



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SCHENECTADY
Women building better communities

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FALL 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's only September, and we already have so much to celebrate this year! We just completed another hugely successful *Operation Back to School* at Hamilton Elementary School – and with the help of project founders Denise Murphy McGraw and Patty Rowledge – we are in the process of securing funding to expand the program to the entire Schenectady City School District in 2008. It's a lofty project with a funding need of \$100,000, but we are confident that, with everyone's help, we can do it!

We modeled at Saratoga Race Course in August for our good friends at Talbots and had the opportunity to tell everyone about *Talbots Gives Back!* Our League is ranked first in the country for online gift card sales, and with everyone's help we can win the \$1,000 cash prize and \$500 gift card to use in an upcoming fundraiser! If you haven't already used this easy, terrific service, please take advantage of it – it's a convenient and fun way to help our League succeed!

House Tour is coming! Co-Chairs Amanda Zenner and Katie Breen have put together a super collection of homes for the 2007 Tour, and they now need our help to make it successful. Tickets will be available at the October GMM, and watch your emails for updates and committee opportunities.

Our gorgeous new website is up and running! It is also saving the League a tremendous amount of time and money, since we can now post virtually all of our member information and updates online. I strongly encourage everyone to visit and have a look around – <http://jlschenectadysaratoga.org>



Whew! As I think about all of our accomplishments to date, I am very grateful to be working with so many talented – and fun – women. And I especially want to extend the invitation to all of our sustainers to jump in and participate in our upcoming projects, particularly the 2007 House Tour. You all are our foundation, you are our history, and you are our friends and we miss seeing you all on a regular basis! Join the House Tour committee, get together at the October GMM at Talbot's, buy gift cards online and help us celebrate our terrific League! I'll see you all soon!

Amy

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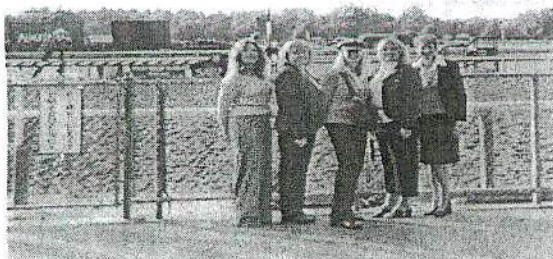
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Talbot's Fashion Show - Saratoga Race Course August 2007

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Schenectady is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

2007 Homes for the Holidays House Tour

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

The Homes for the Holidays House Tour is just right around the corner. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for your two time slots at the Fall Dinner meeting you will have opportunity again at the next General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at Falbot's in Saratoga Springs at 6:30pm.

The 2007 House Tour is Friday November 30th and Saturday December 1st. Homes will be open both days from 10AM till 4 PM. Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Remember that each active member is required to purchase 4 tickets and work two time slots.

The League is thrilled to have the following six homes on our tour this year:

The Olsen House at 9 Hempstead Commons, Clifton Park

The Flint House, South Reynolds Street, Scotia

The Berning House at 173 Sunnyside Road, Scotia

The Little House at 512 Windsor Court, Niskayuna

The Grant and Siders House at Watt Street Schenectady

The Feyrer House at 1198 Lowell Street, Schenectady

The House Tour Committee will be meeting soon and we need your help. If you would like to join the committee please contact Amanda Zenner at azenner@thecostumer.com or call 877-8014.

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Operation Back-to-School

On the first day of school, Thursday, Sept. 6, approximately 450 students at Hamilton Elementary School received backpacks filled with school supplies from members of the Junior League of Schenectady. Now in its fifth year, Operation Back-to-School has brought school supplies and backpacks to more than 2,000 children throughout Schenectady. In the last three years the project has come to Hamilton, Van Corlaer Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School. Each year the project gets bigger and better.

The backpacks were filled with supplies that had been requested by the teachers. So League members assembled 7 different groups of supplies to ensure each grade received age appropriate materials.

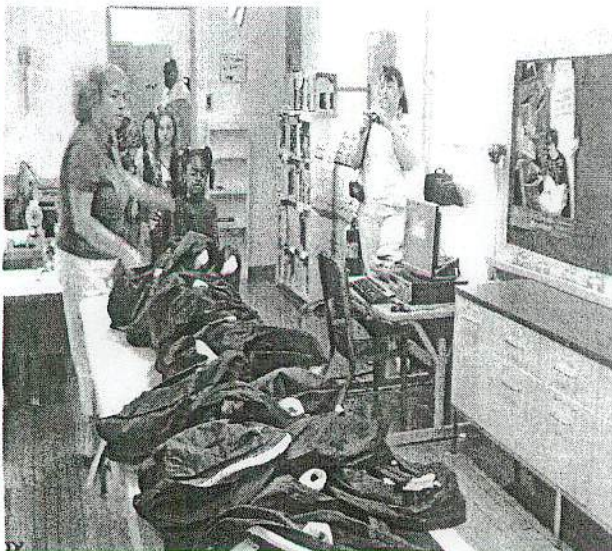
Some of the Items purchased included:

- 460 backpacks
- 405 boxes of crayons
- 9,040 pencils
- 1,200 notebooks
- 2,125 folders
- 500 boxes of tissue
- 2,472 erasers

The project is made possible through grants from the following sponsors: SCA Tissue North America, Stewarts, Troy Savings Bank Foundation, SEFCU Foundation, Goldstock's, Fidelis Care, and Parcel Post Plus. SCA Tissue of North America was a new sponsor to the project and provided tissue and paper towels to meet the needs of the entire school.

Rob Flanders, Principal at Hamilton Elementary School, expressed that this project allows the students to have the tools necessary for success from the first day of school onward. We all remember how excited we were to get new notebooks and fresh pencils in September—we felt like anything was possible! The staff was also extremely thankful for the League's involvement. The children who come to the school meet many challenges along their route to success, but they now have some necessary tools, which creates one less hurdle.

The League and project founders, Patty Rowledge and Denise McGraw, would like to thank all the active and sustaining members of the League for their assistance in making this project successful.



AJLI.ORG

Are You Connected?

Members Area Resources

AJLI is pleased to report successful progress with the Member Registration Project. The Project urges members to “enroll” in the Members Area of the AJLI website with their own unique username and password. Thousands of members have already enrolled, and the number increases each week.

Why should I enroll as a user on the Members Area of the website?

The Members Area of the AJLI website contains a wide variety of information and resources for Junior League members:

- *AJLI Boutique
- *JL Profile Data with information on Leagues’ programs and practices
- *Access to registration materials and online registration for AJLI meetings
- *Training materials, including handouts from the Various Leadership meetings and Organizational Development Institutes (ODIs).
- *Contact information for leaders in various Leagues
- *Member Benefits, such as preferred rates on hotels, car rentals, flowers, and other special offers.
- *New features such as AJLI Forums/message boards and specialized content, e.g., Affinity Group pages and President/President-Elect Resources

And there is much, much more!

Why do I need my own username and password?

Enrolling on the Members Area of the AJLI website requires that you create your unique username and password. Access to the Members Area of the AJLI website is restricted in order to protect the confidentiality of information that is intended for members only. This protects your privacy and allows us to provide More online member services and networking opportunities.

How do I enroll?

It’s easy and takes only a few minutes of your time. First, you will need your AJLI Member ID number. (*If you do not know your Member ID number, see the following question for ways to locate it.*) Next, go to www.ajli.org and click on Member login. There you will find a link for the enrollment page. If you need assistance, email info@ajli.org or call the AJLI help desk at 800-955-3248.

Where can I find my AJLI Member ID?

***Member ID cards:** AJLI created member ID cards for all members the second week of January, 2006. These cards were mailed to League Headquarters, and Leagues were asked to distribute them to their members.

***Connected:** Member IDs were included on the mailing label of the Summer 2006 printed copy of *Connected* sent to all members.

* **League Rosters:** Three times each year, AJLI sends a roster to each League office with their members’ names and member ID numbers.

***AJLI Help Desk:** Call 800-955-3248 to address enrollment Related questions and problems during our office hours from 8:30am-6pm Eastern time.

How can Junior League staff who are not members enroll?

Your League can submit names of staff who require access through eUpdate tools.

If you're not connected, please take a few minutes to enroll now!

AJLI PARTNER, ELECTROLUX ICON, LAUNCHES A NEW ONLINE IDEA BOUTIQUE

For anyone who has ever lost sleep about a seating plan or worried about what hors d'oeuvre to serve, help is on the way. AJLI partner, Electrolux, has launched the EList™, a new online idea boutique created especially for today's entertainers.

The EList™ by Electrolux features exclusive content from master chefs including Geoffrey Zakarian and Cat Cora, as well as expert entertainers like Colin Cowie. It's designed to provide entertaining enthusiasts with ideas and inspiration – as well as unfettered access to some of the world's most entertaining personalities.

Learn how to make edible centerpieces with Cowie, watch Chef Zakarian whip up the perfect Sunday dinner, tour a fabulous show house or peek inside Cat Cora's dream dinner party. Once you sign up to join the EList™, you are automatically entered to win a suite of premium all-stainless steel appliances from Electrolux ICON™.

Visit the EList™ at www.electroluxusa.com/elist.

About Electrolux

Electrolux has a rich heritage of developing premium kitchen appliances in Europe, which have been used throughout fine homes and restaurants for more than 70 years. In 2004, Electrolux ICON™, the company's premium line of stylish, high-performance kitchen appliances, made its North American debut to rave reviews. With 120 designers at eight design studios in seven countries, Electrolux ICON™ features a truly unique design and quality that have set the standard in the appliance industry. For more information, visit www.electroluxusa.com.

Nominating Committee Report

The Junior League of Schenectady is in full swing - from a successful Operation Back-to-School to a highly anticipated House Tour, this year is sure to be tremendous. These events would not have been possible without the dedication and drive of your Board of Directors. Have you ever considered joining this group?

By becoming a member of the Board, you will be expanding your leadership skills, honing your event planning skills and making great friendships along the way. We hope you will consider taking a leadership position within our League next year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Nominating Chair, Jackie Baker at 207-7692 or jacquelinecbaker@hotmail.com.

The Junior League of Schenectady would like to thank the following organizations for their support of “Operation Back-to-School”

SCA Tissue North America

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Troy Savings Bank Foundation

SEFCU Foundation

Parcel Post Plus

Goldstock's

Fidelis Care

Community Committee Report

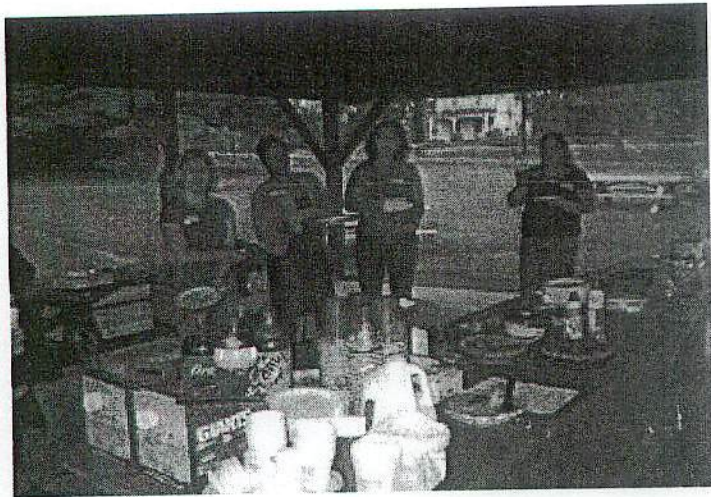
The Community Committee looks forward to offering several "Done in a Day" projects for active and sustaining members. The Junior League of Schenectady will again participate in the Concerned for the Hungry Thanksgiving Basket preparation. This is a fun event for League members and their families - look for date, time, and location on the website.

In addition, Schenectady League members can join with the Albany and Troy Junior Leagues in staffing an educational table at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Event to be held in Albany on Saturday, October 6th as the 12th Annual Komen Race for the Cure steps off in Albany at the Empire State Plaza. Look for further details on the website.

Members of the Community Committee this year are Melissa Dougherty, Karen Lombardi, Nancy Hart, and Shannon Kelly.

Membership Committee Report

We kicked off the perspective member class with a Pie Social at Jeff Blatnick Park in Niskayuna on September 9th. Even with the rain we had a great turnout. There were 10 different kinds of pies and everyone was able to take home a couple of favorite recipes.



We look forward to officially welcoming the Provisional Member Class on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30pm at the Union College Admissions building. If you have any perspective members that have not yet been invited to attend, please contact Sarah Stotz by e-mail at [sstotz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ssstotz@nycap.rr.com) or by phone at 581-3211.

Here are a few current Junior Leaguers enjoying homemade pie with potential new members at the New Member Introductory Event!

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WHILE HELPING SUPPORT OUR LEAGUE!

Specialty retailer and AJLI partner, Talbots, is offering a great way to support our League while celebrating the holidays! With the TalbotsGivesBack program, League members can purchase a Talbots Gift Card and earn 10% for our League.

Featuring modern classic styles in apparel, shoes and accessories, Talbots provides head-to-toe wardrobing for all occasions. To take your loved ones from work to the weekend or that special occasion, select from merchandise offered across several Talbots retail concepts including Talbots Misses, Talbots Petites, Talbots Woman, Talbots Woman Petites, and Talbots Collection. Make the day of someone special with a Talbots Gift Card.

Go to www.TalbotsGivesBack.com to order your Talbots Gift Cards and earn 10% of the face value for our League.

What a great way to shop for the holidays while supporting our League's mission!

About Talbots

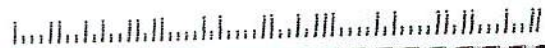
Talbots is a leading national specialty retailer of women's, men's, and children's apparel, shoes, and accessories. Talbots' brands serve a broad diversity of women within the fast-growing 35+ population through an extensive range of sizes and distinct, yet complementary styles. Talbots is a partner of The Association of Junior Leagues International and sponsor of its annual Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award. For more information about Talbots, visit www.thetalbotsinc.com.



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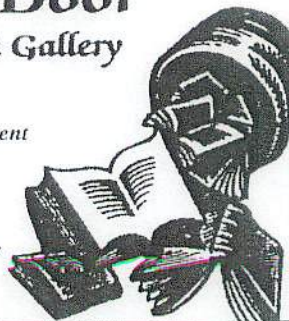
JLS UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 9th:** General Membership Meeting at 6:30pm at Talbot's in Saratoga Springs
- **October 13th:** Training Day from 9am-3pm at the Saratoga Hotel
- **October 16:** New Member Class Meeting - October 16th at 6:30pm at Grant Hall (Admissions Building) at Union College
- **November 6th:** General Membership/House Tour Meeting at 6:30pm in College Park Hall (old Ramada Inn) at Union College
- **November 13th:** Tri-Valley League Meeting sponsored by the Albany League location TBA
- **November 29th:** Homes for the Holidays House Tour Preview Celebration location TBA
- **November 30th and December 1st:** Homes for the Holiday House Tour 10am-4pm
- **January 4th:** Winter Schenexus Articles due to Molly MacElroy (macelrom@union.edu)
- **January 8th, 2008:** General Membership Meeting at the Saratoga Library

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