

MINUTE

Annual Meeting Celebrates a Successful Volunteer Year

On Thursday, June 9, volunteers gathered at P.S. 6 for the 2015–2016 Annual Meeting, presided over by NYJL President Stacey Lawrence Lee. Volunteers welcomed incoming NYJL President Suzanne E. Manning, who will serve from 2016–2018, and learned of key updates to the NYJL's strategic planning goals, including the announcement that the 2015–2016 NYJL Annual Fund campaign had raised over \$150,000 to date.



NYJL Past Presidents and outgoing President Stacey Lawrence Lee, welcome incoming NYJL President Suzanne E. Manning.

During the awards portion of the evening, the following were named the NYJL's 2015–2016 Committees of the Year: Archives and Photography, Junior Junior League, and Personal Empowerment Project. Seven women were honored for their extraordinary contributions to the NYJL: Sustainer Service Award honorees Rosemarie Dackerman and Joan Heath, and Women to Watch Kristen O'Connor Davis, Kristen L. Kocis, Griffin Marr, Alexandra H. Stathis, and Rebecca Mummert Swartz.

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SAVE THE DATE

HOMEcoming

The NYJL kicks off the 2016–2017 volunteer year at our annual Homecoming fundraiser on Friday, October 7, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Astor House. To purchase tickets, visit nyjl.org.

The Community Improvement Project Kicks Off Its Fifth Year

The Community Improvement Project (CIP) committee is excited to announce its partnership with Harbor Science & Arts for the 2016–2017 NYJL volunteer year. Harbor Science & Arts, a charter school, opened in 2000, and is located in East Harlem. It serves approximately 255 students across grades K–8. CIP will collaborate with the school staff and a team of designers and contractors to renovate the middle school science lab that focuses on Earth and Physical Sciences.

In its fifth year, the CIP committee continues to team with non-profit organizations in need of improvements and renovations to their Manhattan-based facilities in order to help those organizations further fulfill their mission to the NYC community. The RFP process kicked off in early May and a number of worthy organizations submitted applications for consideration. As part of the RFP process, a select NYJL taskforce was assembled to review all the applications and select three finalists. The outgoing CIP co-chairs, Liz Fabsits and Stephanie Ellison, and incoming co-chairs, Terry Pope and Caroline Harrison,

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NYJL Mission Statement

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

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Dear Volunteers,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to kick off the new volunteer year! Over the past few months, I had the pleasure to speak with many of you and hear what makes the New York Junior League so special to each of you. Among the many, many reasons that our volunteers choose to devote their time and talents to the NYJL are: "it allows me to give directly back to my community while honing new professional and leadership skills,"

"the feeling that at any moment the volunteer work I do could be contributing to helping a New Yorker in need to achieve their dreams," "the opportunity to make new and lasting friendships," and "it gives me a chance to make the world a better place."

One of the many common threads in the reasons I heard was the opportunity to make a true difference in the lives of our fellow New Yorkers. This year we are launching four new community focused committees which will allow us as a whole, and as individuals, to make an even greater impact in New York City. The four committees are: Building Blocks; Girls Opportunity Advancement and Leadership (GOAL); Lead, Inspire, Focus, and Thrive (LIFT); and Passport to the World. Each of these committees will work with a different community partner and include both an educational component as well as one-on-one mentoring. (Please see page 9 for more details.)

Another of the common threads I heard from our volunteers about why they choose to volunteer with the NYJL was the opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills and experiences. On the leadership development front, Chair Training was redesigned to provide different sessions for new and experienced co-chairs with the goal to provide leaders at every experience level with the tools that each needs to be an effective leader and ensure that each volunteer has a meaningful committee experience. We have also made changes to the committees in our Training Council, including the creation of the Leadership Development committee which will develop programming focused on preparing volunteers for future leadership positions and the rebranding of Volunteer Training and Leadership (VTL) to Volunteer Education and Training (VET) which will solely focus on relevant issues that will allow our volunteers to gain skills and knowledge that will serve them in their committee volunteer work.

I am so thrilled about these opportunities and know that our dedication to our mission would make Mary Harriman proud 115 years later!

In the fall, you each will be asked to take our Organizational Survey focusing on our active volunteers and the Sustainer Survey focusing on our sustainer volunteers. Under the leadership of the Strategic Planning work group, every three years we survey our volunteers in order to gain valuable feedback from each of you about the impact that our current programs and processes have on training, community, placement, fundraising, and overall membership satisfaction. Your candid input is critical to the creation and implementation a Strategic Plan that ensures we are meeting our volunteers needs, our community's needs and remaining the strong and relevant organization that we are today.

As I shared at the Annual Meeting in June, I value team work, collaboration and open communication. I want to continue to build a culture of inclusiveness where every volunteer feels she is valued and important. This is your Junior League and your thoughts are incredibly important to me. I will be holding office hours once a month and invite you to share your experiences and ideas with me. The first two dates are Tuesday, September 27 and Tuesday, October 18 starting at 7 p.m. in the President's Office on the 3rd floor. Please stop by and tell me how it's going!

I'm very excited for what this year will bring – the Board of Directors, Management Council and your committee chairs have been working tirelessly this summer to ensure that the 2016 – 2017 volunteer year is the best yet!

I hope to see you all at Homecoming on October 7 to toast what I know will be a wonderful year because of the passion, dedication and hard work of each of you!

Warmly,

Suzanne Manning

Sustainers



Dear NYJL Volunteers,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Volunteer year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. At the recommendation from the Sustainer Task Force and approval from the Board of Directors, there are several additional leadership positions among the Sustainer Council Leadership team.

I am most pleased to be working with the Sustainer Day committee co-chairs, Maria Reina and Deni Wendt; Sustainer Evening committee co-chairs, Patricia Miney and Claire Mungiguerra; and the Career

Networking Group chair, Mary Cooper. These strong leaders have been hard at work this past summer scheduling our Sustainer-sponsored programming for the coming year. I hope you will be able to join us at an upcoming event. All the events are listed on the calendar of events on the NYJL website. I am sure there are a few you will not want to miss. All Sustainer events are open to the entire membership.

Last year the NYJL was honored by three community partners, Hartley House, SCAN, and the Single Parent Resource Center. I'm excited to share that this year Health Advocates for Older People will be recognizing the NYJL as one of its Treasures at its 31st Anniversary Gala Benefit on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yale Club. In addition, Betsey Steeger will be honored at the Single Parent Resource Center's Fall Fete on October 19, 2016 at the National Arts Club at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit www.singleparentusa.com. Lastly, a special recognition to Claire Mungiguerra who was honored on May 14, 2016 by her alma mater, Iona College, with the Brother Patrick B. Doyle Award for Distinguished Service to the Alumni Association. These honors are a testament to the work that both Sustainers and Actives continue to perform in the community in support of our mission.

The Sustainer Nominating committee will be seeking your recommendations for two Outstanding Sustainers for 2017. You can submit your recommendations to sustainernominating@nyjl.org by September 16, 2016.

It is going to be another fabulous volunteer year. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Sustainer Reception on September 14 and welcome you back along with the incoming Sustainers.

With warm regards,

Jeannie Egas-Trouveroy
Sustainer Council Head



The Sustainer Evening committee hosted Suzanne Donaldson (Mrs. Sizzle), a branding and content consultant.



In May, the Sustainer Day committee hosted Dr. Marianne J. Legato as she spoke about her book, *Why Men Never Remember and Women Never Forget*. L to R: Linda Fraser, Dr. Marianne J. Legato, SooWon Hwang Abrams.

Sustainer Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to Rosemarie Dackerman and Joan Heath as recipients of the 2016 Sustainer Service Award for their dedication to the NYJL beyond their Active years. Rosemarie Dackerman has had an extensive Junior League career and continues to lend her experience. She is currently on the Sustainer Evening committee as Communications vice-chair. Rosemarie also served as Co-chair on the Forum for Non-Profits committee. As Executive Director of the Single Parent Resource Center, Rosemarie has given several NYJL volunteers the opportunity to serve on its Board.

Joan Heath gives a lot of her time and talent to the NYJL. She was tripled placed on the Placement and Provisional Training committees and the Technology Task Force. Along with her thoughtful approach to advancing our mission, Joan pitches in wherever needed and sets a powerful example for everyone.

Welcome New Sustainers

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| <i>R. Ellen Avellino</i> | <i>Stacey Lawrence Lee</i> |
| <i>Sonia Bendt</i> | <i>Rosemary Marchewka</i> |
| <i>Susanne Bentley</i> | <i>Noreen Mastellon</i> |
| <i>Sharon Bonanni</i> | <i>Kelly Naku</i> |
| <i>Christina Bost Seaton</i> | <i>Shannon Patterson</i> |
| <i>RuthAnn Brazill</i> | <i>Palma Patti</i> |
| <i>Charlane Brown-Wyands</i> | <i>Michelle Pisarek-Bennett</i> |
| <i>Christie Chan</i> | <i>Margaret Porter</i> |
| <i>Kathi Chirichiello</i> | <i>Jessica Redding</i> |
| <i>Karen Cohen</i> | <i>Randa Reford</i> |
| <i>Shanette Cohen</i> | <i>Marilyn Ridolfo</i> |
| <i>Christine Converse Hogan</i> | <i>Helen Rockwell</i> |
| <i>Kelly Dee</i> | <i>Amy Salerno</i> |
| <i>Debra Dohnert</i> | <i>Nancy Sambuco</i> |
| <i>Dana Duncan</i> | <i>Teresa Signorelli</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Halsted</i> | <i>Stephanie Sparvero</i> |
| <i>Ingrid Heide</i> | <i>Wend Stahl</i> |
| <i>Katrina Hennigan</i> | <i>Gracey Stoddard</i> |
| <i>Karen Hodges</i> | <i>Shanna Tengshe</i> |
| <i>Margaret Hunnewell</i> | <i>Linda Thompson</i> |
| <i>Laura Hurban</i> | <i>Nance Vigneau</i> |
| <i>Gretchen Jeanes</i> | <i>Sara Werder</i> |
| <i>Danielle Krause</i> | <i>Kathleen Young</i> |
| | <i>Julie Zawislak</i> |

Calendar

Visit the calendar on the Membership Area of nyjl.org for additional event information.

SEPTEMBER

19 Monday

Finance Training – Community Councils, 7:00 p.m.
Communications Training – Community Councils, 7:00 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
Daytime Book Group: *Tender is the Night* – F. Scott Fitzgerald, 12:30 p.m.
Legacy Partners Reception, 7:00 p.m.
VET: Managing Stress, 7:00 p.m.

21 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Career Networking, 12:30 p.m.
Affiliation Book Group: *Lab Girl* – Hope Jahren, 7:00 p.m.

22 Thursday

Thirsty Thursday: Meet the Board and Management Council, 7:00 p.m.

26 Monday

Career Networking, 6:30 p.m.
VET: Working with Children, 7:00 p.m.

27 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
New Membership Sip & See, 7:30 p.m.

28 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
August/September Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.
Membership Councils, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Training – Fundraising Events & Affiliation, Membership, Communications & Strategy Councils, 7:00 p.m.

29 Thursday

Trips and Tours: Sagamore Hill, Theodore Roosevelt's Home, 9:00 a.m.
Planned Giving Presentation, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 Saturday

Affiliation Run Club, 9:30 a.m.
Shop & Stroll Madison Avenue, 10:00 a.m.

4 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
Transfer Orientation, 7:00 p.m.

5 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

6 Thursday

The Salon: Travel: An Insider Scoop, 12:00 p.m.
Great Decisions: The UN's post-2015 development agenda and leadership, 6:00 p.m.
All Community Council Training, 7:00 p.m.

7 Friday

Homecoming, 7:00 p.m.

11 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
Beginner Mah Jongg Class, 10:00 a.m.
Nonfiction Book Group: *John Adams* – David McCullough, 6:00 p.m.

12 Wednesday

Great Decisions: The UN's post-2015 development agenda and leadership, 11:00 a.m.
Performing Arts Plus: NYC Ballet's 'Classic NYCB' and Dinner, 5:15 p.m.
New Member Orientations, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

Sustainer Lecture Luncheon: Focus: The Sexy, Secret, Sometimes Sordid World of Fashion Photographers, 11:30 a.m.
Thirsty Thursday: Meet the Marathon Team, 7:00 p.m.

17 Monday

Fall Chair Networking Event, 7:00 p.m.

18 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
Beginner Mah Jongg Class, 10:00 a.m.
Daytime Book Group: *Last Friends* – Jane Gardam, 12:30 p.m.
VET: Presentation Skills, 7:00 p.m.

19 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Career Networking, 12:30 p.m.
Affiliation Book Group: *Girls Like Us* – Rachel Lloyd, 7:00 p.m.

20 Thursday

Sustainer Evening Lecture: Open Your Eyes! Amy Herman and the Art of Perception: Rethinking How We See, 6:30 p.m.
New Membership Sip & See, 7:30 p.m.

21 Friday

Fall House Tour Kick-Off, 6:30 p.m.

22 Saturday

Fall House Tour, 10:00 a.m.
Performing Arts Plus: Met Live in HD Opera 'Don Giovanni' and Brunch, 11:00 a.m.

24 Monday

Career Networking, 6:30 p.m.
Transfer Orientation, 7:00 p.m.

25 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.
Beginner Mah Jongg Class, 10:00 a.m.

26 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Children's Halloween Party, 4:30 p.m.
VET: Breast & Ovarian Cancer, 7:00 p.m.

27 Thursday

Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

29 Saturday

NPBC Fall Accelerated Course Day 1, 9:00 a.m.

VET: Difficult Conversations, 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

Beginner Mah Jongg Class, 10:00 a.m.

VET: Homelessness/Urban Pathways, 7:00 p.m.

2 Wednesday

Great Decisions: Climate geopolitics: The Road to Paris and Beyond, 11:00 a.m.

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

NPBC Fall Accelerated Course Day 1, 7:00 p.m.

3 Thursday

Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

New Member Orientations, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

5 Saturday

Run Club, 9:30 a.m.

NYC Marathon Brunch, 11:00 a.m.

6 Sunday

NYC Marathon, 10:00 a.m.

8 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

Daytime Book Group: *Year of Wonders* – Geraldine Brooks, 12:30 p.m.

9 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

10 Thursday

Great Decisions: Climate geopolitics: The Road to Paris and Beyond, 6:00 p.m.

NYJL Shops! Henri Bendel, 7:00 p.m.

14 Monday

Career Networking, 6:30 p.m.

15 Tuesday

Winter NYJL Minute Deadline

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

Nonfiction Book Group: *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War that Changed American History* – Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, 6:00 p.m.

VET: APP 115th Anniversary, 7:00 p.m.

16 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Career Networking, 12:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Plus: 'Pirate of Penzance' (Blue Hill Troupe) and Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Fall Placement Previews, 6:00 p.m.

Affiliation Book Group: *The Girls* – Emma Cline, 7:00 p.m.

17 Thursday

Sustainer Luncheon: *Take Two*: The Gibbons Del-Rio House 1930, 11:30 a.m.

Thirsty Thursday: Mary Harriman's Birthday & Beaujolais Nouveau, 7:00 p.m.

18 Friday

OS/OV Announcement, 7:00 p.m.

21 Monday

New Member Orientations, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

22 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

24 Thursday

Thanksgiving – NYJL Closed

25 Friday

NYJL Closed

DECEMBER

1 Thursday

Performing Arts Plus: New York Philharmonic Rehearsal and Lunch, 9:15 a.m.

Golden Tree, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

2 Friday

Golden Tree, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

3 Saturday

Run Club, 9:30 a.m.

Golden Tree, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

6 Tuesday

VET: Leadership Then/Now, 7:00 p.m.

8 Thursday

Holly & Ivy Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

9 Friday

Holiday Dinner Dance, 7:00 p.m.

13 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

14 Wednesday

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Career Networking, 12:30 p.m.

15 Thursday

Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

20 Tuesday

Mah Jongg, 10:00 a.m.

26 Monday

NYJL Closed



Fall House Tour

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The **Fall House Tour** is devoted to showcasing New York City's prestigious and luxurious residences while highlighting architecture, art, history, and the exquisite style of interior design. This event features a self-guided tour of Manhattan's most stylish homes, a continental breakfast, complimentary luncheon, silent auction, and post-tour cocktail reception. To purchase tickets, visit nyjl.org.



NEWS

Stanley Isaacs Showcases Its Many Talents

Since 2009, the NYJL has partnered with the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center bringing arts education to children in low-income housing in Yorkville and East Harlem. This committee, known as Stanley

the students were able to experience her work known as nature-based art. The students finished the year with an art show at the school which displayed the children's work.

Beacon to Broadway kept busy this year, starting off with a guest visit from actor/writer Jeremy Rishe who can be seen in a multitude of TV series and commercials including *Blue Bloods*, *Law & Order: SVU*, *The Good Wife*, and

makeup and how to tie a bowtie and neck tie in their costumes lesson. The students also took in two shows this year: *Christmas Spectacular* Starring the Radio City Rockettes and the Broadway production *School of Rock* where they were fortunate to attend a private meet and greet with two young stars from the show. After rehearsing for over 4 months, the students and volunteers ended the year with a spectacular production of *Annie Kids*.

First Lady Michelle Obama once said "A child's first inspiration through the arts can be a life-changing experience...learning through the arts reinforces critical academic skills in reading, language, arts and math and provides students with the skills to creatively solve problems." Both Artistic Journeys and Beacon to Broadway are anticipating another great year of collaborations with exciting guest speakers and field trips to museums and shows. Beacon to Broadway's next production will be *Peter Pan Kids* in the Spring of 2017.

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Isaacs Performing Arts, consists of Artistic Journeys (ages 7-9) and Beacon to Broadway (ages 10-13) who meet every Wednesday evening during the school year at PS 198.

This past year, Artistic Journeys worked on many projects, such as using tissue paper flowers as the inspiration for still life drawings, watercolors to practice ideas of impressionism and sculpting with child-friendly clay to explore Renaissance sculpture. They even had a visit from the Head of European Ceramics and Glass at Christie's to introduce the students to the concept of Decorative Arts, specifically Porcelain. Additional guest speakers included Cory Sedlmeier from Marvel Comics and teaching artist Andrea Burgay who together, taught a lesson on comic book art.

Artistic Journeys also went on field trips including a walk to The Craft Studio to learn about Jackson Pollock and create their own drip and splatter paintings on canvas. They visited the Bronx Museum of the Arts opening reception for Michelle Stuart's Theater of Memory: Photographic Works and

H&R Block. Mr. Rishe spoke to the students about his career as an actor, performed a monologue of his own and discussed script reading with them prior to the students working and performing monologues selected for each of them.

Along with learning about improvisation, reading scripts, and auditioning, they learned about special effects



Beacon to Broadway kids and volunteers, who made up the cast and crew of *Annie Kids*.

PIP Unveils 25th Annual Project

On Sunday, May 22, the Playground Improvement Project (PIP) committee returned its 25th annual project, a newly restored Marcus Garvey Park, to the Harlem community.



NYJL and community leadership at the PIP ribbon cutting, May 22, 2016.

Surrounded by newly created flower beds and freshly painted playgrounds, NYJL President Stacey Lawrence Lee led the ceremony. Stacey opened the day with remarks centered around the 25-year partnership between the New York Junior League and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Stacey's remarks were followed by distinguished speakers Mitchell Silver, Commissioner of the New York City Parks and Recreation; Diane Collier, Chair of Community Board #11 of Manhattan; and Connie Lee, President of the Marcus Garvey Park Alliance. Nicole Ferrin, NYJL Culture and the Arts Council Head, led the cutting of the ribbon to symbolize the return of the park to the community. Following the ceremony, the PIP committee had arranged family friendly activities and a performance by Band Seed for community members to enjoy. A great time was had by all!

Over five weekends this spring, the PIP committee worked to revitalize Marcus Garvey Park with the help of nearly 1,000 volunteers, including New York City Department of Parks and Recreation employees, sponsor Village Obstetrics, service organizations, neighborhood residents, and children. Volunteers made a big impact on this well-loved park by cleaning, painting, gardening and landscaping the playground and park area. The NYJL and PIP also donated supplies needed to completely refurbish the park's basketball courts and barbecue areas, as well as BigBelly Solar units. These state of the art, solar panel trash receptacles will help to minimize staff hours, keep litter and pests at a minimum and increase the overall cleanliness in the park.

The NYJL and the PIP committee look forward to returning to Marcus Garvey Park in the fall to complete touch-up work – and continuing their work with their 26th project next spring!

New View: Building Libraries that Last

The New View committee, which works with Good Shepherd Services (GSS), expanded its presence in 2014 to the East 17th Street GSS location. There, volunteers have worked with young adults transitioning out of the foster care system, including a group of teenage girls from East New York living in a non-secure placement detention center. While these girls were no strangers to delinquency issues, their struggles appeared more elementary to volunteer Leigh Held. The Center's learning specialist confirmed that most of the 15-18 year old girls read somewhere between a 4th and 9th grade reading level (appropriate for ages 9-14).

The Department of Justice confirms that 85% of all juveniles who interface with the justice system are functionally illiterate and over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a 4th grade level. In response to these statistics, the committee launched a library project to give these youth access to books.

In total, 175 titles were purchased, catalogued, and transported to three GSS locations where they were prominently displayed to encourage use. Residents and social workers alike have been delighted with the donations and many residents commented that they had not heard of most of these titles and have enjoyed checking out their first books. NYJL volunteers have now begun work on three additional library locations. New View and fellow committee Reading Rangers, which targets younger children, encourage and welcome any and all book donations to maintain and grow the libraries.

"The hope of every NYJL installed library is that it inspires a love of reading," says Held, who will be spearheading the project with Reading Rangers this coming volunteer year.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Library Project, please contact the New View Committee at NewView@nyjl.org or Reading Rangers at ReadingRangers@nyjl.org.



NEWS

NPBC Announces Accelerated Course

On the heels of two successful spring trainings, The Nonprofit Boards Clearinghouse committee is excited to announce this year's fall accelerated nonprofit course. Over two days, participants will gain competence and confidence in board leadership skills through workshops on topics that include board roles and responsibilities, monitoring financial policies, understanding legal responsibilities of board members, and developing strategic plans.

The course includes a Q&A session with current nonprofit executive directors and a networking event with members from NPBC's extensive roster of nonprofit organizations in the New York City area. Each course participant is assigned an advisor to facilitate a potential board placement.

Diann Rhode, former NYJL president, former AJLI Board Member and NPBC course presenter says, "The NYJL Nonprofit Clearinghouse course is unique as it trains present and potential board members to understand their duties, gain insight into the workings of a nonprofit and help find pathways to advancing the organization's mission," noting that nonprofit organizations with whom NPBC works understand that "to have trained board members is a gift to a nonprofit and to making the New York City community stronger."

The NPBC committee's two-day accelerated course will be held at the NYJL on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The course is \$325 for NYJL volunteers and \$375 for the general public. Please visit nyjl.org for more information.

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met with representatives from the pool of finalists and toured their spaces to see the proposed scope of renovations. Next, the group of co-chairs complied and submitted their findings to the NYJL Management Council, based on the following criteria: mission alignment, impact longevity, budget, volunteer labor scope, and future programming. After hearing the presentation, the NYJL Management Council voted and submitted the final recommendation for the NYJL Board's approval.

from the New York Junior League informing us that the NYJL would be partnering with us and working to provide our students with an educational experience that will help us to live up to our name! We would like to thank the NYJL for selecting the Harbor Science and Arts Charter School for a partnership! We are so excited that the Community Improvement Project will help us to modernize our school's science lab, providing our students with a state-of-the art lab that will enable them to explore science and technology through hands-on experiments using

"We would like to thank the NYJL for selecting the Harbor Science and Arts Charter School for a partnership!"

Upon finalizing the project winner, incoming City Impact Council Head Elizabeth Fabsits announced, "We are so excited to be teaming with Harbor Science & Arts for the 2016-2017 NYJL volunteer year. The lab at Harbor Science & Arts is in much need of renovations to transform the space into a learning-conducive environment. The potential impact of the renovation and the NYJL volunteer hours will really make an impact on the students of Harbor Science & Arts." With a budget of \$50,000, efforts will focus on space planning, painting and installing new flooring, storage and electrical. Other efforts will include adding science tables, equipment and technology vital for experiments and collaboration.

Harbor Science & Arts is beyond thrilled to begin the renovation project this fall. The staff responded to the news with the following statement:

"We were overcome with joy and gratitude when we received the call

21st Century materials and techniques. We welcome the NYJL to the Harbor Charter family with open arms and are hopeful that this is just the beginning of a lasting and rewarding relationship! A warm feeling fills our hearts and knowing grins crease our countenances at the thought of how our students will marvel at their new science lab when we 'cut the ribbon' to inaugurate our NYJL Science Lab! Words could never adequately express the level of appreciation we all feel, but rest assured the looks on the faces of our students and their eagerness to learn in their new lab will be the true measure of our thankfulness!"

To help make a greater impact at Harbor Science & Arts, CIP welcomes in-kind donations of science supplies and technology. For questions about volunteering with CIP or making donations, please email co-chairs Terry Pope and Caroline Harrison at cip@nyjl.org. For more information on Harbor Science & Arts, please visit: <http://www.hsacs.org>.

Introducing Four New Committees for 2016-2017

The NYJL is excited to introduce four new committees for the 2016-2017 volunteer year: Building Blocks, GOAL, LIFT, and Passport to the World.

Building Blocks is a new NYJL committee focused on interactive play with moms and babies (ages six months to four years). The committee will provide free "Mommy and Me" classes to an underserved community who would not normally be able to afford it. NYJL volunteers will attend with their own children, with the added bonus of engaging new mothers in this busy time of their life. Building Blocks will partner with longtime NYJL community partner The Single Parent Resource Center, Inc.

Building Blocks will meet every other week with approximately eight SPRC mothers and their babies. Activities for consideration are yoga, music, and animated story time. The bi-weekly Saturday meetings will be composed of one hour of "structured" class time and/or play with a professional leading the session followed by 30 minutes of networking/socialization with the mothers.

Girls Opportunity Advancement and Leadership (GOAL) is excited to get started this Fall. GOAL is a partnership with Union Settlement and is focused on encouraging at-risk young women (ages 11 to 15) to pursue higher education and delay pregnancy. Monthly workshops will cover topics such as leadership, team building, goal setting, careers, dressing for different situations, healthy relationships, bullying reduction, understanding your body, and self-care. Arts and/or hands on activities (such as skits, visual arts, and songs) incorporating the topic of the day will be incorporated into the session. The committee's ultimate GOAL is to discourage teenage pregnancy and encourage college and vocational education.

Lead, Inspire, Focus, and Thrive (LIFT) will work with 12 to 18 year-old at-risk teens to provide youth development workshops and mentorship. Workshops will be held at Leake & Watts, a new community partner to the NYJL. Leake & Watts is a not-for-profit agency committed to addressing a myriad of challenges that confront individuals and families dealing with poverty, disabilities, and a lack of access to education and basic services.

LIFT will work with youth in the Family Stabilization Services Program, which is dedicated to strengthening and preserving families. During the bi-weekly two-hour workshops, volunteers will be administering lesson plans and activities including, but not limited to, healthy living, job skills training, community involvement and mindfulness. The main goal for the committee is to help the youth discover their strengths and achieve their full potential through mentorship.

Finally, **Passport to the World** will partner with Mentoring USA and Stanley Isaacs Community Center to mentor fourth and fifth graders while introducing global lessons to produce overall growth and development.

The program is based on workshops in which committee members pair with program participants at a one to one ratio held at the Stanley Isaac Community Center in Harlem. The program will launch its first year with 10 children. Each module will include an introduction to a different culture with individual sessions focusing on activities including drama, storytelling, visual arts, and music, and include field trips and outings to the many cultural institutions available around Manhattan.

All four committees are still seeking volunteers. Interested in making a difference? Reach out at the following email addresses:

- Building Blocks: buildingblocks@nyjl.org
- GOAL: goal@nyjl.org
- LIFT: life@nyjl.org
- Passport to the World: passport@nyjl.org



SAVE THE DATE

Shop & Stroll Madison Ave.

Saturday, October 1
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Save the date for the second annual **Shop & Stroll Madison Avenue** event! The NYJL Specialty Events Committee invites you to join an all-day shopping extravaganza including multiple boutiques along Madison Avenue on the Upper East Side. All stores are offering incentives to shoppers and most will be serving serve drinks and snacks. This year new stores including LK Bennett, Jonathan Adler and Sugarfina will be joining some returning favorites that participated last year. Keep an eye out for new stores added frequently on www.nyjl.org. This is a don't miss event, so get a head start on your fall wardrobe and join the fun. Tickets are only \$25 for all in advance (\$30 at the door) and the proceeds benefit the charitable activities of the NYJL.

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