2006-2007 League year. Have you ever attended an event that you thought would be perfect for the Junior League? Or do you have an original idea for a fundraiser that's never been tried before in the community? WRITE IT DOWN AND SEND IT IN!

The Committee is considering some exciting new fundraising events for next year, including a Shopping Card that will allow you 20% off all purchases at partic-

ipating stores throughout South Florida, a family event at the Miami Children's Museum and an 80th Anniversary Celebration. We are energized by the countless merchants and organizations that are eager to partner with the Junior League of Miami and we need your ideas on how to develop these opportunities.

Fund Development Applications can be found on the Junior League website or at JLM Headquarters and must be submitted by Monday, March 6, 2006. Please contact Jackie Crabill at sleepy-head23@bellsouth.net with any questions or for more information.

Thank you to the **Magic City Committee** for raising \$70,000 -- 200% over expectations!

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Community Service Award

Katherine Menke Miller High School Awards & Scholarship



By Jessica Ann Bennett-Porto

The Junior League of Miami, Inc. is proud to continue to sponsor and manage the Kathryn Menke Miller Community Service Awards & Scholarship. The awards are given to senior high school girls who excel in their school work and have exemplified exceptional service to their community, both at school and outside of school. The award is made in memory of one of our members, Kathryn Menke Miller, who was the "epitome of a hardworking, caring and loving volunteer."

This year the Community Service Committee has made modifications to the Kathryn Menke Miller Community Service Awards Program to make it more meaningful to both honorees and Junior League members.

The committee re-worked the application process and has added an honoree reception that will take the place of members attending each school's

awards ceremony. This year's reception will be held prior to our evening GMM on Tuesday, March 14th at the Country Club of Coral Gables. The reception will allow League members to recognize the honorees from each school and to award the scholarship to one deserving honoree. The reception also allows the honorees to become familiar with the Junior League and the programs that we support. We hope these young ladies will look forward to becoming League volunteers in the future.

The committee is honored to take part in the selection of the 2005-06 honorees and scholarship recipient as well as to continue to support community service involvement in our community.

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Membership Outreach Open Houses



By Betsy Harper, Membership Outreach Committee Member

The MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH COMMITTEE is in full swing, looking for ladies for the 2006-2007 Provisional Class. There are many opportunities for them to learn more about JLM. Please tell all of your friends about the wonderful work Junior League does for the community and help us get the best provisional class ever!!!

Outreach Open Houses for Prospective Members
March 22, April 20
JLM Headquarters; 7 p.m.

April 11
Country Club of Coral Gables,
prior to the
General Membership meeting

Attendance at one Open House is mandatory for anyone interested in joining the Junior League.

Please help us spread the word to women interested in volunteering! The membership application deadline is May 16. Submission is available online through the JLM website.

From “.com” to “.org”

By Valerie Harvey, VP Communications

Our website has just undergone a facelift! Not only has it been revamped with a fresh new look, it has also been reorganized to help members get where they want to be while still serving the global community. Plus, it has moved to a new home: www.jlmiami.org. (www.juniorleagueofmiami.com will also still take you there automatically).

One of the biggest new features is a secure, members-only section that requires you to sign in using the same

username and password you set up for the online directory. Once logged in, you will be able to download many of the League's internal documents in addition to having access to the most up-to-date JLM Membership Directory.

Another new feature in the Members section is a repository of documents, “how to's,” and other information to help us overcome one of the greatest challenges in continuity from year to year. We encourage you to visit the site and use it

to post all of your committees' documents which will facilitate the transition for next year's leadership team. Simply e-mail your documents to webmaster@jlmiami.org!



Placement Update

by Catherine Grieve, Placement Chair



Are you interested in becoming a JLM SUSTAINER for the 2006-2007 Junior League of Miami year?

To qualify, you'll need:

- Eight or more years as an active (your first year as an active was 1998 or earlier)

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- To have become an active member prior to the 2000-2001 League year AND be 40 or older.

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One Day at a Time...

By Carrie Brumbaugh, Done In a Day Chair

Done in a Day fulfills a very important role within the Junior League of Miami. As a committee, Done in a Day has the unique ability and flexibility to respond to our community's planned and impromptu requests for trained volunteers. Done in a Day committee members assist in facilitating community events that fall within the League's focus areas and also support JLM fundraising events. 

*** REMINDER * - It is a JLM membership requirement that all members either purchases a fundraiser ticket or fulfill one fundraiser or community shift. The following activities are a great way for you to fulfill this requirement.**

Upcoming Events that would Benefit from Your Participation!

APRIL 29, 2006

AJLI National Volunteer Day

Initiated by Immediate Past President Amy Sussman, the Junior League of Miami, along with 200 other Leagues from four countries will present *Kids in the Kitchen*, an interactive cooking demonstration and healthy living initiative to address the problem of childhood obesity.

This AJLI initiative is sure to be exciting and garner national attention, so stay posted!

MAY 6 Weekend

IN STYLE Event at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach

Volunteers will be needed to make this another successful year! Let us know if you would like to offer your much-needed support!

If you would like more information on Done in a Day, or would like to be involved in any of the above listed activities, please contact Carrie Brumbaugh, Chair of Done in a Day, at brumbaugh88@hotmail.com, or 305-542-8054.

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New listing in Palmetto Bay! Spacious 3/2, 2-car gar pool home on 15,410 sq ft lot. Well priced. Great location. Easy to show. See photos on EWM.com website. Slesnick 305.975.8158



1250 MENDAMA AVE
\$825,000

New listing across from Riviera Golf Course on secluded street. 2-story 2/2-bdrm/1-car gar on oak-shaded lot. Choice location. Update or build new. Fair price. See photos at EWM.com. Slesnick 305.975.8158



836 GENOA STREET
\$684,000

New listing in NCable. Stunning 2-story contemporary, 3/3, versatile floor plan. Lig master w/balcony. Corner of Aguilas. Seller prefers June closing or leaseback. Will sell quickly! Slesnick 305.975.8158



1450 ORTEGA AVENUE
\$850,000

New listing! 2-story updated, 2712 sq ft of 6,250 sq ft lot on corner of Perdomo. New master bath being installed. Let showings Feb 18th. Hardw. fire up, bright, open floor plan.



2666 TIGERTAIL, COCONUT GROVE
\$315,000

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Sustainer News

By Allison Freeland, Sustainer Liaison & Debra Charbonnet, Sustainer Chair

We hope you all had a joyous and wonderful holiday season. Thank you again to Cynthia and Bob Trescott for hosting our very fun Sustainer Holiday Party. The food was delicious, the weather was spectacular, and the Trescotts were gracious hosts entertaining us well into the evening.



The sustainer Committee has many exciting and fun activities in store for the spring and we hope to see all of you at them.

For your convenience, we have provided an updated calendar for you to clip out and save. Please note that several of these events have RSVP dates and require checks to HQ to ensure your spot. Thanks for all your support and enthusiasm! 



Sustainer Calendar 2005-2006

- MARCH 5** **“Women Who Make A Difference” Event**
at THE COLLECTION in Coral Gables
See cover story for all the details.
Buy tickets, raffle chances and tributes online now!
- 14** **Book Club**
Book TBA at Linda Blackburn Brown’s home (7:15 p.m.)
RSVP Anna Ehlert at 305-667-6300 or ALEHLERT@aol.com
- 14** **JLM Foundation Financial Check-up Workshop**
RSVP by March 7. See page 11 for details.
- 18** **Sunset Canoe Tour of Biscayne Nature Center**
6767 Crandon Blvd (use North Crandon Beach entrance)
Meet at 2:30 p.m. \$30 per person for adults and \$15 per child (12+ yrs)
Your check to HQ by Mar 8th is your reservation (memo line Biscayne Nature Center)
Guests welcome and limited to 40 people
- 21** **Book Club**
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime,
Mark Haddon at Brooke Webb’s home (7 p.m.)
RSVP Margaret Nee at 305-301-2702 or margaretpgi@earthlink.net.
- 23** **JLM Foundation Wine Walk**
See page 11 for details. Invitations to be mailed.
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- APRIL TBA** **Flower Arranging w/ Preston Scott Design by Flowers**
- 6** **Training: Self Defense: Hands-on Location TBA (All Member Training)**
- 21** **Spring Cocktail Party**
At the home of Lindy and Dean Colson. Invitation to follow
- 27** **Identity Theft (All Member Training)**
Find out how to avoid it and what to do if it happens to you.
JLM HQ, 6 - 8 :30 p.m.
- 29** **AJLI National Volunteer Day**
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- MAY 6** **IN STYLE Event at the Eden Roc on Miami Beach**
- 16** **Book Club: Dream State, Diane Roberts**
At Margaret Poppe’s home (7 p.m.)
RSVP Margaret Nee at 305-301-2702 or margaretpgi@earthlink.net
- TBA** **Bridge Luncheon**

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- Can I afford to gift to my favorite charities?

Make your reservations early!
A choice of two dates are still available.
Space is limited to 14 individuals per workshop.
Lunch will be served.

ALL WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE AT: Coral Reef Yacht Club

TIME: 12: 15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

DATES: Tuesday, March 14 (RSVP by March 7)

Tuesday, April 4 (RSVP by March 28)

RSVP: Leslie Rivera, (305) 666-3556 or Junior League of Miami
Headquarters, (305) 443-0160 ext # 4

JLM Foundation Events

"It is not enough to look back with pride, justified as that pride may be. We must look forward with hope and confidence too. The real lesson of the past is that it shows what can be done in the future."

—Margaret Sanger

The Junior League of Miami Foundation was established in 2004 to help ensure the funding of the Junior League of Miami as it grows into its eighth decade of service. The goal of the JLM Foundation is to protect the League's tradition of community service by increasing our endowment fund, our financial base to secure the future work of the JLM. The 1926 Society was formed to achieve this goal.

For more information on the JLM Foundation, please contact Leslie Rivera at (305) 666-3556 or at Junior League of Miami Headquarters, (305) 443-0160 ext # 4.



Save the Date!

*Foundation
Wine Walk*

Thursday, March 23, 2006 • 6:30-9:00 PM

Join us for a progressive wine tasting on historic Santa Maria Street at the homes of Cheryl Goldstein, Amy Sussman, Sandra Fairman and Laura Walker. The cost is \$75 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres by Sara Sharpe Catering and wine tastings at each stop. Limited to 125 couples. This is the Foundation's major fundrasing event this year.

Attention AOL Users – We Need Your Help!!



By Kara Skelley, Database Diva

Communicating with our membership is so vital and we need to inform you of a critical issue we are currently facing.

If, as an AOL user you report JLM President E-News to AOL as junk mail or spam, then AOL will block ALL of

their users from receiving our e-mails. So PLEASE, instead, if you do not wish to receive our President's twice-a-month update or other JLM emails, send us an e-mail message and ask that we remove you from our emailing list. About half of our membership are AOL users, so this is a very important request and we thank you for your cooperation.

Here's another important communications tip for all members to avoid being sent to the Junk Mail folder: Begin your e-mail subject line with "JLM" followed by your topic when e-mailing JLM members. 📧

The Journal Introduces the JLM Winter 2006 Fashionista

Fashionista

Lisa Miller



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Leadership Slate

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of leaders for 2006-07.

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Lauren Harrison-Genovese

VP Community:
Leanne Tellam

VP Communications:
Bibi Cruz-Ledon

VP Development:
Erin Knight

VP Membership:
Michelle Ramirez-Patricios

VP Planning:
Bonita Whythead

Treasurer:
Betsy Harper

Recording Secretary:
Aniella Gonzalez

Members at Large:
Sharon Kendrick Johnson
Mallorie Marshall

*Nominating Committee Candidates
(Three chosen from each "Years of Service" group by Membership Vote at March General Membership Meeting)*

6+ Years:
Jessica Bennett
Juliet Bianca
Maria Beguiristain
Valerie Harvey
Ivette Berisiartu-Hofmann

3-5 Years:
Candace Vassillion
Vicky Hucks
Jana Hertz
Mary Prindle
Sandra Nojaim

1-2 Years:
Austin Rivers
Betty Lopez-Castro
Kameelah Brown Brown
Brigid Cech
Caroline Blake

Membership Outreach
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Jennifer Quezada
Helen O'Connell
Jackie Crabill
Sharon Kendrick Johnson
Theresa Melement
Yolanda Farias
Dana Martorella
Katie Lane-Arriola

JLM Annual Awards



Nominate Outstanding Volunteers

By Amy Sussman, Immediate Past President

Every year, JLM has a task force which meets in April to determine the recipients for our Annual Awards to be presented at our Annual Meeting in May. We need your help! These awards are described below and are open to the entire membership of the Junior League of Miami. All submissions are due by April 3, 2006 and are completely CONFIDENTIAL!

Volunteer of the Year Award – This award is presented annually to an active member whose contribution to the Junior League of Miami, Inc. has been extraordinary in this League year.

Sustainer of the Year Award – This award is presented annually to the sustaining member whose contribution to the Junior League of Miami, Inc. is outstanding.

Rebecca Herndon Bush Community Service Award

This award is presented annually to an active member who has given of her time and efforts to better the quality of life in our community, through her efforts both within the Junior League of Miami, Inc. and outside involvements.

In addition, there may be discretionary special recognition awards presented.

To nominate someone, please supply:

- Candidate Name
- Length of Service in JLM (available in

the directory)

- Placement for 2005-2006
- Briefly explain the reasons this candidate has gone above and beyond her commitment to her placement this League year.
- Has this person ever been recognized in the League during this year (i.e. Superleaguer or Leadership award) or previously with an Annual award?
- For Rebecca Herndon Bush award nominees only: Does this member volunteer in other areas in the community? If so, in what capacity?

Please note that all submissions remain entirely confidential! Submit your nomination online or send information described above to Immediate Past President Amy Sussman by mail or email, asuss1@aol.com.

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Kiehl's Party for JLM a Great Success!

By Lynn Sands, Journal Staff

More than 90 Junior League members attended the Kiehl's volunteer appreciation party in January on Lincoln Road. A wonderful time was had by all! has recently become a partner with Junior Leagues throughout the U.S., and is striving to give something back to those who help the community.

Kiehl's certainly showed their appreciation at the event where JLM members enjoyed sipping wine and snacking on the catered goodies, socializing, and of course, shopping. Everyone received a complimentary full-size product (the luxurious Crème de Corps), along with a "committed to community" card good for one free product per month for a year. Thank you, Kiehl's! 🍷



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Heels-N-Wheels, the First Female-Only Car Care Clinic

By Denie Freyer, PR Chair

On Saturday, January 7th, THE COLLECTION, South Florida's foremost luxury automotive dealership and home to the world's finest automotive brands, hosted its first ever service clinic for ladies only. Heels-N-Wheels is the first in a series of women's only car care clinics that will be provided to local charities and com-

munity organizations. The Junior League of Miami was the charity chosen to kick-off these educational sessions created to empower women on how to care for their vehicles.

Attendees received a complimentary car inspection offering a detailed understanding of the many things that may go wrong with their automobile and a gift certificate for a future car wash at THE COLLECTION. They also

enjoyed a complimentary brunch and a fashion show by local designer Mayda Cisneros. One percent of car sales and 10 percent of sales at the Motorsports THE COLLECTION's in-house accessory and automotive boutique, that day benefited the Junior League of Miami. Heels-N-Wheels event sponsors include Sofia and Tiffany & Co. 

Username and Password Registration Begins

For www.ajli.org Website

Beginning in February 2006, Junior League members will be able to create their own usernames and passwords for the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) website, www.ajli.org. By May 31, 2006, your new member-specific name and password will be required to access the Members area of the website. The universal password will no longer be valid.

AJLI launched the website in 2001 with the "universal" password. As AJLI continues to enhance the website, it is critical to introduce individual member passwords that will protect the privacy of the information in the Members area.

In order to register, Members need their AJLI Member ID numbers. Registration is easy:


1. Log onto the website www.ajli.org and click on Member Login
2. Click on the registration link provided on this page
3. From there you'll be asked for your Member ID number and League name
4. Once the site verifies your ID, you'll be asked to create a username and password
5. You will then receive an email con-

- firming your registration is complete.
6. If you have problems and/or questions, the AJLI website will direct you for help

AJLI Member ID numbers are available from two sources:

1. AJLI Member ID cards: As a service to all League members, AJLI is providing individual AJLI Member ID cards for all members of the Junior League of Miami. These cards will be distributed through our League Headquarters.
2. Junior League of Miami Roster: Our League office maintains a roster that includes your AJLI Member ID number. You can contact Sondra Space at our

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By Ayana O'Rand, Member-At-Large

The Junior League of Miami is dedicated to developing an ethnically diverse membership so that its membership body truly represents the community it serves. To that end, as Member-At-Large, my mission

is to find ways of improving membership diversity and developing a long-term strategy for maintaining a more diverse membership.

Before a final set of goals or a timeline for the implementation of those goals can be set, a strategy that is supported

by the membership must be articulated and then approved. A number of suggestions were presented to the members for comments at the November meeting. Further suggestions and or feedback regarding strategy and goal setting is welcome. Please contact Ayana O'Rand at ayanaorand@yahoo.com

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- Work a shift at the IN STYLE Event
- Purchase a ticket to Women Who Make a Difference event

Check the JLM calendar and E-news for Community Project volunteer shifts or contact the Community Project committee chairs.

Provisional News



Hope Beyond the Hurricanes

By Heather Schueppert, Provisional Chair

Postponements, cancellations and a series of rescheduled programs have not weathered the positive spirits of our Provisional Class in 2005. While the hurricane season "dampened" many of our events and projects, the New Year has brought a whole new schedule of happenings. This amazing group of women will have finished their

Mentor Group projects in January and February and then completed their "Gloves are Off" project in March. In addition to directly helping our community, the Provisionals will be learning more about the League by attending monthly trainings and Council meetings. All of their hard work will pay off as they attend

their Provisional Commencement on Tuesday, April 18 at the Miami City Club. I continue to be proud and amazed by their enthusiasm and accomplishments and look forward to introducing them at the Annual Meeting as full-fledged Actives.

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