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## President's Message



*Steph Graev, President*

The 2016-2017 League year has already started off with a bang! From our advocacy work with Erin's Law, sponsoring the Delaware Designer Showhouse, continuing our community impact work benefiting girls aged 12-18 in the greater Wilmington area, executing the 34th Whale of a Sale, planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and being honored by the Wilmington Senior Center, there is so much to be excited for this year.

A major highlight from the summer was that work we had undertaken to have a bill introduced in the Delaware Legislature come to fruition. Erin's Law was passed in late June, and was signed into law at our headquarters by Governor Markell on August 10. The law requires age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention education in publicly funded schools. On a personal note, I was also honored to be able to present to other Junior Leagues from across the country about our Erin's Law advocacy work at the Association of Junior League's International (AJLI) Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Our fundraising efforts have been amped up this year. We sponsored the Delaware Designer Showhouse, which has been a new fundraiser for the League this year. And, Whale of a Sale returned on November 12. The sale began in 1980 and is now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year. Whale of a Sale exceeded its fundraising goals,

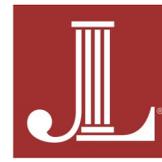
thanks to the hard work of so many women!

The proceeds from those two fundraisers go to support our mission of training women to be leaders in the community. Our focus area right now is on helping girls ages 12-18 in the Greater Wilmington area. One of the ways our members do this is through our mentoring program for the granddaughters served by the Wilmington Senior Center. We are also working to renovate the common room at the Delaware Adolescent Program (DAPI), which provides high school education and prenatal care to teenage moms. Additionally, we do life skills workshops at Bayard House, a residential program for homeless and transitional pregnant minors. In March, we will once again host The Women's Leadership Summit, open to the community. The inaugural summit was a great success last year, and we are looking forward to it again this year.

The Junior League of Wilmington is coming up on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. The League is already planning for a year of Centennial Anniversary activities and celebrations. We have been impacting the greater Wilmington area for the last century, and that deserves a celebration! The work that the League has done over the years was honored by the Wilmington Senior Center this fall. We were the recipient of their David Menser award, which honors an older adult or organization that has made a significant contribution to the community, whether through business, public service, volunteer commitments or in a variety of arenas.

I can't wait to see the hard work that all League members contribute to our League this year!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Graev



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# The 34th Whale of a Sale Exceeds Fundraising Goals – And Makes a Big Splash!

By Tiffany Hooper

\$15 for a wedding gown at the old Pathmark? It must be Whale of a Sale!

The 34th Junior League of Wilmington Whale of Sale “swam” right past its fundraising goals this year, raising \$34,795 and surpassing the last sale’s totals. The sale was a financial success, and once again provided an amazing opportunity for the community to buy great merchandise at huge discounts.

This year’s Whale of a Sale was unique in so many ways, but most definitely in its location, which offered new challenges and also huge advantages. The site, a former Pathmark grocery store on Route 13 in New Castle, offered a highly visible, easy to access location with around double the square footage of past sales. It also came with shelving intact, which initially posed a challenge in terms of figuring out a set-up—the most recent sales have been in spaces that were more of a blank slate—but ultimately allowed the merchandise to be displayed beautifully.

Most notably, the 200+ new wedding and formal gowns, donated by retailers including Frank Bernard, who has been a donor for several years, were displayed in a gorgeous bridal salon area set up by the Whale committee. Other popular aisles were the incredibly abundant clothing departments, including designer accessories and clothing and children’s clothing. Perennial favorites among shoppers, including the furniture department, kids toys and equipment, holiday items, art and antiques, and housewares were also well-stocked. The new merchandise selection was expanded this year with the help of ten cases of new merchandise from Everything but the Kitchen Sink and other retailers.

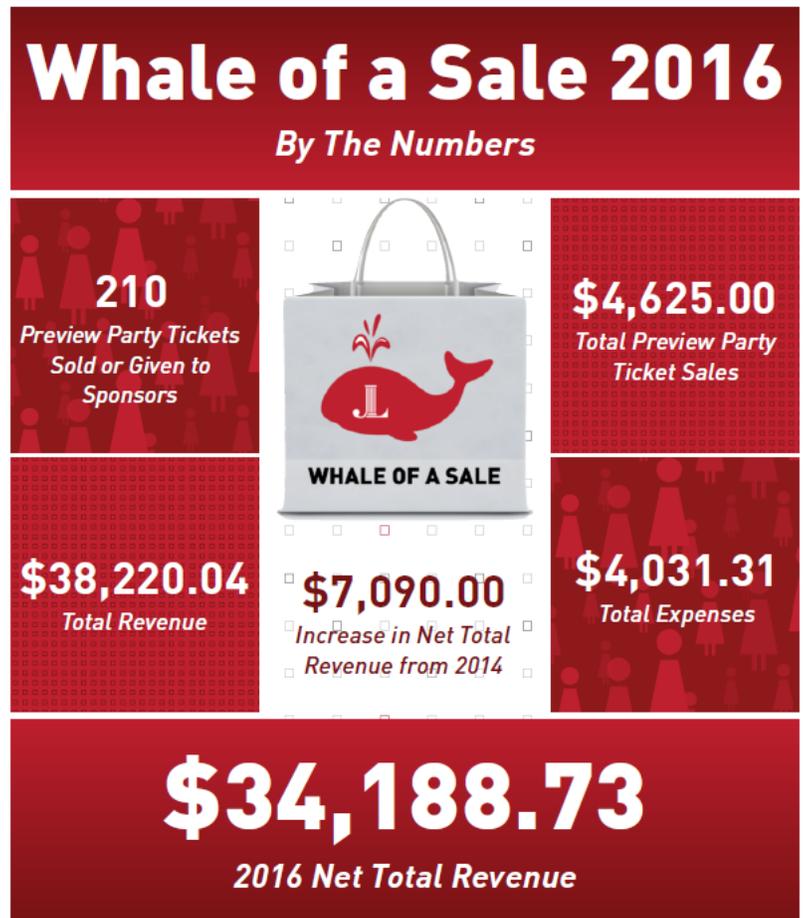
As always, Leaguers and their friends and family enjoyed a fabulous preview party. The theme was Moonlight and Margaritas, and more than 200 tickets sold to eager shoppers, revelers, and auction bidders. A trip to Turks and Caicos, donated by Ocean Club Resorts, was sold in a live auction for \$1,100, and in all—including merchandise sold, ticket sales, and the silent and live auctions—the party raised more than \$10,000 of

the Whale total.

The Whale committee introduced a new Whale logo this year, and the design was put on T-shirts and sold nearly 50 as a mini-fundraiser.

For months, the JLW had been collecting items for donation to our biennial flagship fundraising event. Social media was used to our advantage for community and member collections this year, as we put the word out, especially on Facebook, to garner donations.

Whale of a Sale returns in fall 2018, and we can’t wait to see what it has in store.



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# DAPI Beautification Initiative Continues

A group of 10 volunteers recently continued the Junior League of Wilmington's beautification initiative at the Delaware Adolescent Program Incorporation (DAPI) Wilmington facility. Shelby Wilson, Community Impact committee member, coordinated the event, at which members helped to create locker panels with inspirational messages, installed pictures to enhance the look and feel of the community room lounge, and added vibrant decals in the hallway.

Statewide Executive Director, Dr. Dorothy L.P. Griffin, present during the event, was filled with enthusiasm and is visibly passionate about DAPI's mission and vision. Her care and concern for creating an inspirational and empowering environment for the young women served by DAPI was evident by her engagement with the volunteer team.

*"The Junior League has played such an integral role in the foundation, the mere inception of the organization, and to see you continuing after all these years, beginning in 1968 through today, continuing to be a presence, it really makes the statement that commitment to partnership is within your organization and we value that. When the Junior League does a project in our organization, it is clear because whatever you start it is very evident that your fingerprints have been placed because it is so much more attractive and more alluring. Girls need to feel attractive and you have helped to do that by the physical things you've done to enhance our setting and we thank you.," Griffin said.*



## ***Congratulations to our Newest Actives!***

Sherri Coverdale  
Shawn-Ere' Jackson  
Stephanie Patterson  
Wendy Stith

Stephanie Herron  
Melissa Marlin  
Kathleen Perachio  
Carol Wevodau

Noorie Jadeja  
Kristen Messina  
Heather Rafail

# **How Much do you Know About Bayard House?**

**By Katie Litchfield**

The Junior League of Wilmington has been partnering with Bayard House for several years, but how many of our members actually know much about it? Bayard House is the *only* licensed residential program in Delaware providing direct client care service twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to at-risk, homeless, pregnant and/or newly parenting adolescents, young women, and their babies. It is run by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Bayard House program helps those at risk young women become nurturing parents and self-sufficient, contributing members of society. It serves as an important resource for the young women as a stepping stone to stability and independence. The help they provide can be broken down into three programs: maternity care, a food cooperative, and pregnancy counseling.

The Junior League of Wilmington specifically supports the maternity care program. Our volunteers come into the residential house to mentor the young women in resume building, workplace attitude, and interview techniques. The most recent program wrapped up with mock interviews. Teams of two volunteers worked with each resident on common interview questions. Our volunteers were able to assist the young women in creating professional resumes, career plans and goals, and learning and practicing good interview techniques.

In working with the young women our volunteers bring their own unique experiences from the professional world.

"The Bayard House Career Readiness Program is yet another way for the Junior League of Wilmington to use our talent and share experiences that can help young women develop skills to obtain and retain employment. The curriculum is rich, engaging, and informative and will leave participants with creative and persuasive ways to present their skills when building a resume and conducting an interview," said Dionna Sargent, co-chair for Community Impact Committee.

With the volunteers that we have within the League, we have a diversity of female professional experiences which we are able to bring to the residents. It is this way, women helping women, that the Junior League of Wilmington can help in the Bayard House's mission to help those young women become nurturing parents and self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

"I've attended all the Bayard House professional development meetings. I had the opportunity to connect with a few of the young ladies and offer real-world guidance on situations they may face upon entering the workforce. The ladies were genuinely interested in what we had to say and were eager to share their life experiences. Myself and the other volunteers were able to help them connect the dots from their previous experiences and show them how their skills can transition into a career. Working with Bayard House was a wonderful experience," said Tiffany Hooper, a Whale of a Sale Committee member who attended each Bayard House event this fall.

As we continue to support and grow this program, continuing to have different volunteers come before those girls to share their experiences is essential. It's those personal experiences that make all the difference. If you have any interest in getting involved with this program feel free to reach out to Katie Litchfield ([klitchfield123@gmail.com](mailto:klitchfield123@gmail.com)) or Colleen Clancy ([colleen.m.clancy@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.m.clancy@gmail.com)).

# Advocating for Erin's Law

By Christi Miller

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Junior League of Wilmington, DE headquarters, Governor Jack Markell signed Erin's Law into effect while surrounded by many of the members who actively advocated for its passage.

The new law now requires the state to develop curriculum for all of Delaware's public schools that will educate school employees, parents and children between pre-K to 6th grade about personal body safety and child sexual abuse.

Named for Erin Merryn, an Illinois woman and sexual abuse survivor, Erin's Law gives adults the tools to recognize sexual abuse as well as appropriate responses to the abuse.

## THE BACK STORY

As most members know, the JLW has been focusing its community impact efforts on improving the health and well-being of children for more than five years. Member Susan Coulby saw Merryn on a "Where Are They Now?" episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," subsequently realizing that Delaware had not yet adopted Erin's Law.

A taskforce was formed for research, community awareness, testimony and grassroots efforts.

Sen. Margaret Rose Henry (D-Wilmington), a sustaining member of the the JLW, introduced the legislation as Senate

Bill 213 when the League's Erin's Law Taskforce brought the measure to her attention.

The taskforce continued to advocate for the bill by making its research available; contacting important community members and child welfare organizations and agencies, including the Beau Biden Foundation; delivering testimony to the Senate Education Committee, the House Administration Committee and on the Senate Floor; reaching out to individual legislators to request a "yes" vote.

"Passage of Erin's Law in Delaware shows what the hard work, persistence, determination and teamwork of a group of dedicated women can accomplish," said current JLW President Stephanie Graev. "A law like this is particularly vital in a state where the Earl Bradley case is part of recent history."

As Markell signed the law into effect, a computer was set up so that Merryn could digitally witness as Delaware became the 28th state in the nation to adopt the law named for her.

Gov. Markell thanked the JLW for its efforts, saying, "I am truly grateful for your advocacy. I don't know that we'd be here today without your leadership."

Representative Valerie Longhurst, a prime sponsor of the bill, noted that there are 42 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse—three million of them still children.

"You can't make a difference until you make a change," she said.

The Erin's Law Task Force was chaired by Dionna Sargent, and included Lauren Annal, Kia Booker, Susan Coulby, Stephanie Graev, Nikki Hudak, Natalie Koslowski, Finn Smith, Jinni Hayes, and Heather Pletcher.



# SUSTAINER PROFILE

***Mrs. Jean Alderson (Mrs. W. Lysle Alderson, Jr.), Past President, 1944 to 1946***

**by Lisa Magnuson**

On July 5, 2016, Allison Brokaw, one of our Sustainers that serves on the Sustainer Committee introduced me to her husband's aunt, Mrs. Jean Alderson, who just turned 100 years on June 23, 2016! Jean has resided at the Country House since 1999. She has an engaging personality and is knowledgeable about art, local artists, music, theatre, local history and many other topics. Jean was even a Winterthur guide for 50 years. Read on to learn about the connection between the guides at Winterthur and the Junior League of Wilmington.



Jean standing with her niece, Sustainer Allison Brokaw

Shortly after she was married, Jean joined the Junior League of Wilmington in the fall of 1943. Jean's interests include the theatre and she was very involved with organizing and supporting events for children. In October 1943 there was a production of Cinderella given by children of the Bayard School with the JLW providing the technical work. 1,500 children attended the play and expenses were held to under \$100 (imagine!).

Minutes from the December 13, 1943 Board Meeting announce 16 Provisionals, including Jean, have been voted as Active members.

On April 10, 1944, when the slate was presented, Mrs. Lysle Alderson and Miss Gertrude Skelly were nominated to run for the office of President. Jean was elected President. Obviously, very early she was recognized as a strong leader! Jean served two terms as President from 1944-1946.

Jean spoke to us about the JLW's involvement in the founding in 1945 of the Delaware Curative Workshop during her term as President. Mrs. Carl Henry Davis (whose husband was a physician) directed the project. From the October 1944 minutes: "Jean Alderson spoke briefly about the projects for the year and accepting a new one. She felt a project such as the Curative Workshop would give the League a vital part to play and a reason to exist in the post-war world."

In June 1945, it was agreed that the League would commit to giving the Curative Workshop \$5,000 (\$67,966 today) and thereafter \$3,000 annually (\$40,780 today) for the following five years. These were substantial amounts and it was this funding commitment that spurred the first Holly Ball in December 1945. The first Holly Ball cleared net proceeds of \$6,500! As many of you know, the Holly Ball continued for many years as an annual Junior League of Wilmington tradition.

Jean also spoke at length about Winterthur. Winterthur opened as a museum to the public in October, 1951 and initially on a limited basis to those that wrote and requested tickets. Jean told us that the first Winterthur guides were the women of the Junior League of Wilmington. Each woman that participated in this project received specialized classroom training on the arts, antiques and collections at the museum.

## IN LEAGUE

Initially this was all volunteer and instead of taking a group and moving from room to room these ladies stood for hours in one room. Eventually in 1954 this became a paid position. Jean told us that she waited until it was a paid position before she started working for Winterthur, and then did so for the next 50 years.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1916 as Jean McDonald Sobotta, her mother was a music teacher and her father was employed by the Canadian National Railway. She attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Her mother, who was clearly very forward thinking, thought that Jean should see another part of the country and thus encouraged her daughter to go to college in the east. So she did! Upon her graduation, Jean received two job offers. One was at the Girls Latin School in Chicago. This school's very notable alumni is very much like a Who's Who list – one that includes Nancy Reagan. The second offer came from Tower Hill. Jean's friend and classmate at Vassar was the daughter of the headmaster at Tower Hill and told Jean "that her father would get her a job" – and he did. Jean chose Tower Hill over the school in Chicago because Wilmington was a part of the country that was new to her. Jean taught Dramatics and Public Speaking at Tower Hill for two years. With no sign of a promotion, Jean tendered her resignation and agreed to spend the summer working at the Vassar Club in New York City. Shortly before she left Wilmington, through the French teacher at Tower Hill, Jean was introduced to her future husband, Lysle Alderson, who worked at the DuPont Experimental Station. Lysle was immediately smitten with Jean! However, Jean had her career in mind and went on to New York City and to the Vassar Club. Lysle was not discouraged, since his father lived on Park Avenue in New York City and he spent every weekend there so that he could see Jean. In the fall, Jean moved to Poughkeepsie and spent a year teaching at Vassar. She and Lysle became engaged and they were married in New York City on June 14, 1941.

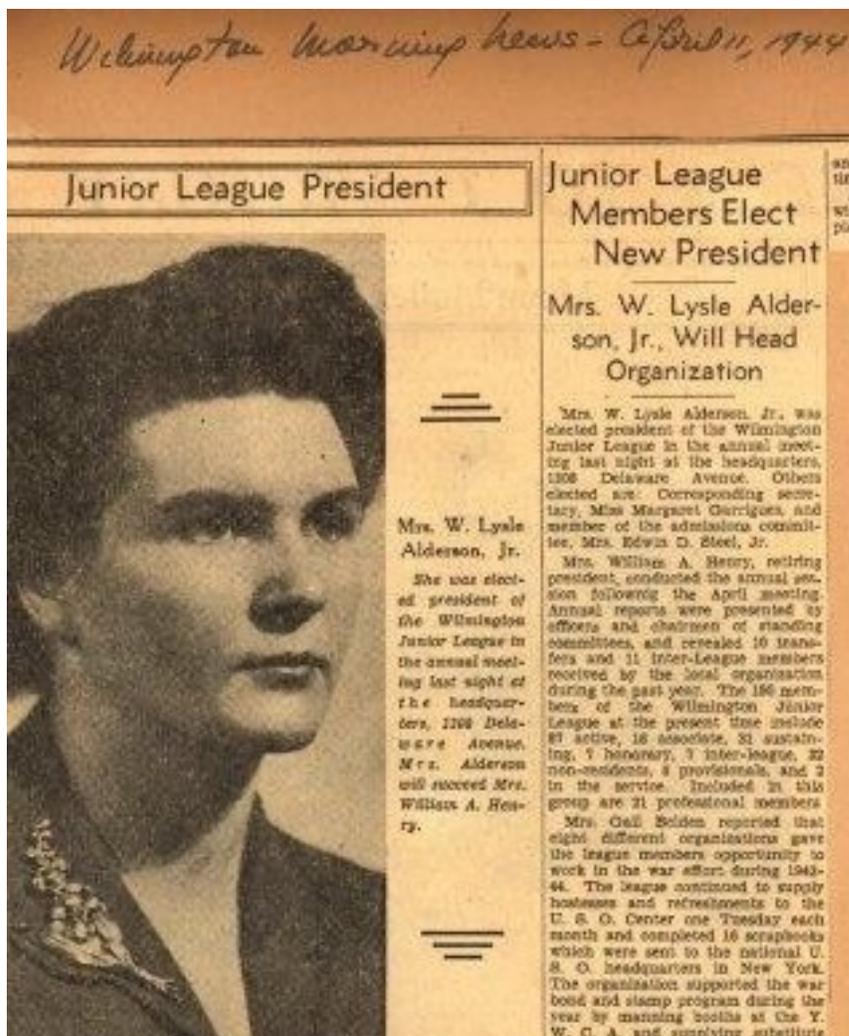
Jean & Lysle lived in Wilmington, Delaware and had two children, Helen and David.

Jean moved to the Country House in 1999. It was there that she began to paint! Jean credits George Martz, a former art teacher at Tower Hill and artist in his own right, for developing her talent. George has been volunteering for 22 years at the Country House.

If you visit the Country House be sure to look up Jean and find her beautiful paintings that are displayed!

Meeting Jean was a wonderful personal experience for me. Thanks to Allison Brokaw for the both the suggestion and the introduction! With each *Lantern* leading up to our 100 year anniversary we intend to "Spotlight" a past President, or someone like Jean who really made a significant impact on the Junior League of Wilmington and the community.

If you would like to suggest someone for a future Sustainer Spotlight in an upcoming *Lantern*, please contact Lisa Magnuson at (302) 234-2293 or by email at [18magli@gmail.com](mailto:18magli@gmail.com)



## ***Exciting Opportunities with Your Member DEVELOPMENT Committee!***

By Lisa Lankert

The 2016-17 year brings many changes to Member Development – now renamed from Member Advisory. The Member Development Committee now encompasses an expanded role in offering member trainings to enhance the member experience. This was most recently demonstrated in the Leadership Panel Discussion during the November GMM where many of our League leaders, past and present, spoke on their individual leadership experiences in an informative and interesting way. This panel included new and seasoned Active leadership as well as Sustainers to give an outstanding overview of what leadership in the League is like. More training opportunities will be offered in the New Year. Keep an eye out for an exciting training opportunity coming in January.

In addition to the trainings, Member Development is committed to ensuring a positive member experience by assigning an Advisor to every committee in order to address any questions or areas of concern. Your advisor is here for you! Your Member Development Advisors are:

*KIM WEINGARTEN – Board Members & Nominating*

*LISA LANKERT – Member Activities & Provisionals (including leadership and participants)*

*LAUREN BRITTINGHAM – Fund Development & Women’s Leadership Summit*

*SUSAN COULBY – Communications & Recruiting*

*KYLE GAY – Community Impact*

*HEATHER MAGINNIS – Whale of a Sale & Kitchen Tour*

We also encourage every active member to review their Member Compact from last year. If you do not have a copy of what you submitted, your Member Advisor can provide that to you. Additionally, as January draws near, please reach out to your Member Advisor or to a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in any type of Leadership Position for next year.

***Take advantage of AJLI Training by visiting  
the AJLI website today!***



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## Junior League of Wilmington Annual Fund By The Numbers

The Junior League of Wilmington is hoping for 100% participation in this year's Annual Fund! Please join us in reflecting on the many friendships, opportunities and the community impact created by the JLW. Since 1918, we have developed like a tree, with strong roots in the community and a network of branches reaching out to those in need. Every gift plants a seed, a starting point to grow something special, and we need your help to continue to thrive and grow.

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We invite you to contribute to our Annual Fund in thanksgiving, in memory or in celebration of those who make the Junior League special to you. The JLW currently has 87 active members. If we had 100% participation this year, imagine what we could do.



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Just one (YOU!) member's influence can be felt ten-fold. Thank you for your time... it makes a difference in someone's life every day. Thank you for your commitment, your membership, patronage and support.

8,469

We raised \$8,469 for the 2015 Annual Fund, but did not meet our goal. We know we can come together to meet our goals this year.

10,000

Our goal for this year is \$10,000. Be on the lookout for a contest and prizes! Every dollar goes to support our mission.

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Only 30 of our Active members gave to the 2015 Annual Fund. That isn't even HALF of our active members. We can do better, but we can't do it without you!

2013-14

In the last 5 years, our League raised the most in 2013-14...more than \$12,000! Think we can beat it?

For more information, visit "Donate to Annual Fund" under the Funding Mission section of the JLW member website.



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# Sustainer News & Events

The Sustainers have been enjoying some wonderful events! Here are some highlights:

## *Welcome New Sustainers and Sustainer Transfers*

### June 17th – Welcome Luncheon

The Sustainer Committee organized a welcome lunch for new Transfers and Sustainers at Pizza by Elizabeths. It was wonderful to get together to greet each some of the newest Sustainers, those moving up from Active and those who have just moved to our area! Going forward, quarterly events will be held to welcome new Sustainers!

#### New Sustainer Transfers

Joanne Armstrong (Baltimore, MD)  
Mary Ann Emely (Washington, DC)  
Susan McKenna (Morristown, NJ)  
Lisa Pomraning (Phoenix, AZ)  
Susan Stith (Baltimore, MD)  
Laurie Wedel (Lancaster, PA)

#### New Sustainers

Stephanie Cory Gorris  
Jinni Hayes  
Jennifer McKelvey  
Kalia Perse  
Katie Van Druff



### June 22nd – Philadelphia Mural Arts Tour

On a gorgeous summer day, a group of 20 traveled to Philadelphia to experience a Center City guided walking tour and learn about the fascinating murals on many buildings in Philadelphia. About 50% of our group used SEPTA to travel to Philadelphia and found it to be convenient and efficient. On our 2 mile walk we saw only a fraction of the over 3,000 murals –and we were amazed at the stories behind the art. These are truly treasures! Following a delicious and refreshing lunch at Tria Café, Carol Beck led many of us to a fabulous gelato shop for dessert, and then she continued to lead us on a second mini tour of the Jefferson University campus. Special thanks to Carol!

## *2017-18 Dues!*

Dues for the 2017-18 League year will be due on April 1. Sustainer dues notices will be mailed by the end of February. Payments can be made by check or online on the Member website at [www.jlwilmington.org](http://www.jlwilmington.org). If you need assistance logging in please contact headquarters or email [jlw@jlwilmington.org](mailto:jlw@jlwilmington.org).

Provisionals/Actives—\$128; Sustainers—\$93

### **July 13th – Sustainer Happy Hour at Iron Hill**

The sustainer Happy Hour organized by Cindy Dunn was held at the Iron Hill in Wilmington. It was well attended with 25 attendees considering it was during the middle of summer! It was very nice meeting some of the new transfers and seeing Sustainers we have not seen in a very long time. Conci Rosa is now back from Hong Kong and she mentioned she looks forward to coming to more events. Welcome home, Conci!

Food was absolutely abundant and we need to thank Susan Davies for coordinating with Iron Hill's banquet manager to deliver a nice variety of appetizers.

The Sustainers hope to have a few more of these impromptu events in the future. Please forward any restaurant recommendations, including ideas for lunches or breakfasts to Cindy at [Cindy.dunn@comcast.net](mailto:Cindy.dunn@comcast.net).



### **September 13th – Flower Arranging & Luncheon at Kendal**

Stephanie Cory-Gorris organized a lovely day for us at Kendal. We enjoyed learning about the techniques of flower arranging & all that attended left inspired and with new ideas! Our luncheon was delicious! Thank you to Stephanie & the staff at Kendal for arranging such a special event!



### **October 4th – QVC Tour & Lunch**

Thanks goes out to Diane Dunham for organizing an informative & interesting tour at QVC. Attendees enjoyed a fascinating tour of the studio while learning about the history of QVC (Quality, Value, Choice of course!). Following the tour we all received a special coupon to use at the QVC store – many of us walked out with a bag or box! We enjoyed lunch at Not Your Average Joe's following the tour (and shopping).

### **October 26th – Dinner at Columbus Inn**

Thanks to Cindy Dunn for organizing another wonderful outing. There were 28 attendees – an excellent blend of actives, sustainers and past presidents. Feedback that evening was very good. As we change locations, different groups attend. Future venues - suggestions from attendees: Pizza by Elizabeths for a pizza and wine night; Friday night dinner trip (bus or train) to Philadelphia, smaller more intimate dinners, and a return to Capers and Lemons. Be sure to contact Cindy with ideas: [Cindy.dunn@comcast.net](mailto:Cindy.dunn@comcast.net).

Upcoming events:

January 24<sup>th</sup> - Sustainer Winter Cocktail Party at RedFire – invitation to be mailed in December



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# 2017 Women's Leadership Summit

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*Interested in Sponsoring the Summit? Contact Kesha Clarke.*

## UPCOMING MEMBER ACTIVITIES

### Members-Only WEAR RED Party

Friday, February 3 —6-8 p.m.—Columbus Inn  
*More Details Forthcoming!*

### Moms & Kids Under 4 Playdate

January 7 —See Tuesday Tidbits for Details

### Game Night at HQ

January 14—4-8 p.m.—Sign up on the Member Calendar

# save-the-date

## *Welcome to the Fall Provisional Class!*

Kelly Hartranft  
Rachel Marsilli  
Sarah Newton

Elaine Horn  
Nicole McConville  
Kisha Riviere

Valerie Lessik  
Debra McKibben

# Showhouse Fundraiser Delights & Inspires

For four weekends this fall, The Delaware Designer Showhouse offered home design inspiration in a beautiful sylvan setting. The League was the principle sponsor of the Showhouse, and a committee of Sustainers led by Sandra Borrer ran the fundraiser. Each of four non-profit partners - The Delaware Nature Society, the Delaware Contemporary, the Fund for Women, and the Oxford Arts Alliance - contributed volunteer hours and benefitted from proceeds as well. Nearly twenty designers contributed to the renovation project, which transformed a 1970s diamond-in-the-rough to a sparkling gem.



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