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THE JSEI AFFILIATES IS A BROAD-BASED VOLUNTEER NETWORK CREATED TO SUPPORT THE FACULTY, STAFF AND PROGRAMS OF THE JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE. THE AFFILIATES PROVIDE OUTREACH TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY THROUGH VISION SCIENCE EDUCATION AND PATIENT SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOINING THE AFFILIATES OR VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS, CONTACT TERESA CLOSSON AT 310.825.4148.

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## JSEI Friends & Family



*Jeffrey and Marcia Lloyd congratulate their daughter Stephanie and new son-in-law Elliott Brill (center)*

### Mother Knows Best!

Stephanie Lloyd, daughter of JSEI Affiliates board member Marcia Lloyd and Dr. Jeffrey Lloyd, married Dr. Elliott Brill on Sunday, September 5, 2005 - matchmaking compliments of Mom!

Elliott was working in Dr. Dean Bok's lab, where Marcia, a Research Associate, was training him in electron microscopy. "I always thought that he and Stephanie were soul-mates," said Marcia, "but since she was going to school at Stanford, and he was at UCLA, there was no opportunity for them to get together." Then, one day Elliott's mother happened to call the lab, and as fate would have it, Marcia picked up the phone. "Oh, so you are Mrs. Lloyd, I have heard so much about you," said Mrs. Brill, the voice on the other end of the line. "I understand you have a daughter who goes to school in Northern California," the voice continued. Within a matter of minutes Stephanie was invited to the Brill's for a Rosh Hashanah dinner. Elliott was given Stephanie's phone number and told to call. He did, she answered, and the rest is history....

After graduation, Stephanie went on to work in Dr. Wayne Hubbell's lab at Jules Stein, before heading off for a staff position at the Center for Cancer Prevention at Harvard University and then on to Penn Law School. Elliott went to Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, and they are both now in New York where Stephanie practices law with an emphasis on bioethics, and Elliott is doing his residency at NYU in surgery. Congratulations to the newlyweds and their matchmaking mothers!

# THE SPECTRUM

THE JSEI AFFILIATES

WINTER 2005

## Affiliates Toast Board Members and Volunteers at Holiday Luncheon

**Marti Oppenheimer** and **Cherie Hubbell**, Co-Chairs of the JSEI Affiliates, hosted a festive holiday luncheon on Monday, December 6, at the Hotel Bel Air to honor the JSEI Affiliates Advisory Board, volunteers and special guests.

"The strength of the JSEI Affiliates programs depends on our dedicated board members and volunteers whom we recognize at this special annual recognition event" Hubbell remarked. "The Affiliates accomplished new levels this year in each of our community outreach programs – results that would not have been possible without the commitment of our advisory board and dedication of our volunteers".

In addition to thanking board members and volunteers, **Dr. Bartly Mondino**, JSEI Director, acknowledged **Gail and Gerald Oppenheimer** and thanked them for their continued support of the JSEI Affiliates and its many outreach programs. **Dr. Leonard Apt**, founding member of the Affiliates and JSEI Professor Emeritus, then honored longtime JSEI supporter and Honorary Affiliates Member **Gloria Kaufman**, who was instrumental in providing funding to launch the Affiliates' Preschool Vision Screening program, which to date has screened over 2,000 children in the Los Angeles area.

The event was a festive way to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and recognize those that made them possible.



*From top, counter clockwise: Board member Linda Valliant welcomes luncheon guests John Laione and Tom Foerstell;*

*Lifetime member and volunteer Sandra Allen is greeted by Affiliates Co-Chair Cherie Hubbell; Dr. Leonard Apt thanks Preschool Vision Screening supporter and honorary Affiliates member, Gloria Kaufman.*

**Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Valerie Roach at 310-206-7128 for more information or visit our website at [www.jseiassociates.com](http://www.jseiassociates.com).**

## Chair Chat! By Cherie Hubbell



Valerie Roach

Volunteers rejoice! We have a new Den Mother and she is going to love you to death.

In September, Valerie Roach joined the Development Office, as the new volunteer coordinator. Valerie is charged with recruiting, training and managing volunteers for the various existing outreach programs including Preschool Vision Screening (PSVS) and VISION In-School.

She is a former educator, having taught for eight years in both public and private schools, and has extensive non-profit and special event planning experience.

We are mesmerized by her energy. In a short period of time, Valerie has made extensive improvements in volunteer recruitment and screening, contacted other organizations about our PSVS initiative, signed up for an eyeglass drive on Big Sunday in May and has begun scheduling VISION In-School presentations for our 9th season.

So, get ready volunteers, Valerie will soon be calling.



### Make Surgery Bearable Sponsors Make the Season Bright!

The Affiliates would like to extend a special thank you to our generous donors who contributed to the JSEI Affiliates' Make Surgery Bearable holiday fundraising efforts this last quarter. The December campaign rose over \$7,000 to sponsor Dr. Teddy, teddy bears for future pediatric patients! If you would like information on how to sponsor a bear, please call the Affiliates at 310-825-4148 or visit our website at [www.jseiaffiliates.com](http://www.jseiaffiliates.com).

## JSEI Helping the Community in a BIG Way

On Sunday, May 15, 2005, the JSEI Affiliates will be involved in BIG SUNDAY, Los Angeles's biggest volunteer day whose motto is: Everybody Helps, Everybody Wins.

BIG SUNDAY is non denominational, non-political, and free. In 2004, 5,000 volunteers from over 130 sponsoring organizations participated in 147 projects throughout the county of Los Angeles on this one day. BIG SUNDAY activities start at 6:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 pm. Starting times are staggered to jibe with any schedule. Projects range in length from one hour to all day and there are activities for the youngest babies to the most senior, senior citizens.

JSEI's involvement will be twofold - The JSEI Mobile Eye Clinic will conduct vision screenings at St. Anne's Church in Santa Monica and the Affiliates will conduct a Shared Vision collection drive at three separate locations throughout Los Angeles - 100 Stein Plaza's U driveway on campus at UCLA; St. Anne's Church in Santa Monica and Temple Israel in Hollywood.

Since the Affiliates is also a sponsoring organization, we will be recruiting BIG SUNDAY volunteers to help throughout the day. For more information on BIG SUNDAY, please visit [www.bigsunday.org](http://www.bigsunday.org) or contact Valerie Roach, JSEI Volunteer Coordinator at 310-206-7128.

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**BIG  
SUNDAY**

**MAY 15, 2005**

### **URGENT - HELP WANTED!**

**Pre-School Vision Screening will begin in May. We are currently searching for a part time orthoptist or retired optometrist to provide professional expertise to our screenings. Please contact Valerie at (310) 206-7128 if you are interested or know of a good candidate.**

# Volunteer Spotlight

## Larry Miller Makes Golden Years Meaningful

Larry Miller's can do attitude and optimistic outlook on life makes him a standout Affiliates volunteer. Whether Larry is screening preschoolers at a local preschool for vision problems or administering a vision acuity test at the Vision Rehabilitation Center, his disposition and personality makes everyone feel at ease.



Larry Miller

Larry, who has lived in Los Angeles since he was six years old, retired as President of Leisure, Werden, & Terry five years ago. After a successful career in the life insurance business, Larry is spending a portion of his golden years volunteering to improve the lives of others. Before becoming a JSEI Affiliates volunteer in

2002, Larry volunteered at Canfield Elementary School and the Los Angeles Museum of Art.

As a dedicated Affiliates volunteer, Larry works every Monday with Dr. Melissa Chun in the Vision Rehabilitation Center. Last fall, Larry also assisted with preschool vision screenings. "I enjoy volunteering my time at JSEI because I welcome the opportunity to be around bright and interesting people", says Larry.

When not at JSEI, Larry, an avid golfer, plays each Wednesday and Saturday. He and his wife have also travel extensively around the world. Last fall, they visited Eastern Europe as part of a Tauck Tour.

The Affiliates are grateful that Larry's travels led him to 100 Stein Plaza. His commitment to the Preschool Vision Screening program and Vision Rehabilitation Center is an inspiration to others who want to spend their retirement years giving back to others in a positive and productive manner!

## IN Focus

### Shared Vision Volunteer Inspired to Help Others Janet Bennet

recently contacted Teresa Closson in the JSEI Affiliates office to inquire about volunteer opportunities that would allow her to contribute something back to the place that gave her the gift of sight. "My inspiration to participate in the JSEI Affiliates' Shared Vision Program came about after I received a life changing surgery performed by **Dr. Kevin Miller** at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, UCLA. As a patient diagnosed with Marfan syndrome, I experienced lens dislocation, extreme myopia and my vision eventually deteriorated to 20/400. Dr. Miller, a professor of clinical ophthalmology, placed artificial lenses in my eyes, changing my vision to 20/15. I am now seeing things that I had never seen before!"

"My family and I shed tears of joy after the surgery. It was our miracle. I thought there was no way I could say thank you enough for my blessing. When I heard about the Shared Vision Program, I felt that this was the perfect opportunity. What better way to say "thank you" than by giving someone else a similar gift I received...the gift of sight!"

"My family was very supportive. My parents, Mike and Charlene, asked their neighbors and aerobic dance classes to share. My son Daniel, 11 sent out flyers to his entire elementary school, Susan B. Anthony Elementary in Corona, California, where they had a collection basket. My other son James, 13, who attends Citrus Hills



Janet Bennet is inspired to help others through an Affiliates eyeglass collection drive

Intermediate, had the service club coordinate a collection fundraiser. Our neighborhood and our workplaces also participated. Together we collected 209 pair of glasses!"

"Many of the people that donated didn't know about the program and were blessed by the opportunity to give. In fact both of the schools want to coordinate another collection the same time next year! Thank you for being such a talented and caring institution and for allowing me and my family to both share and receive in such blessing."