



September 2008

Our mission:

To promote a spirit of friendship and loyalty among the women of USC, to foster a loyalty to and a spirit of cooperation with the University and to render service and financial support to the women of the University.

## TROJAN JUNIOR AUXILIARY

### Meet our Benefit Co-Chairs:

Lauren Brown graduated from USC in 2002 with a Business major and Psychology minor. After working for two years as a Sales Representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Lauren got a job late last spring with Depuy Spines, as a Medical Device Sales Representative. Before becoming a Vice President Benefit Co-Chair, Lauren was Vice President for Programming.

Robin Luthi graduated from USC in 2004 with a B.A. degree in Psychology and a minor in Communications. During her years at USC, Robin was actively involved in her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. For the past two and a half years, she has worked at Twentieth Century Fox Film in the Finance department. She recently left and is a freelance Corporate Consultant in marketing for Corporate Culture Development.

### A Message from our Benefit Co-Chairs:

Get excited about this year's benefit! We would like to capitalize on our newly formed Benefit committee's to make this year's planning stress free and fun, which will lead to the most successful fundraiser we have ever had. We have a great Benefit ideas to share, and are looking forward hearing all of your suggestions.

## CALENDAR

Monday, September 8th

Membership Mixer  
Tyler Prize Pavilion, VKC Courtyard, USC  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13  
USC vs. Ohio State

Thursday, September 25  
USC at Oregon State

Sunday, September 28  
Pool Party at Natalia's house  
Begins at 1:00 p.m.  
895 Old Mill Road  
Pasadena, CA

Monday, October 13  
TJA Meeting  
Social– 6:30 p.m.  
General Meeting 7 :00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18  
USC at Washington State

Saturday, October 15  
USC at Arizona

### Committees:

#### Logistics

- Scope and secure venue (including food and beverage options)
- Obtain necessary permits
- Layout and signage (parking, bathrooms, tables)
- "Day-Of" coordination (timeline, shift assignments, work with vendors)

#### Marketing & PR

- Invitations - designing, printing, mailing
- Maintain master invite list
- Track RSVPs by member
- Website, eVite, e-blasts, *USC Around Town* e-mail announcement

#### Fundraising

- Maintain the "Needs" and "Asks" lists
- Solicit and track donations
- Silent Auction (organize items, baskets, bid sheets, clipboards w/pens)
- Opportunity drawing (raffle tickets, prizes, grand prize)

#### Entertainment & Program

- Decorations
- Band / DJ
- Casino games, vendors
- Program – text, content, advertisements

## GOALS FOR 2008

**Tracy Eng**, President: This is an exciting time to be part of TJA! For the 2008-2009 year, I'm looking forward to fulfilling two priorities. The first is to grow the membership of our great group. Being part of TJA has been truly one of the most rewarding experience since graduating from USC, and I am excited to share the benefits of being in this group with others! My second and certainly not less important goal is to raise as much scholarship money as we possible can through a number of different avenues, including our Spring Benefit, our Patrons donations and product sales. Many undergraduates begin to struggle with their tuition obligations during their junior and senior year. TJA's hope is to alleviate those challenges for young women of the University at this level.

**Kellie Nolan**, Social: My goal as for Social is to plan events that will encourage friendships amongst members of TJA. I want to plan a variety of events that will attract a large majority of members.

**Ashley Harvel**, Membership: My primary goal this year is to continue to grow our membership with an infusion of great new TJA members, and to continue to ensure that our current members continue to feel connected and involved with the group.

**Audrey Cu**, Patrons: As this year's Patrons chair, I am excited to expand on the Corporate Sponsorship program that was started last year. With so many women run organizations in the area that share similar goals with TJA, the opportunity to grow is within our reach. I also plan to develop a donor program for TJA alumni. Although these women may no longer be active TJA members, the new donor program will give them opportunity to give back and help us develop what they previously contributed to.

**Janine Worrell**, Scholarship: I plan to get TJA a fabulous group of new Scholarship recipients.

**Natalia Olarte**, Editor: I plan on using the newsletter as a source of information for all the members, whether it be meeting updates, or social outings for members. Feel free to email me any social plans, such as movie nights, that other members could participate in: [editor@usctja.com](mailto:editor@usctja.com)

## SUMMER FUN!!!!

What makes this organization special is our skills and interests created by a diverse group of women. Below is a sneak peek at what your TJA leaders did this summer:

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Tracy and Jared at Waikiki Beach.

**Tracy Eng:** I celebrated my one year anniversary with my husband in Hawaii.



Tracy and Jared right before kayaking.

**Robin Luthi:** I completed my first Rowing/Sculling class at UCLA (gasp, lol!) Aquatic Center in Marina del Rey. The three week class was a lot of fun, as I quickly learned that rowing is much harder than it looks and takes tremendous amount of focus and concentration. AND I also that being awake and in the water by 6:00 am is not that bad— such as a beautiful time of day! :) So I hope to continue Sculling and maybe even try Sweep Rowing (4-8 persons boats) soon too.



Robin on the dock.



Audrey and her sister, Andrea.

**Audrey Cu:** This summer I spent a week and a half in the Philippines to celebrate my sister's wedding. My sister and her husband live in the US, however because we have such a large extended family overseas that we wanted to celebrate with, we took the ceremony to them. And we shared our culture my sister and brother-in-law's friends from the US.

**Ashley Harvel:** This has really been an action packed summer! My favorite activity so far has been going to Cooperstown, NY. to watch my little brother's little league team play! His team placed 10th out of 100 teams, and he is only thirteen years old!



Ashley with her brother Drew.



Kellie enjoying her vacation.

**Kellie Nolan:** I went to Caneel Bay on St. John Island, in the Virgin Islands, with my family.

**Natalia Olarte:** I spent this summer traveling to Colombia to visit my family. All 5 of my aunt's and their children, plus my two uncles their kids. So out of 17 cousins, 15 were there. It was so much fun, I got to meet my cousin's two son's for the first time and we celebrated my grandmother's 80th birthday.



Natalia and her brother and cousins.



Janine at her engagement party.

**Janine Worrell:** The most exciting thing I did this summer was fly to Virginia with my fiancé, Casey, for our engagement party. It was a mixture of fun and embarrassing moments. I got to see some of my family, a lot flew in from different states and countries. My uncle and his family came from Saudia Arabia; I haven't seen him since I was five. The toasts at the actual dinner were kind of embarrassing, plus my mother insisted on dancing with me to "Sunshine on my Mind" to which I nearly died and had to escape to the restroom for a while. Other than that, the dancing and the food was great and I spent the rest of the weekend sightseeing with my family and going to dinner. I was definitely relieved to come home, though. Check out the cool picture from our party— Casey, my Uncle Frank, me and my Mom.

**Lauren Brown:** I took a short trip to Denver for my two year wedding anniversary. The big event for me was turning in my pharmaceutical sales "business suits" for medical scrubs. I am working at Dupey Spines, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, doing medical device sales. I spend my time in the operating room with orthopedic spine surgeons and neurosurgeons— and I LOVE it!



Lauren in her new "business suit"

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