



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
PHILADELPHIA

JLP Works

WINTER/SPRING 2024

A WORD: PLEASED TO INTRODUCE OUR WORKS

"What is our purpose?" At our first Hotline Co-Chairs meeting, we knew we had a strong heritage to uphold with this publication. So, we kept coming back to this core purpose, looking to ground ourselves in our forthcoming roles.

The *Hotline*, our print newspaper, has a longstanding significance for the Junior League of Philadelphia (JLP). The pre-social media, it kept the pulse of all our goings-on, from weddings and births and all our League activities. And it was, and continues to be, an important way to bridge the Sustaining Members and Active Members.

We realize if the *Hotline* serves as such a major channel of communication for the JLP, perhaps there is some opportunity to expand on our work as incoming *Hotline* Chairs: How can we capture all of our League's hard work in photos? How can we celebrate events and happenings in a timelier manner? How can we highlight our efforts for potential members and the community? And what about showcasing our non-profit partners?

With this in mind, we decided it was time to expand on the enduring work of the *Hotline*. Don't worry, we are still committed to publishing our multi-issue print piece. But, in addition, we have also rolled out a coordinating digital blog on our JLP website to house all our photos and timely updates. We also coined a new name for these two sister publications, *The JLP Works*, paying homage to both our collective work as an organization and our heritage aiding the renovation of Philadelphia's historic Fairmont Waterworks building in the 1970s.

The Works blog is now officially live, in coordination with our re-launch celebration at the January General Membership Meeting. To submit photos and content to either our blog or biannual print publication, please contact us at hotline@jlphiladelphia.org or reach out to your committee's *Hotline* liaison. Our goal this year is to ensure all our committees and their works are celebrated in print.

More to come,
Victoria Denaro & Serena Zelezny

P.S. Many thanks to Jamila Robinson, last year's *Hotline* Chair, for laying the foundation for us. We also offer a nod of gratitude to our Council Chair, Veronica Gillenwater, the Management Council, and the Sustainer Leadership Council for their support as we expand the impact of this publication, to our 2023-2024 Committee for its willingness to forge this path with us, and to the Website and Brand & Marketing Committees for partnering with us to bolster our League communication – we're looking forward to it!

IN THIS ISSUE:



Page
4

Welcoming New Members



Page
6

Done in a Day Impacts



Page
8

Social Committee Happenings

SPRING CALENDAR

Please check the calendar at jlphiladelphia.org for additional details and a full list of events.

Spring Area Meetings – February 16 to 29

New Member Galentine's Day Potluck – February 17

Sustainer Spring Theatre Trip (Sweeney Todd) – March 9

JLP Spring Market: Philly in Full Bloom – May 11

THRIFTY IN PINK: A VALENTINE'S DAY POP-UP AT THE JLP THRIFT SHOP

Submitted by the Thrift Shop Committee

Support the JLP Thrift Shop at this year's Pretty in Pink Pop-up Sale on February 6 at 6 p.m. Come break up the winter doldrums with hot cocoa, light snacks, and exclusive items. An array of pink and red items will be available just in time for Valentine's Day, including cardigans, dresses, jewelry, and home goods, not yet for sale to the public. All members will receive a discount on their purchase. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Thrift Shop.

PHILLY IN FULL BLOOM: JLP SPRING MARKET SLATED FOR MAY 11

Please join us on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 23rd Street Armory in Center City and enjoy a day of shopping, food, and fun to support the JLP and our community partners.

If you would like to be a vendor or sponsor for this event, please reach out to the Market Chairs, Cailin Lillis and Dana Trump at springmarket@jlphiladelphia.org

MATCHMAKING: THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Nominating Chair Jacquelyn Hickey Rothera

Have you wondered about the JLP Nominating Committee and what they do to slate future JLP leaders? Consider your favorite (or least favorite) dating app – you or a friend creates a profile, you consider and filter the possible connections, and you and the connection make a match. With the Nominating process, you or your JLP friend submits a nomination, you interview so that you and the committee can determine your 'possible connections,' and 'a match is made' based on your interests and skills and the JLP's needs. Making a relationship commitment is an important decision by both parties, so significant time, discussion, and thought goes into each match.

For more specific information about Nominating, please visit the JLP internal website and view the following documents and forms:

- Leadership Job Descriptions
- Leadership Self-Nominations
- Leadership Nominations
- Nominating Calendar 23-24

If a JLP member has questions about the committee or about their future with the JLP, please reach out to a Nominating Committee member or contact nominating@jlphiladelphia.org at any time!

2023-2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Stephanie Lippincott

President-Elect: Kate Hall

Assistant to the President: Lisa Kreilling

Secretary: Katharine Koob

Director of Development: Colleen Mita

Parliamentarian: Dalia Omran

Nominating Chair: Jacqui Rothera

Treasurer: Carrie Scheitrum

Chief Operating Officer: Pam Phojanakong

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging

Chair: Laurel Mangini

2023-2024

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VP of Marketing & Communications:

Veronica Gillenwater

VP of Fundraising: Meredith Brady

VP of Community: Adrienne Taylor

VP of Membership Development:

Victoria Lynch Mullane

Editor-at-Large: Natalie Kay

House Chair: Rose Cuzzo

Treasurer-Elect: Valentina D'Anna

Chief Operating Officer-Elect: Erin Nanovic

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging

Chair-Elect: Jennifer May

2023-2024

SUSTAINER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OFFICERS

Sustainer Chair: Cornelia Vieira

Sustainer Chair-Elect: Deborah Snyder

Recording Secretary: Dianne Smith

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Hinds

Treasurer: Jane Sagendorph

Hotline Chairs: Victoria Denaro & Serena Zelezny

JLP Works Submissions:

hotline@jlphiladelphia.org

Office: 610-645-9696 | **Fax:** 610-645-0996

www.jlphiladelphia.org

JLP Thrift Shop:

25 West Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003

Open 7 days a week.

Phone: 610-896-8828 | **Fax:** 610-896-8924

Shopping Hours:

Mon. - Sat., 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 12 pm to 4 pm

Donation Hours:

Monday - Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm

Consignment by Appointment:

Monday-Friday, 10am to 3pm

JLP WORKS DEADLINES

Spring Issue: April 30

Please contact the *Hotline* Committee via email at hotline@jlphiladelphia.org with questions or comments.

The *Hotline* is eager to accept your articles and story suggestions. Please feel free to contact us with your articles and proposals to make this newsletter better. Remember *Hotline* also accepts advertising: \$25 for classified ads, \$200 for 1/2 page ads (4" x 5"), \$300 for 1/2 page (7.5" x 5") and \$525 for full page ads (7.5" x 10"). Discounts are available for recurring ads.

The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

JUNIOR LEAGUES UNITE IN A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO 'FIND THE GOOD'

On September 14, 2023, Junior Leagues across the globe held events, actively engaged in community service, and heightened awareness to foster positivity within themselves, their communities, and the broader world. The Junior League of Philadelphia held an exclusive Sip & Shop fundraising event at the JLP Thrift Shop, featuring a Kendra Scott pop-up shop. The Thrift Shop implemented a Buy More, Save More discount. During the gathering,

participants visited the Thank You card station, crafting expressions of gratitude to our valued Community Partners.

This special occasion served as a profound reminder of the transformative impact of collective goodwill and the positive change achievable when we join forces for a shared purpose. Let's continue to propagate love, joy, and positivity each and every day!



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: RINGING IN A NEW LEAGUE YEAR

On September 26, 2023, we began "ONE MORE year of a League that we love" with our inaugural general membership meeting held at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

The evening started with a delightful cocktail reception that allowed for fostering connections among our members, both old and new.

The event was further enhanced by a captivating performance by The Orpheus Club of Philadelphia, who treated us to renditions of popular classics such as "Eye of the Tiger" and "She Used to be Mine."



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR COMMITTEES



There were lots of JLP festivities to celebrate the holidays and New Year, including the Friendsgiving Potluck hosted by our President Stephanie Lippincott (left), and House Committee (above) and Nominating Committee (right) get-togethers.



JLP WELCOMES 111 NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by New Member Program Chairs Lauren Smith & Meghan Kaiser



Greetings from the New Member Program Committee!

Over the summer, we successfully hosted 27 “Meet the Junior League of Philadelphia” recruitment events throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. These intimate meet-up style gatherings allowed New Member Program Advisors, Chairs, and Actives to effectively convey our mission, vision, impact, and experiences to potential new members. In response to our President’s call to action, we went the extra mile and organized “one more” round of “Meet the Junior League of Philadelphia” events during the second week of September in Media, New Jersey, and Rittenhouse. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every JLP member who helped us spread the word about recruitment!



began with a Kick-off on September 10 at the Warwick Hotel with opening remarks, a delicious breakfast, and the opportunity to meet and connect with New Member Program Chairs and Advisors, Vice-President of Membership Development, President-Elect, President, Chief Operating Officer, and Sustainer Leadership Council Representative. Over 40 New Members attended this event! We then hosted a virtual Kick-off event on October 22, after extending our recruitment deadline to mid-September.

We are delighted to provide New Members with opportunities to connect through Advisor-led small groups based on their geographic location and encourage New Members to attend trainings, socials, and volunteer opportunities aimed at deepening their understanding of JLP’s mission as well as meeting their requirements. Our efforts to engage New Members don’t stop there—we are thrilled to announce that New



Members received name badges so they can be easily recognized at JLP events! Additionally, we are actively working on collaborative initiatives across councils, including a lineup of signature events. We wish to thank the Thrift Shop Committee for assisting us by presenting an informative session at the Thrift Shop and Headquarters on November 9. We were delighted to host the Annual Winter Holidays Cookie Exchange as it made its return for the third consecutive year, along with the ever-so-popular Ugly Sweater Party! Lastly, we’re excited to present the informative and inspiring “Meet the JLP Councils” series in the coming months as part of our continued New Member programming.

We could not do this impactful work on our own. Our committee is comprised of 10 dynamic and dedicated Advisors, each bringing a wealth of Junior League experience and enthusiasm: Carolyn Zaccagni, Christine Scott-Waldron, Frances Cannup, Jamila Robinson, Jane Nevins, Kate McKelvey, Lauren Sneed, Meredith Caemmerer, Rachel Silver, and Whitley Harris.

New Members, your Junior League adventure has just begun, and we can’t wait to meet you on the other side as Active members in the spring.



Through our collective efforts, we warmly welcome 111 women of diverse backgrounds into the Junior League of Philadelphia 2023-2024 New Member class! New Members’ journey



EMPOWERING TOGETHER: HIGHLIGHTS FROM DEI&B EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our DEI&B programming this fall! We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to run so many great events – from our speaker events to our Media Club discussions, Indigenous People's Day Festival, and visiting the POOL exhibit at Fairmount Water Works.



WELCOMING OUR TRANSFER MEMBERS: A Q&A WITH LIAISON KATHERINE COKER

Q: What is a Transfer? How many did we welcome this year?

A: A Transfer is someone who was a member of another Junior League somewhere else in the country, or even in the world. Since Junior League has chapters everywhere, one of the benefits is you can take your membership with you!

Transfer members switch their membership from their previous chapter to Junior League of Philadelphia and can keep their years of service, which are then credited to them in their new league. This means they don't have to start over from scratch to be eligible for Board positions or becoming a Sustainer.

Transfers can switch their membership anytime during the year, so we continue to meet New Members from August to May! Currently, we have eight (8) Transfer members.

This year, members have transferred from Harrisburg, Northern Virginia, Los Angeles, Memphis, St. Louis, New

York City, Northwest Arkansas, and Atlanta.

Q: How did you get involved with this group? What inspired you to come on board as the Transfer Liaison?

A: I became involved last year when I was a transfer member! I originally joined Junior League in Roanoke, Virginia and after moving to Philadelphia, transferred to JLP. I spent four years in the Roanoke League serving in various membership roles, so applying to be the Transfer Liaison felt like a natural fit for me. I know what it's like to be new to JLP but not new to Junior League overall. I felt like the incoming Transfer membership would appreciate having someone who has been in their shoes. I have fresh experience and remember the questions I had during my first year in JLP, so I'm able to tailor our activities and anticipate a lot of what might come up.

Q: What are your goals for the group this year?

A: My goals are to host informative and useful trainings as well as fun and exciting socials. I try to host something once a month and rotate between trainings and socials. Since some of our Transfers have been in Junior League for 10+ years, they have a very solid foundation of knowledge already. My job is to help them navigate the differences between their past leagues and JLP, but I want to make it fun so that they meet other members and feel like they have a home in JLP.

Q: What have been some of the highlights from the year so far?

A: So far this League year, we held a kickoff meeting, a Thrift Shop training, a GMM watch party, and partnered with New Member Committee for their annual cookie exchange! In January, the Nominating Committee will be talking to the Transfer members about the chair application process and then we will have a post-event happy hour! It's been so much fun to get to know the Transfer members and hear about their time in other leagues. I'm looking forward to the exciting events we have planned in 2024!

DONE IN A DAY, IMPACTS LONG LASTING COMMITTEE HOSTED 13 SERVICE PROJECTS THIS FALL

This fall, the Done in a Day (DIAD) Committee planned 13 events that helped our community by serving meals, collecting food, planting trees, and helping at community events.

One of DIAD's biggest accomplishments was the fall service weekend held in October. Throughout the weekend, DIAD offered numerous volunteer opportunities with several of the League's longstanding community partners, including Face to Face, Cathedral Kitchen, Riverbend Environmental Center, and the Jewish Relief Agency. In this one weekend, JLP members prepared meals, delivered food to families in need, and helped one of our partners prepare for their largest fundraiser. The DIAD Committee wishes to thank everyone

who volunteered and made the weekend possible.

During the holiday season, DIAD was also proud to help families in need by hosting a food drive with the Garden of Health, working a hot chocolate bar during the Community Center at Visitation's Polar Express Toy Drive, and packing boxes of food with the Jewish Relief Agency.

In the New Year, the DIAD Committee is looking forward to planning more events with our community partners, establishing new relationships with organizations, and offering more opportunities for members to volunteer in the community.



AFFINITY GROUPS ARE BACK

You said you wanted the Social Affinity Groups to come back, and now we have them. Thank you to all the Members who stepped up to host groups. Please email the contacts below to join a group. If you would like to start a new group email Victoria Mullane, VP of Membership Development at membershipdevelopment@jlphiladelphia.com.

Book Club - New Member

Join the New Member book club across the city and suburbs. This club is open to all New Members and Advisors. Coordinator: Frances Canupp, frances.canupp@gmail.com

Book Club - City

Group currently full, but please feel free to volunteer to start a second!

Book Club - Suburbs

Join us in the suburbs, this club is open to all New and Active Members.

Coordinators: Tara Runkle and Hannah Rafferty, taragoode5@gmail.com; hvisnosky@gmail.com

Book Club - New Jersey

Join us in New Jersey, this club is open to all new and Active Members. Coordinator: Lauren Rezendes, lauren.rezendes@yahoo.com

Entrepreneurship and Business Enthusiasts - Suburbs

Interested in learning about business, talking about business, do you own a

business, or want to start a business? Let's meet up, share, and learn from each other! This group is located in the suburbs, with the potential to expand later if there is interest. All are welcome to join. Coordinator: Jen Bravo, jenb.jlp@gmail.com

Fantasy Football League

It's a Philly thing! Join this seasonal Fantasy Football League with other fans and enjoy an occasional watch night. Coordinator: Frances Canupp, frances.canupp@gmail.com

Fertility Friends

Whether you are planning or in the process, going natural or assisted, all are welcome. If you are looking to find friends to learn from or share with on your journey, this is the place for you. Coordinator: Emily Forte, emilyforte.jlp@gmail.com

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE COOKS UP AN EDUCATIONAL STORM



Our Foods to Families: Kids in the Kitchen Committee (seen here getting together before an in-person meeting) has been busy over the past few months. They've been planning six-week long curriculum plans over the summer to be used for Methodist Services Kids in the Kitchen program. "We really hit the ground running with our first meeting in August. We do a lot of the leg work earlier and try to reach out to those in the committee often with updates," said Committee Co-Chair Laura Riechl.

Compared to last year, the committee has focused on preparing as much as possible in advance to ensure an

impact-filled Junior League year. "We try to get things planned ahead of time, so we have something to work with, because once they start the program with the kids, there isn't a lot of time to reorient," said Co-Chair Monica DiRenzo.

The program educates Philadelphia-area children on the delightful and creative aspects of making healthy food enjoyable. In addition to providing curriculum, every week the committee also supplies cutlery and food to go along with the lesson. Carole Boughter, the executive director of Methodist Services, emphasized the impact the JLP has made on their organization: "The Junior League of Philadelphia has been instrumental in helping Methodist Services shape effective learning mechanisms for students and instructors."

In September, the committee held a special event at Methodist Services, providing a behind-the-scenes perspective of how Methodist Services programs, such as Kids in the Kitchen, aid in the battle

against food insecurity. DiRenzo thought it was a valuable opportunity for members of the League to see the inner workings of Methodist Services.

Over the years the Kids in the Kitchen Committee has modified and evolved their program based on the needs of Methodist Services and has grown to become an integral part of their organization. "It's really amazing to see what our partners do and the good things they have to say about the Junior League," Laura Riechl said. She noted Methodist Services recently built a community garden with funds supplied by a grant from the JLP.

Methodist Services and the Kids in the Kitchen alike are excited to what is ahead of them in the new year.



Fitness Group

Ready to sweat? This is a suburbs-based group, organizing a monthly fitness class to meet your fellow member fitness friends. Classes include yoga, spin, Pilates, and more. Pay-as-you-go. Coordinator: Emily Forte emilyforte.jlp@gmail.com

Garden Club

Grow your knowledge with the Garden Club! This group is run by the JLP Sustainers and open to all members in the League. They will host monthly in-person and virtual classes on anything and everything to do with gardens, gardening, nature and environments. The annual fee to join is \$50. Coordinator: Bryn Bowersock JLPgardenclub@gmail.com

Golf Group

Get your game ready for the summer. Have fun and meet more members. Pay as you go. Coordinators: Lauren Smith and LaCoya Pace laurengrant4law@gmail.com; lacoya.pace1@gmail.com

Moms and Caregivers

Calling all moms, caregivers, nannies, older siblings, and anyone who takes care of another. Join us to meet others, socialize, and join in on kid-friendly meetups around the city and suburbs. Coordinators: Erin Nanovic and Serena Zelezny emnanovic@gmail.com; serena@whatamidriking.com

Tennis - City

Casual tennis practice and games at outdoor city courts. Just for fun, weather permitting! Coordinator: Katherine Coker cokerkl2@gmail.com

Tennis - Suburbs

Indoor tennis clinic in the suburbs, improve your game, and have fun with league friends. Pay-as-you-go. Coordinator: Olesya Blau luckyok23@aol.com



Want to Add a Group?

If you would like to start a new group email VP of Membership Development Victoria Mullane at membershipdevelopment@jphiladelphia.com.

HERE'S TO CONNECTIONS: SOCIAL COMMITTEE HOSTED HAPPENINGS

Submitted By: Social Committee Chairs Aliina Ross & Erica Simpson

Oh, what fun we had together! In our quest to return to our new normal, the Social Committee has come back in full force. We have enjoyed meeting and greeting everyone in the League through our series of social events. A few highlights of this year's socials have been walking at Valley Forge Park, coffee and bagels at Spread, after-work happy hours, and weekend brunches.

Why is the Social Committee so important to the League? Social events are a great place to connect with additional JLP members, fostering

meaningful friendships that extend beyond your time in the League. These events also provide an excellent opportunity to introduce a friend who might benefit from joining. It's so much easier to jump into something new with a buddy.

Fun things in the works: a Mini Golf Social, more coffee and bagel meet ups, walking meet ups, and running.

Not seeing a social you would like? Let us know at social@jphiladelphia.org



SUSTAINER THEATRE KICKS THE SEASON OFF RIGHT

Submitted by Sustainer Theatre Weekend Co-Chairs Adie Amey & Bertina Whytehead

The Sustainer Theatre group embarked on its 2nd Annual Kick-off to the Holidays NYC trip to see the Radio City Rockette Christmas Spectacular show on Nov 18. We were delighted to once again have a mixture of New Member, Active, Active Transfer and, of course, Sustainers along with family and friends. We enjoyed a full day in NYC. Other than the show, we also had lunch and went sightseeing to catch some of the pre-Christmas events happening in NYC, from the famous Rockefeller Tree to the Saks 5th Avenue display.

We already have upcoming NYC theatre plans on the calendar for January 27, to see Purlie Victorious, and March 9, to see Sweeney Todd. More information is now available on the JLP event calendar.



SUSTAINER FALL DINNER AND PROGRAM FEATURES PHILADELPHIA TREASURES AT WOODMERE ART MUSEUM

Submitted by event Co-Chairs Annamarie Hellebusch & Debbie Vozzo

The Sustainers gathered at The Union League's Liberty Hill in Lafayette Hill on September 27 for the fall dinner and evening program. While mingling, many enjoyed a spectacular view from the event room of the beautiful fall foliage before sunset.

Our speaker, Bill Valerio, PhD, who is the Director and CEO of Woodmere Art Museum in Chestnut Hill engaged 44 Sustainers in a wonderful discussion about the stories of artists in Philadelphia. Dr. Valerio was born in Italy and came to Philadelphia in 2002 to attend Wharton. Dr. Valerio said, "In the two years of my education, I came to realize Philadelphia is a wonderful place to live, and I became involved through MBA internships with the Philadelphia Museum of Art. After many years here, I was offered a position at the Woodmere."

Dr. Valerio shared with the audience that Woodmere is undergoing a major expansion as it renovates a newly acquired estate, which is named the Frances M. Maquarie Hall for Art and Education. Woodmere will create fourteen new galleries for its collection and an art studio for education. Dr. Valerio was an engaging and incredibly knowledgeable speaker and art historian. It was a wonderful evening and a great start to the JLP Sustainer year.



MILESTONES & CELEBRATIONS

IN MEMORY OF JEAN ELISABETH MURDOCK

"And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make." --- John Lennon



Jean Elisabeth (nee Malony) Murdock of Haverford passed on February 23, 2023; she was born on November 11, 1930 in Germantown

Hospital, the daughter of Ronald Allen Malony and Elisabeth Loxley Malony, Jean was raised in Philadelphia and in Fairfield, Connecticut. She was educated at Grasmere Elementary School and Roger Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, Colby Junior College in New Hampshire, Connecticut College in New London, and the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City (she remained a speedy typist all her days). In 1952 she married Robert Douglas (Bob) Murdock, a Yalie whom she met through a high school friend. Three children—Nancy, Karen, and Douglas—came along and the family moved from Manchester, Connecticut, to Wellesley, Massachusetts, and finally to Haverford, Pennsylvania, where Jean lived in the same house for 54 years. Jean was a Girl Scout leader and "favorite Mom" of numerous neighborhood kids wherever she lived.

A one-time volunteer guide at Independence Hall, Jean was interested in American history, especially the colonial and Revolutionary War periods. She was a longtime member and volunteer with the Junior League. A gardener in her younger days, Jean greatly appreciated home-grown vegetables, especially vine-ripened tomatoes. After Bob's retirement, he and Jean traveled widely, visiting all 50 states and 36 foreign countries (England was a special favorite place, visited several times). Jean and Bob attended many Elderhostel (now Road Scholar) classes in the United States and Canada. Bob died in 2011. Jean was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed attending and hosting frequent games. She was enthusiastic about Trader Joe's, the PBS "News Hour," the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Walnut Street Theater, and the classical music of WRTI radio. Enthusiasm was one of her salient character traits, in fact. Whatever she did, she did wholeheartedly.

Jean was a kind and generous person. Her dry and subtle sense of humor was a nice counterbalance to the broader, pun-laden humor of Bob. Jean epitomized graceful aging, accepting the limitations that advancing

years placed upon her, without fuss and without complaint. In all her 92 years, Jean Murdock was never known to lose her temper, to swear, or to make a sarcastic, cutting remark about another person.

She gloried in Christmas, the highlight of each year for her, a time to bake traditional cookies, decorate everywhere (even tiny Christmas decorations in the doll house!), and bask in the presence of loved ones. She is deeply mourned and enthusiastically (of course!) celebrated by her brother, Allen Malony, and sister-in-law Jill Malony (of Chebeague Island, Maine), three children (Nancy Van Landingham, Karen Murdock, and Douglas Murdock), her three grandchildren (Sarah and David Van Landingham and Isabel Jean Cardoso Murdock), her son-in-law Wade Van Landingham, her niece Heather Dougan and nephew Peter Malony, and numerous friends, neighbors, and now-grown-up neighborhood kids from years in the past. Memorials in honor of Jean may be made to the Lower Merion Conservancy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of natural and historic resources of Lower Merion Township and Narberth; Lower Merion Conservancy/1301 Rose Glen Road/Gladwyne PA/19035.

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE "KITTEN" SUSANIN



Catherine ("Kitten") Howell Susanin, 87, formerly of Wynnewood and Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania, beloved wife of the late Andre G. Susanin,

passed away peacefully on November 13, 2023, with her family by her side. Kitten was born on October 14, 1936, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, the daughter of

the late John and Mary (Sherrard) Howell. She received her B.S. Degree from Wheelock College and went on to teach kindergarten, eventually making her way to the Philadelphia area where she would meet her future husband, partner, and best friend of 48 years, Andre. Together they travelled the world, did numerous renovation projects, and spent many sunny days with family at Kitten's favorite place, Harveys Lake. Kitten was famous as an entertainer, hosting many wonderful parties and holiday gatherings,

including legendary Thanksgivings in Wynnewood where more than 40 family and friends would gather – and there was always room for one more at the table. Her energy, good humor and generosity were limitless, and strangers quickly became friends.

Kitten was known for her passion for volunteerism and was a devoted supporter of The Junior League of Philadelphia (JLP), where she served as president from 1976 to 1977.

MILESTONES & CELEBRATIONS

WORK ANNIVERSARY

How do we celebrate the one lady that keeps us all together? Mrs. Ruth Palmer is celebrating her 35th anniversary as a JLP employee this year. We're so thankful for the talent, positivity, and ambition that you bring to our team!

NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Congratulations to Veronica Gillenwater and her husband, Scott, as they welcomed a baby boy, Andrew Scott, on December 29, 2022.

Keisha Bolaji welcomed a baby boy into her small family on February 15, 2023. Ignacio "Iggy" Tomori was born at 9lbs 2 oz in Voorhees NJ. He's growing so fast!



ENGAGEMENTS

Erin Nanovic got in engaged to John Paul Bezerra in Washington, DC on September 29. He proposed on top of the Kennedy Center where they spent much of their time together during law school. He proposed on their daughter's 3rd birthday.



WEDDINGS

Lauren Smith married Chad Smith on March 25, 2023 in her husband's hometown – and where they first met, Washington, DC. They were married at the Whittemore House in Dupont Circle during peak cherry blossom season.



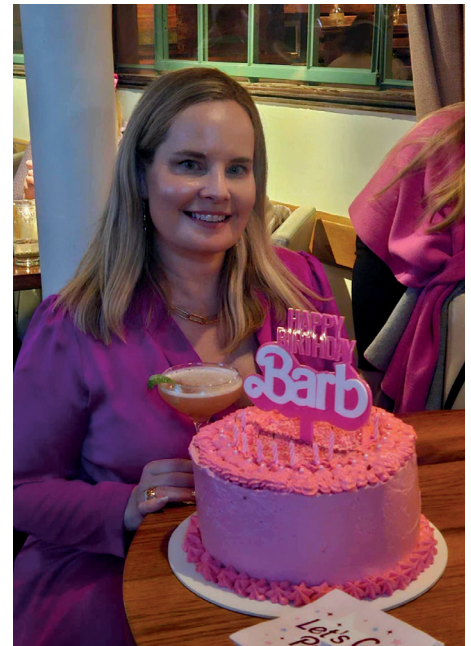
Pam Phojanakong married Matthew Connell on September 28, 2023 over brunch at Parc with close family and their dog Crumb Cake, followed by a reception at Libertee Grounds (where they neglected to tell the owners that it was a wedding reception).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jane Nevins celebrated her 10-year wedding anniversary on July 25. Congratulations to the two of you!

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Barbara Manning celebrated her 50th birthday on November 14. Happy birthday, Barb!



PROMOTIONS

In November Carol Rose was promoted to Vice President at STV, a professional services firm that plans, designs and manages infrastructure projects across North America. Carol has been with STV since 1996 and served in various capacities for rail vehicle procurement and engineering programs. In this new role, she leads the vehicle team's projects and pursuits with some of its largest clients.



CELEBRATING A MILESTONE?

New Job • Birth of a Baby
Wedding Celebration
Anniversary • Awards

We want to celebrate with you! Publish an announcement in the next JLP Works.

Please email:
hotline@jlpiladelphia.org



The Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.
27 West Lancaster Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

Return Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
FT. WASHINGTON, PA
Permit No. 90

UNMASKING FALL FETE

On October 27, The JLP's masquerade-themed Fall Fete took place at U-Bahn in Center City. Attendees enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and networking opportunities with fellow members. The event's proceeds went towards supporting the Junior League of Philadelphia's initiative to address food insecurity in the city.

The JLP's annual Fetes, organized and hosted by our Focus Fundraising Committee, have been a treasured opportunity to dress up and enjoy a fun night out, while also benefiting our community. By purchasing a ticket to Fall Fete, members are actively supporting the League's mission by broadening our capacity to create a meaningful impact in the Philadelphia region.

