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TROJAN JUNIOR AUXILIARY

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TJA Holiday Party

by **Lauren Brown**, Vice President - Programs

Our annual Holiday Party last month was a blast! A big "Thank You" goes out to Lorraine Comeau and her family for allowing us to hold the event at their house again. We had about 40 attendees, including members and their significant others. Every year, the holiday party is a wonderful way for us to get to know each other better and to meet all of the friends, family, husbands, and boy-friends of all our members. Everyone brought delicious food and wine for the potluck. The most anticipated event was the white elephant gift exchange, which didn't disappoint -- including a Shrek chia pet and other hilarious gag-gifts.



President Anh Brenes proudly displays her prize- a Shrek Chia Pet.

Join the Scholarship Committee!

by **Ashley Harvel**, Scholarship Chair

Save the date! TJA Scholarship interviews are scheduled for the evenings of February **26, 27** and **28**. The Scholarship Chair will need help reading applications, conducting interviews, and finally selecting our scholarship recipients. Interested in helping with any of these components? Sign up at the January meeting or email Ashley Harvel to join:

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Remember, being on the Scholarship Committee is a great opportunity as you meet the scholarship candidates and stay in touch with the wonderful USC women that our scholarships help support. Join the committee today!



Benefit!

by **Brenda Bailey**, VP Benefit

Now that the New TJA Year has officially begun, it's time to roll up those sleeves and get crackin' on the benefit!

As you may know, this year's benefit will be a "Roaring 20s Casino Night" and its success is dependent on each and every one of our fabulous TJA members. The ticket price will be set to cover the overhead for the dinner and gaming activities. For all other items, we will need to either secure sponsors/donations or fund the cost through the silent auction proceeds or our general scholarship fund. Neither option is ideal, right? So, put on your thinking caps and polish your solicitation skills – and let's get the items donated!!! That will ensure that every dollar we get from the Opportunity Drawing Ticket Sales and Silent Auction bids goes directly to a scholarship for a deserving young Trojan woman. The most important and costly items that would be ideally donated include:

Decorations / Flowers
Event Signage
DJ Services / Equipment Rentals
Invitation Printers / Postage
Program Printers
Auction Basket Wrapping Supplies
Desserts
Table Sponsors (includes special signage on the gaming table(s))

In addition, the board decided that the best way to entice folks to purchase tickets to the benefit and for the Opportunity Drawing is to include what the grand prizes for the drawing and the grand prize for the gaming winner are in the invitation. In order to do this, these prizes will need to be confirmed as soon as possible. Some ideas that were mentioned include airline tickets, mall gift certificates, trips, "high value" USC items. Of course, the prizing items can be purchased with sponsor money if anyone you know wants to give us ca\$h. A mention of who donated the items will also be included in the invitation and the program as an extra incentive for donors.

If you have any questions on the benefit, please contact me at
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Our 2007-2008 Scholarship Recipients!

by **Ashley Harvel**, Scholarship Chair

November Meeting was the time to honor our scholarship recipients as they joined us to meet the lovely ladies of TJA and thank us for the support! USC Juniors Cyndy Hernandez, Natalie Osterling, Jessica Schweitzer and Jaimie Ucuozglu were present to dine, chat, and fill us in on their activities. From trips to France and Case Competitions, to studying abroad, tackling leadership roles in their organizations, and otherwise being very involved Trojans, these girls were very thankful for the support that TJA was able to give them and articulated how this support provided the boost they needed to reach higher, do more, and have a well-rounded academic experience. While our fifth scholarship recipient, Ariana Fahrney, was unable to attend, she provided an update letter to be read at the meeting that expressed her thanks to TJA and reiterated all of the wonderful things she has been involved with over the past year. Ariana, our only senior scholarship recipient, is currently engaged in the on-campus interview process and hopes to make her decision very soon! Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients, and we look forward to keeping in touch with them! We are proud to have them representing TJA as our scholarship recipients, and of course, we also hope that they will consider joining our great organization upon graduation.

Pictures from the 2007 Holiday Party

by **Janine Worrell**, Editor



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