



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**
Women building better communities®

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

Summer 2006

70 YEARS OF WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Community Grant Awards
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Alexandra Mead presents David Scott, Executive Director of Market Street Mission, with a \$2,000 JLM Community Grant



Diane Silbernagel and Angela Vance, Hope House, receive their \$5,000 JLM Community Grant



Judy Rawla, Program Director and Maria Savettiere, Executive Director, Deirdre O'Brien Child Advocacy Center, accept their \$5,000 JLM Community Grant



Alexandra Mead presents Joann Painter, Executive Director of The Friends of Jersey Battered Womens' Service, with a \$3,000 JLM Community Grant

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We started our celebration of our 70th Anniversary this year. We continue to be "women building better communities" by promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

In these pages, you will see some of what we have accomplished this year. What you can't see, but will infer, is the dedication of our members. Untold hours went into researching and implementing each project and each fundraiser. Each mini-grant, grant and scholarship application was thoroughly reviewed and assessed against our mission statement.

The time and talent spent by our members was inspiring and worth it in the end when we can look back with pride on all that has been done.

Our Community Advisors were, as always, invaluable in lending their combined experience and passion to us as we determine what community needs on which to focus.

I want to thank them and all our community collaborators for all their support this year in helping us to achieve our mission. I also want to thank our members for their collective passion for The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. I am proud of and awed by all that we have done in one short year!

Proud and inspired,

Lisa Pierson Boles
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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we touch the heart of the community!

The Junior League of Morristown has a wonderful history of 70 years of service and has an exciting future. The Junior League is part of a world

of women with a shared mission: to promote voluntarism; to develop the potential of women; and to improve the community every day through our volunteer work. We are women building better communities. Thank you to our community advisors and community partners who have helped us in the past and will continue to help us in the future.

In honor of our 70th anniversary, we will be working on a fantastic variety of 70 community Done In A Day projects. These are projects where we work with community partners to hold one day projects with maximum impact. Throughout the year our members will be lending a hand, making an IMPACT and having some fun with a purpose. At the most basic level, we as members of the Junior League of Morristown encourage and give hope to those less fortunate: women and children at risk. We are changing lives and changing conditions.

In addition to our Done In A Day projects, there are many other ways the Junior League helps in the community. We will continue to award mini-grants to community agencies that support and serve women and children at risk. We will provide four

\$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school students. This year we may award an additional scholarship to a deserving woman who wants to further her education. Finally, we research community service projects with many deserving organizations on an ongoing basis.

In order to sustain all of our community initiatives and grants, we require successful fundraisers and corporate donations. *Home for the Holidays*, our annual holiday gift boutique, will mark its 7th year as our premier fundraiser. A variety of vendors from around the country will be featured. We encourage you to attend on November 17th and 18th at the National Guard Armory in Morristown. Our *Lunch with the Authors* afternoon will be held on May 4, 2007. Please join us at this wonderful and enjoyable event. Finally, our Nearly New Shop plays a pivotal role in the Junior League's fundraising efforts. We look forward to your continued support when our thrift and consignment shop reopens in September.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you to fulfill our mission. Our heart and passion will guide us as we celebrate 70 years of service and create the future 70 years. Together we touch the heart of the communities of the greater Morris and Somerset County areas.

With heartfelt thanks,

Arlene Ward
President 2006-2007

JUNIORS FOR SENIORS



JLM members and Seniors enjoy themselves at the Senior Prom

SENIOR PROM

The Juniors for Seniors committee along with the Senior Housing Authority in Morristown hosted the “Senior Prom” Friday, February 3rd for the residents of the Early and Ann Streets apartments. The fun began early as the seniors transformed the cafeteria into a Valentine-themed ball in red, pink and white. Everyone arrived dressed for the occasion; many in red and several gentlemen even donned their tuxes! The JLM volunteers danced the night away with the seniors, who led the way to the dance floor where DJ Brown Sugar helped set the mood for an evening of food and fun. The evening ended with prize giveaways for all the residents and a conga line that wrapped around the room. JLM members left feeling good not only also because we momentarily brightened the lives of the seniors but because we were inspired by their energy and enjoyment of life.

GAME NIGHT

On March 10, 2006, the Juniors for Seniors committee hosted a Game Night at the Mount Kemble Home in Morristown. Students from the United Way joined the

group to make the night a success. The game of choice by the ladies of the Mt. Kemble home was Bingo. The students called out the numbers while the League members helped to check cards. Many gift baskets and gift certificates were won and everyone received a goody bag for participating. The evening concluded with coffee and delicious desserts.



The Game Night Gift Basket Winners.

CAREGIVER LUNCHEON

On May 23, 2006 the JLM sponsored a Caregiver Appreciation Luncheon with Family Service of Morris County. The event was held at the Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans office at 340 West

Hanover Avenue in Morristown. The JLM thanks Theresa Davis who helped facilitate the event on behalf of the Division. Invitations were sent to all families with loved ones enrolled in the Time Out Adult Day Care Centers, Morris County Adult Day Care and members of the Morris County Caregiver Coalition. RSVPs were directed to Family Service.

JLM members decorated the room, served a full lunch and had a guest speaker, Janet Pincu, LCSW from Generations Counseling. She spoke about “Caring for the Caregiver” which was moving for many participants. The Visiting Nurses Association also had representatives there with program information and answered caregiver questions.

CRAFT LUNCHEONS HELD WITH SENIOR HOUSING AUTHORITY

On November 12, the Juniors for Seniors committee sponsored an Arts & Craft Luncheon at the Morristown Senior Housing Authority. The Morristown Senior Housing Authority is home to low - income seniors. Each senior lives independently in his/her own apartment and is responsible for their own cooking. The event was held at both the Ann Street and Early Street locations. Approximately 35 seniors attended. We served a cold lunch and dessert after making holiday picture frame ornaments.

On April 8, the Juniors for Senior committee again sponsored a luncheon and craft project for the Morristown Senior Housing Authority at both the Ann Street and Early Street locations. Decoupage memory boxes were created. Students from Morristown High School Key Club helped the seniors to cut and glue pictures onto the boxes. The students then served and ate lunch with the seniors. The seniors enjoyed telling stories to the younger generation. There were 27 senior citizens at the event.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

The JLM continues to work with Homeless Solutions in providing life skills seminars to residents of their shelter and transitional housing apartments in Morristown. The Homeless Solutions committee planned a wonderful seminar for the residents at the Homeless Solutions Transitional Housing on January 18th. The seminar was presented by Stanley Morin, CPA. We would like to thank Mr. Morin for volunteering his expertise and time. Mr. Morin focused the seminar on budgeting, savings and programs to assist in purchasing a home of their own. The participants also received handouts to take with them for future use. While the residents attended the seminar, a group of volunteers from the JLM provided activities for the children.

The JLM held a seminar on Sexual Education in November. Morristown Memorial Hospital provided an excellent speaker and the women were very eager about the topic - which covered basic sexual education to birth control to drug use.

An adult craft night was also held for the women so they could just sit back and have some fun. We provided a jewelry making session complete with beads, bracelets and necklaces. Dinner was catered in for the women. Everyone had a great time socializing and relaxing.

In April we presented a seminar on Apartment Renting Skills. Topics of discussion were what is needed to rent an apartment, what is legal for a landlord to ask and how to legally protect yourself once an apartment has been rented. This broad overview was very helpful to the residents of Transitional Housing as some embark on moving to their own place.

The partnership with Homeless Solutions and the JLM is very solid. The organization is very appreciative of our efforts on both a professional and personal level. We have greatly enjoyed working with them on another successful year.

DONE IN A DAY

The DIAD Committee executed 9 projects this year within Morris and Somerset County. More than 85 JLM volunteers generously shared their talents, time and energy to make all of our projects this year successful. The goal of our committee was to provide a vari-

ety of projects that not only benefited children, women and the elderly in our community but also provided variety and flexibility for our League members. We met our goal by providing 4 volunteer opportunities during the weekends, 3 projects during weekdays, and 2 allowed volunteers to bring their children. Here is a summary of our projects and events for the 2005-2006 year.

SAFE DATING CHALLENGE RUN/WALK-A-THON – JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICE

Held in October at The College of St. Elizabeth JLM volunteers, along with some of their children, passed out water at the half-way mile mark to over 5,000 runners and walkers that participated in this event which raised over \$20,000 to benefit JBWS and the families they serve in Somerset County.

FALL HARVEST PARTY – FAMILY SERVICE OF MORRIS COUNTY

JLM volunteers helped brighten the day of 20 seniors at the Succasunna Adult Day Care Center by providing them with paper white bulbs and potting supplies. We served lunch and dessert and joined in a "oldies" sing-along as we wrapped up the day.

HOLIDAY PARTY – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

In December, JLM volunteers brought some holiday cheer more than 200 families with children who are suffering from cancer at the annual ACS's "Feel the Smile of a Child" Holiday Party at the Olde Mill Inn. The JLM volunteers provided materials and guidance to over 65 children to build snowmen by stuffing socks with beans and decorating them with holiday accessories.

CHOP 'N CHAT AND SERVE AND GREET – MORRISTOWN SOUP KITCHEN

We kicked off the New Year with one of the Leagues favorite projects that feeds the hungry in Morristown. Once again, Liberty Fire Station was the venue for making the casseroles. Volunteers made the casseroles that were served the following week at the Morristown Soup Kitchen to over 225 guests

VALENTINE DAY PARTY – FAMILY SERVICE OF MORRIS COUNTY, MADISON ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

On a Valentine's Day, we hosted a party at the Madison Adult Day Care Center. Building from the success of the planting party at Succasunna Adult Day Care, JLM volunteers help the seniors plant paper white bulbs in colorful ceramic pots followed by a party

with special holiday snacks. We also presented the center with an entertainment themed gift of a DVD player with movies and a digital camera. The items were packaged in trunk with a plaque acknowledging the JLM. We received a wonderful thank you note from the director of the organization.

HEAD START OF DOVER AND CHANGING IMAGES ARTS FOUNDATION – MURAL PAINTING

In May, JLM volunteers organized and assisted over 100 children at they painted the pieces of a mural that will be used to brighten up the Dover Head Start Center. Changing Images Art Foundation provided the mural and the supplies for the pre-school children. The JLM also provided Head Start with a trunk full of art supplies that will keep the children entertained. Head Start was so appreciative of our efforts that they invited all the JLM volunteers to their volunteer luncheon!

SOMERSET HILLS HANDICAPPED RIDERS ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

Once again, JLM will be providing volunteers on Sunday, June 11th to help with early morning registration, breakfast and clean up for the Annual Horse Show. We are anticipating a wonderful event and SHHR is grateful that the JLM will be participating once more.

MORRISTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - GORYEB CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

One of DIAD's goals this year was to reunite the League with the Morristown Memorial Hospital and to explore volunteer opportunities through a DIAD project. As a result, we will assist with their annual NICU Picnic, September 30th 2006, where 1,000 families reunite with the wonderful NICU staff at the hospital. Additionally, we donated funds to underwrite the Goryeb Children's Hospital Story Card Program. This is on-going, therapeutic program, administered by hospital staff, provides the sick children an opportunity to express themselves through creative arts and crafts while in the hospital.

Overall, it was a very successful year for Done in a Day. We worked with some new projects and some League favorites. Most importantly, we believe we touched the lives of many with a few good deeds in our community!

JLM NEW MEMBER BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR DAYTOP WOMEN

On February 13th JLM New Members hosted a Budgeting Workshop for the young women of Daytop. JLM Members gave a presentation on creating a budget and identifying what expenses a person living on their own endures on a monthly basis. Following a pizza dinner provided by donors, the Daytop women put their new budgeting skills to work by shopping for useful and fun items at the Valentine Boutique that the JLM New Members provided. Each girl stayed within their budget and still walked away with several Valentine treats.



On April 28, 2006, the JLM New Member Class hosted an exciting event called *Kids in the Kitchen*. In an effort to address the growing concern of childhood obesity, the New Members worked with Whole Foods & NYSC to host a fun event for the children at the Morristown Neighborhood House.



Whole Foods brought an array of healthy new foods for the children to try. The children also had hands on experience making soy and fruit smoothies as well as their own trail mix. The children were then led by instructors from NYSC in a variety of exercises and drills. They learned shuttle runs, various stretches and how to really get their blood pumping! We had a phenomenal response from local merchants who contributed to the goody bags that were overflowing with treasures. There were also drawings for some one-of-a kind prizes with the highlight being a 3-month family pass from the Morris Center YMCA. Overall it was a great afternoon of learning & fun!

SPAC RIDES THE RAILS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



SPAC Delegates with Governor Corzine.

In January, eleven State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) delegates traveled to our nation's capital as participants in the 69th annual "Walk to Washington" organized by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's tradition began in 1937 when several of the state's top business executives took a train to Washington, D.C. to have dinner with New Jersey's congressional delegation. Today some 2,000 of the state's top political and business leaders participate in this event that provides an invaluable networking opportunity for (SPAC) of the New Jersey Junior Leagues.

SPAC delegates briefed Governor Jon Corzine on our approved positions on various legislative issues in New Jersey. Governor Corzine was impressed enough by SPAC's commitment to childhood obesity prevention, human trafficking awareness, education on umbilical cord blood donation and other legislative issues that he applauded the NJ Junior Leagues' efforts on behalf of these issues during an interview with the press later that evening.

SPAC delegates attended the Congressional Dinner featuring presentations by various state and federal legislators including the Governor, Congressman Christopher Smith, and Senate President and Former Governor Richard Codey.

SPAC delegates also met with legislators on Capitol Hill. A meeting with Congressman Smith focused on our efforts to establish a hot line for victims of human trafficking in our state with which the Congressman pledged to assist us.

SPAC gained valuable time with Governor Corzine and other state leaders to promote the work of the New Jersey Junior Leagues

as well as network for particular legislative issues. SPAC delegates returned from Washington energized and armed with new contacts for future partnership opportunities for all of the eight New Jersey Junior Leagues.

SPAC OBESITY SUMMIT



SPAC Delegates with Dr. Schwartz.

On February 13, the JLM and members of State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) launched a new coalition to fight childhood obesity as co-sponsors of the Morris Area Obesity Initiative Summit. The purpose of the Summit was to bring together representatives of stakeholder organizations and the community to strategize how to address the complex and multi-faceted issue of childhood obesity at County and State levels. The dialogue and initiatives from this Summit will serve as a catalyst for SPAC to develop similar programs across New Jersey.

Former Governor Thomas H. Kean, who opened the Summit, encouraged each of us to "raise our voices about the issue and we will be heard." He quoted alarming statistics on obesity and stressed that the only realistic cure to obesity is prevention. There were additional presentations from Leonard Feld, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics, Atlantic Health Systems; Marlene Schwartz, PhD (Nutrition) from Yale University; and William Lovett, Chief Executive Officer, Metuchen/Edison/Woodbridge YMCA.

210 Summit participants focused on the major obesity prevention initiatives as outlined by the IOM report: Community Programs, Health Care, Industry, Schools, Built Environment, Home, Government, and Marketing & Public Relations. Participants of the Summit have committed to tackling obesity at community and statewide levels and will meet regularly in their assigned task forces in order to update the community at a second Summit to take place next year.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



JLM Scholarship Chair Ann Cavuoti presents Scholarship Awards to Melissa Beth McIntee, Jennifer Newbury, Katrina Chu, and Julie Kennedy.

The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. is pleased to present \$2,500 scholarships to four high school seniors who have demonstrated both outstanding leadership and a strong commitment to voluntarism in their respective communities. As an organization of trained volunteers, The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. seeks to recognize young people who have made a lasting impact on their communities through volunteer work. This year's recipients are: Katrina Chu, Julia Kennedy, Melissa Beth McIntee, and Jennifer Newbury.

COMMUNITY GRANT WINNERS

The Community Grant Program was created in order to allow The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. to make a significant impact in the community by giving money to organizations in need. This year the total grant money to be awarded is \$15,000.

The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. is happy to award a \$5,000 grant to **DEIDRE O'BRIEN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER** for the Healing Fund program. This is a program that provides funds to child victims and their families for appropriate family and/or social and school activities.

A grant award of \$5,000 was presented to **HOPE HOUSE** for the Chore Program. The Chore Program funds bi-weekly services of housekeeping, food shopping and laundry services for elderly women in Morris County.

THE FRIENDS OF JBWS are receiving a \$3,000 grant to help outfit some apartments in the Carol G. Simon House. These funds will help purchase small appliances, linens, bathroom items and more for the apartments and will be given to the families when they move to their permanent homes.

And finally, the **MARKET STREET MISSION** is being awarded a \$2,000 grant which will be used to purchase a commercial washer and dryer to be used by the working poor, mainly women and children of the community.

MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

The mini-grant program provides awards to non-profit community organizations for the support of projects that are consistent with the JLM focus of assisting women and children at risk. These grants are awarded to purchase specific items or to fund specific programs. During the 2005-2006 service year, The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. presented 6 mini-grants to community organizations from the greater Morris and Somerset counties.

THE MARROW FOUNDATION received \$1000 to offset the cost of testing donors at a bone marrow drive for a local Morris county man with acute leukemia.

THE SALVATION ARMY received \$1000 to purchase needed items and supplies for their day care program.

THE RACHEL COALITION received \$1000 to purchase furniture and equipment for a new children's play therapy room.

CHANGING IMAGES ART FOUNDATION received \$1000 to purchase art supplies for an alphabet book and mural painting project being done with Head Start of Morris County.

MRS. WILSON'S HOUSE received \$500 to provide recovery related materials for women participating in the SHARE program.

EL PRIMER PASO received \$500 to help begin a new program entitled "Una biblioteca en su casa" or home library.

NEARLY NEW SHOP PROVIDES VALUABLE SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Nearly New Shop Committee and Staff, thank you for making this a very successful year! The shop was pleased to presented a check to the JLM for \$50,000. The Nearly New Shop operates with over two-thirds of our merchandise coming in through consignment and the remaining one-third from the community and Junior League member donations. Our customers know they will find high quality merchandise for their family at great prices.

Donations enable us to give back even more to the many community organizations we support so we have created a Community Donations Chair who will be happy to pick-up your donations at your convenience. When you think of donating gently used clothing and housewares, please think of us! We will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for you donation. If you would like to schedule a pickup, you can email us mynearlynewshop@yahoo.com.

Nearly New Shop

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Please call us to schedule a pickup

Shop Hours
Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Your tax-deductible donations of gently used or new clothing and household items aid in the support of the Junior League of Morristown, Inc.'s community service efforts.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2005

After months of preparation the *Home for the Holidays* committee was excited to put on our 6th Annual *Home for the Holidays* Gift Boutique November 17-19, 2005.

Thursday night's Champagne Shopping Party, underwritten by **FIRST MORRIS BANK AND TRUST**, was another huge financial success and simply put "a ton of fun". Guests enjoyed sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from OME caterers and sipped champagne while they made their first holiday purchases of the season.

One of my favorite parts of being on this committee was getting our community involved by way of corporate sponsorships. Businesses big and small, although stretched financially by tsunami and Hurricane Katrina donations, dug a little deeper into their pockets. Their contributions made *Home for the Holidays 2005* a financial success in helping raise funds for women and children at risk in Morris and Somersset counties.

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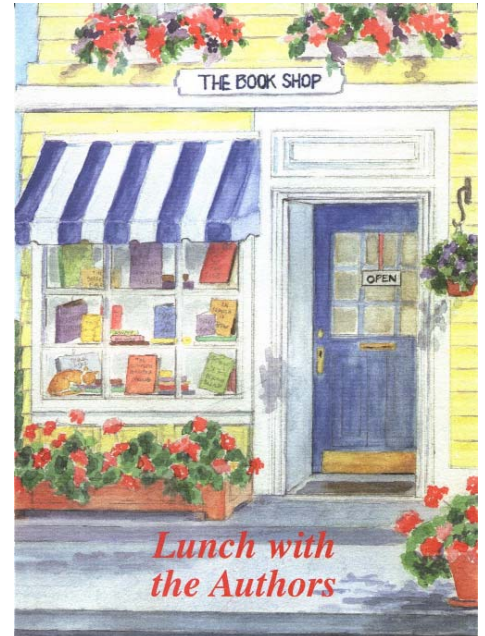
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2006

The Junior League of Morristown is pleased to present its 7th Annual *Home for the Holidays* Gift Boutique at the Morristown Armory.

Vendors from all over the country will present their unique items of apparel, accessories, jewelry, holiday decor, children's games and clothing, specialty gifts, and gourmet foods. Proceeds from this event fund the JLM's community programs.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006
CHAMPAGNE SHOPPING PARTY
7:00PM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006
GIFT BOUTIQUE & SPECIAL EVENTS
9:00AM - 5:00PM



LUNCH WITH THE AUTHORS

On May 11th, the JLM hosted *Lunch with the Authors* at the Olde Mill Inn. The event consisted of book sales, author signings, a luncheon, author's remarks, and luxury raffle and door prizes.

This year's authors included:
 Ernestine Bradley, *The Way Home: A German Childhood, an American Life*,

Diane Mott Davidson, *Dark Tort*,

Erica Jong, *Seducing the Demon: Writing for My Life*.

Proceeds from this event support the JLM Scholarship Fund. Since the establishment of the fund in 1986, the JLM has awarded more than 59 scholarships for close to \$80,000 in the greater Morris and Somersset County areas.

Please mark your calendar for next year's *Lunch with the Authors* on May 4, 2007 at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge. Check our website for upcoming announcements and event details:

www.jlmnj.org

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If you are a non-profit agency in the greater Morris or Somerset County, JLM has several ways to be of service.

PLACEMENT PROJECTS

Well-defined projects that address a critical community need. These projects are planned a year or more in advance and include a significant volunteer effort by League members. If appropriate, these projects are also funded by the JLM.

DONE IN A DAY PROJECTS

Projects that require a one-day significant volunteer effort. These projects are planned and organized in advance and executed in one day.

COMMUNITY MINI-GRANTS

Funding for smaller programs or materials without volunteer assistance. Multiple grants for amounts up to \$1,000 are awarded throughout the year. Application details are available on our website, www.jlmnj.org.

NEW MEMBER MINI-PROJECT

As part of our new member training, these women plan and execute one to three mini projects, typically executed in one day.

Please contact JLM's Community Vice President at 973-539-2266 for more information.



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The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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