



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

## October Meeting—Bring A Friend!

**OCTOBER MEETING— Tuesday, October 14, 2014**



### October General Membership Meeting *Bring A Friend*

Iron Roots Farm  
820 Canfield Road, Youngstown, OH 44511

6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

Speaker: Liberty Merrill  
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp.  
Topic: Urban Farming

#### RSVP for Bring a Friend

to Mallory Naffah at [mlnaffah@gmail.com](mailto:mlnaffah@gmail.com)

Parking is limited. See map on page 2 for parking options—**Please carpool if possible!**

#### After Meeting Social:

Join other League members at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road

#### DON'T FORGET TO BRING..

a non-perishable food item for Second Harvest Food Bank

AND

your completed paperwork for the One-on-One sessions.

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#### Mission Statement

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

**Briefly Speaking** is published ten times per year for members of JLY. The deadline for each edition is the third Tuesday of the month.

Information should be submitted via email, as a Microsoft Word document, to Tara Mady at [tlmady@gmail.com](mailto:tlmady@gmail.com).

[www.jlyoungstown.org](http://www.jlyoungstown.org)

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kelly J. Kiraly  
President  
2014– 2015

One of the advantages of being President & President– Elect is attending the Association of Junior Leagues International Leadership Conferences. Beth Drennen and I recently traveled to Nashville, TN for the Fall Conference. These meetings never disappoint. They are an opportunity to learn from others, network, and get re-energized for your work in the League. I wish we could afford to send more members but instead we bring back and share as many ideas as we can.

The good news is that the Association provides a lot of opportunities for its 150,000 members to learn without ever leaving your desk. If you haven't done so in awhile, please visit [www.ajli.org](http://www.ajli.org). Lots of updates are being made to the website that will allow for easier access to resources as well as making contact with members across the world.

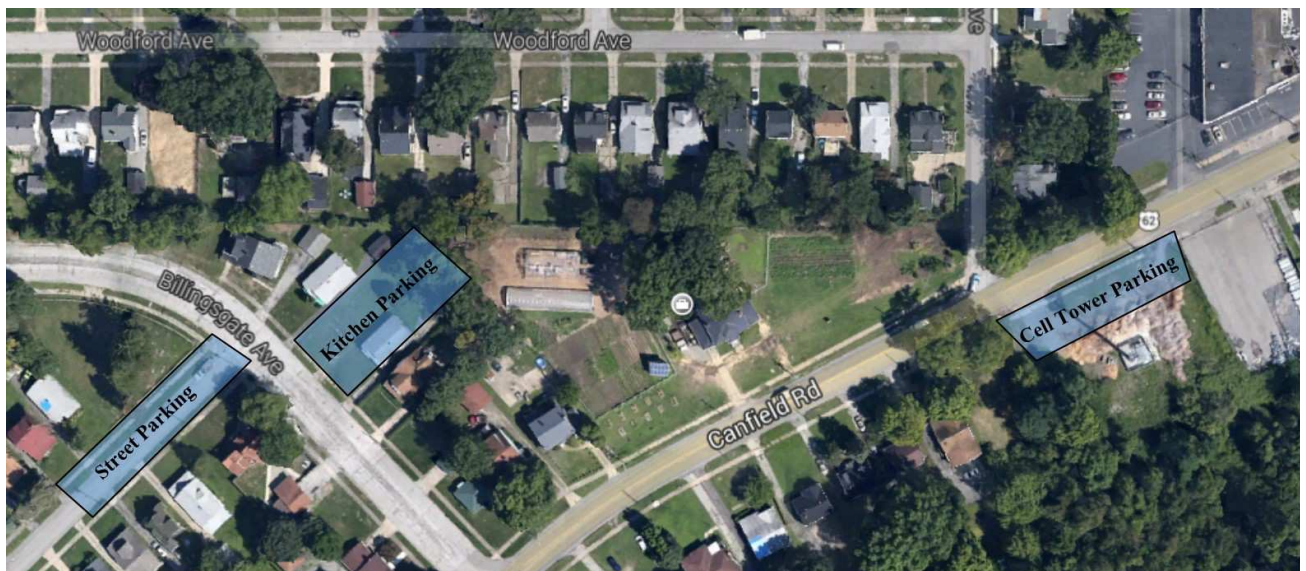
We were fortunate to have JuWon Choi, the Association's Director of Learning visit Youngstown for CODE Day. She shared some eye-opening statistics about membership in Ohio but she also urged us to attend Webinar Wednesdays, view On-Demand Training, use the Resource Library and attend regional training when presented with the opportunity.

The next time you think "Wouldn't it be nice if JLY had..." I urge you to login and take a look at the AJLI website (call Barb Schuller if you need your member number). Chances are there is another League doing something similar and willing to share ideas. It will make our League stronger by not having to re-create the wheel each time. We all benefit from collaboration!

Respectfully,

*Kelly*

Map of Parking for Iron Roots Farm—October General Membership Meeting Location



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The School Supplies collected for Harding Elementary were delivered to Nancy Williamson. She appreciated the donation and shared how these items were incentives for good behavior in her classroom of kindergarteners. She asked that we keep her in mind for next year for a DIAD collection. Also, the League received a letter of thanks from the volunteer coordinator from the Panerathon thanking the Junior League for volunteering the day of the race.

DIAD opportunities for **October** are: **The Youngstown Peace Race on Sunday October 26th** at the YMCA at 7 AM. Volunteers will be registering participants. Please email Shellie Warino if you signed up to let her know what t-shirt size you would like and if you would like to sign up please do so and include your t-shirt size when contacting Shellie at swarino1@kent.edu.



Pictured are some of the JLY members who donated school supplies for Harding Elementary.

Also, the **collection at the October meeting** will be a non-perishable food item. The November DIAD will be working with the Second Harvest Food Bank.

### One-on-Ones

Please bring your completed paperwork to the October GMM and sign up for your one-on-one session on November 13th or November 25th! Contact Laura Rumble with any questions at larrumble@aol.com.

### Leaders sought for 2015—2017!

Have you held a leadership position at work, in the League or with another nonprofit organization? Are you excited about the strategic direction of the League? If so, the League wants you!

The following positions need to be filled for the next League year:

#### Officers:

President Elect (2015 – 2016 and automatically serves as President in 2016 – 2017)

Treasurer (2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017)

#### Nominating Committee

Member (2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017)

Member (2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017)

Please talk to your League advisor about leadership opportunities and watch for the Nominating Packet in the next few weeks. You may contact Leah Wilson, Nominating Chair at 330-429-1568 or leahwilson1122@gmail.com to ask questions about the application, deadlines, & interview timeline!

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## 2014-2015 General Membership Meetings &amp; Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
October 14, 2014 <b>*Bring A Friend*</b>	Iron Roots Farm, 820 Canfield Rd in Youngstown, Ohio	Urban Farming– Liberty Merrill– Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp.	Peace Race
November 11, 2014	OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Center for Science & Technology	Update On Exhibit Project– Suzanne Barbatì– Executive Director	Second Harvest Food Bank
January 13, 2015	Neighborhood Meetings Hosted by Sustainers	Group Discussion	Santa's Workshop - Youngstown Parade
February 10, 2015	Main Library– Downtown Youngstown	Dave Stillwagon– President of the Community Corrections Assoc. will discuss how John Knox Church will house female clients of their programs.	OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Center for Science & Technology
March 10, 2015 <b>*Bring A Friend*</b>	Austintown Library	Danielle Dillon– Community Outreach for CASH (Coordinated Action for School Health) Coalition	Junior Achievement
April 14, 2015	Home for Kids in Boardman or Niles (or Main Library)	Danette Palmer– Coordinator of Marketing & Development- Home for Kids - Foster Care	300 Sisters in Red and Iron Roots Urban Farm
May 19, 2015	TBA	Annual Dinner- 85th Anniversary	Streetscape and OH WOW!

**Meet the 2014—2015 Provisional Class**



Jennifer Gonda is the director of Supported And Facilitated Environments, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for persons with disabilities to have similar experiences as their peers. She works at Youngstown Summit Academy High School for Autism. Jennifer received her undergraduate degree in educational policy at New York University and worked in New York City Public School before moving home to Youngstown where she received her master's degree in special education.



Bergen Giordani turned her obsession with cookies into a business in 2013 with One Hot Cookie, a retail bakery with locations in downtown Youngstown and in the Austintown Library. A graduate of Youngstown State University, Bergen also works in development for The Rich Center for Autism, where she is responsible for fundraising and events. In her spare time Bergen enjoys spending time with her daughter, Morgen and caring for the most popular dog in Youngstown, Fredo.



Elizabeth Tencza and her family recently relocated to Boardman. She looks forward to meeting League members and expanding her circle of friends. Elizabeth received her BA in history from Bryn Mawr College and her Ph.D. in military history from George Washington University; she now works as an analyst and military historian at the RAND Corporation while also teaching strategy for the Naval War College. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, William Ramage, and their soon-to-be-five-year-old twins, William and Stella.



Sara Wenger is a program manager at Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, where she focuses on community and economic development. Prior to returning to Youngstown, she received degrees from Rutgers University and Miami University. Sara was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine, where she taught English. She recently became a Youngstown resident and is looking forward to being more involved in the community.



JoAnn Sicafuse resides in Poland.

**Sustainer Corner- Thank You!**



Thank you to all of the Sustainer members who completed the recent survey. Your input is greatly appreciated!

**Reminder:** The Sustainer Council will meet on Wednesday, October 22.

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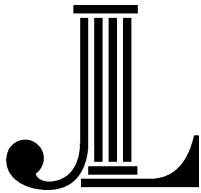
**The Junior League of Youngstown September General Membership Meeting Minutes 9/9/14**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
<p><b>Welcome</b> <b>Kelly Kiraly, President</b></p> <p><b>Call for a Quorum and Conflict of Interest</b> <b>Beth Drennen, President-Elect</b></p>	<p>Kelly Kiraly called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Grateful for active members; Kelly's goals are to make 2014-2015 GMM's interesting and informative and to exude the spirit of who we are in everything we do. Please use Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to spread the word about JLY. A quorum of the General Membership was established by Beth Drennen. No conflicts of interest were reported.</p>	
<p><b>Approval of May Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Jennifer Soloman, Recording Secretary</b></p>	<p>No corrections or additions were made to the May 2014 Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes.</p>	<p>Jennifer Soloman made a motion to approve the May 2014 Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes. Sharon Schroeder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the 2014-2015 JLY yearbook, please sign-up on the specified sheet. Those wishing to receive a hard copy, they are printed and available. Please also write down your name, on the hard copy sheet, in order for us to keep track of who has received one.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Maggie Adams (absent)</b> <b>Presented by:</b> <b>Kelly Kiraly, President</b></p>	<p><b>As of May 31, 2014:</b> Checking: \$25, 633.99, Money Market \$35, 923.39, Total Checking/Savings \$62, 253.47, Community Foundation: \$86, 627.37, Total Assets: \$166,550.84, Total Current Liabilities: \$53, 913.04, Total Liabilities &amp; Equity: \$166, 550.84</p> <p><b>As of June 30, 2014:</b> Checking: \$31,209.82, Money Market \$35, 925.82, Total Checking/Savings \$67,834.71, Community Foundation: \$86, 627.37 Total Assets: \$161,766.33, Total Current Liabilities: \$19, 654.10, Total Liabilities &amp; Equity: \$161,766.33</p> <p><b>As of July 31, 2014:</b> Checking: \$40, 727.66, Money Market \$35, 928.26, Total Checking/Savings \$77,354.99, Community Foundation: \$86,627.37, Total Assets: \$168,114.44, Total Current Liabilities: \$19,928.69, Total Liabilities &amp; Equity: \$168, 114.44 Fiscal Year to date Income: 47,877.46</p>	<p>Kelly Kiraly approved the financial reports for May, June &amp; July.</p>
<p><b>Provisional Committee</b> <b>Amy Banks &amp; Danielle Surko, Co-Chairs</b></p>	<p>Four provisional members comprise the JLY 2014-2015 class: Bergen Giordani, Jennifer Gonda, JoAnn Sicafoose, and Sarah Wenger. Next Provisional meeting will be held at Hope House. Future Meeting Locations: Potter's Wheel, Neil Kennedy Center, JJC of Mahoning County.</p>	
<p><b>Training &amp; Education Committee</b> <b>Heather Elder, Chair</b></p>	<p>Icebreaker &amp; Teambuilding on JLY/AJLI Trivia Winning Team: Team Yellow!</p>	
<p><b>Fund Development</b> <b>Maggie Matune, Chair</b></p>	<p>Save the Date: May 2, 2015: Fellows Riverside Garden: Kentucky Derby Party. Quarter Auction will be held: Saturday, October 11, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Zion Lutheran Church, Cornersburg. Invitations have been mailed. *Each committee is asked to donate a basket, with themes selected and announced by Maggie Matune. Themes were printed in September Briefly. *Desserts &amp; finger foods will be provided. Guests can also bring their own food. Alcohol is permitted. *No one under age of 21. *Football themed. *Award for "most-spirited" table. *If 200 guests are present, income will be \$10000- *If you know of any business willing to donate, donations are welcomed. Please consult with Maggie prior to asking as to avoid asking those who already donate for Kentucky Derby. *Casual dress.</p>	<p>Contact Maggie Matune to make arrangements for her to receive your donation.</p>

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<b>Nominating</b> <b>Leah Wilson,</b> <b>Chair</b>	Looking ahead for next Leadership Team: specifically President-Elect and Treasurer. Be mindful of nominating packet if you possess an interest.	Specific dates/deadlines will be forthcoming (prior to holidays). Consult any members of Nominating Committee with questions: Sharon Schroeder, Lisa Metzinger, or Danielle Surko.
<b>Sustainers</b> <b>Janice Tattire Fagert &amp; Kathy Scheel,</b> <b>Representatives to the Board</b>	Sustainer Reunion this summer was well-attended. PRT was held on Monday, August 25, 2014. Suzanne Fleming assembled a strong PRT committee which contributed to the success of the event. Kathy Scheel and Janice Tattire Fagert generated and mailed a Sustainer Survey. Mother/Daughter Brunch & Angel Ball have received poor attendance over the last several years. Survey will assess viability of events and whether or not they should continue to be held. Please contact your sustainer representative and invite her/ them to attend committee meetings. If you have any challenges in getting in touch with your designated rep., contact Kathy Scheel. Their skill sets have also been made available; tap into these valuable resources. Sustainer Council will meet twice per League year.	Sustainers would like to continue the PRT and continue partnership with Panerathon, to be held annually in August.
<b>Healthy Kids Coalition</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>Special Projects</b>	JLY is working in collaboration with Public Libraries of Youngstown & Mahoning Counties, Mahoning County & Trumbull County Health Depts., & Akron Children's Hospital. "Eat Healthy, Be Active" parent workshops will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM at Newport and Tri-Lakes Libraries, for six weeks. Akron Children's will have a doctor provide lectures on healthy eating. JLY will provide trained volunteers. Each committee is asked to sign-up for a night.	In-service training to be held Wednesday, October 8 from 4-6 PM. Friday, October 17 from 8:30-10:30 AM.
<b>Membership/One-on-Ones</b> <b>Laura Rumble,</b> <b>Co-Chair</b>	One-on-Ones: Save the Date: Thursday, November 13 & Tuesday, November 25. Locations to be determined. Paperwork is to be completed in advance and mailed to your advisor <u>prior to your assigned One-on-One</u> . 2014-2015 Advisors: Marion Dunham, Kristen Frank, Liz Kijowski, and Tara Mady. Actives were introduced to new JLY member, Quetta Hewitt, who transferred from the Sioux City Junior League.	One-on-One locations to be determined. Sign-up for One-on-One's will occur at the October GMM. Membership committee will provide paperwork to all active members via e-mail.
<b>Membership/Bring-a-Friend</b> <b>Mallory Naffah,</b> <b>Co-Chair</b>	October GMM to be held at Iron Roots Farm; it will be Bring-A-Friend night. Each active who invites a guest (and guests themselves) will be entered into incentive drawings. Please bring someone who you feel would make a great addition to JLY.	Lisa Metzinger will provide Barb Schuller a parking map to include in October Briefly; it can be difficult as there are limited spaces.
<b>Done in a Days</b> <b>Shellie Warino,</b> <b>Chair</b>	Kelly Kiraly thanked everyone for the abundant donations for Harding Elementary's "Caught Being Good" Program, fulfilling September's DIAD. Shellie expressed her gratitude to the PRT Committee for the wonderful event that was held. As someone who has worked with breast cancer patients and survivors for many years, Shellie feels the event is much needed and deeply appreciated.	Peace Race: Sunday, October 26; YMCA, Downtown Youngstown Help with registration is needed at 7:00 AM. Sign-up sheet is available, or contact Shellie Warino.
<b>Code Day Training &amp; Education</b> <b>Heather Elder,</b> <b>Chair</b>	Code Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 8 -3 PM to be held at Tyler Mahoning Valley Historical Center. Cost is \$35. Help is needed for set-up and clean-up day of event. All JLY members are strongly encouraged to attend to demonstrate a strong showing.	All hands would be appreciated on Sunday, September 21, at 2:00 PM, to prepare Code Day bags, at JLY office.
<b>Quarter Auction Mock Event</b> <b>Maggie Matune,</b> <b>Fund Development Chair</b>	Maggie led a mock quarter auction to give members a taste of the event to be held in October and to answer any questions for those who have never attended such an auction before. Prizes were awarded.	Maggie Matune will ask Barb Schuller to reformat the Quarter Auction invitation, omitting the price, if you would like to reserve a table and wish to send to your guests an invitation.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Briefly deadline will vary each month: Kelly Kiraly will provide the deadline date on a monthly basis. Next GMM: Tuesday, October 14, 2014, Iron Roots Farm, 820 Canfield Road, Youngstown, OH	Kelly Kiraly made a motion to adjourn the September 9, 2014 General Membership Meeting at 7:38 PM. Heather Elder 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.



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Youngstown, OH 44503

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## CODE DAY 2014

Youngstown, OH



What a fantastic day we had on Saturday, September 27th at the Tyler History Center! Our guests were very impressed with all the change happening in Youngstown. With 31 attendees, we had representation from Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Stark County, and Toledo. We heard from two energizing speakers and guests were treated to a Youngstown-style lunch provided by Saratoga Catering as well as a tour of OhWOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Center for Science & Technology. We're looking forward to the next Code Day to be held in Akron! Special thanks to Kera Thompson, who chaired this event, with help from the Training & Education Committee!