



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## February General Membership Meeting “Bring-A-Friend”

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting, 7:00 Speaker

### Akron Children’s Hospital Mahoning Valley

Building C—Community Room  
6505 Market Street, Boardman, Ohio 44512

#### Speakers:

Dr. Peter VandeKappelle, Pediatric Cardiologist  
Akron Children’s Hospital Mahoning Valley

Melody Case, Wellness Specialist/Youth Fitness Specialist  
Akron Children’s Hospital Mahoning Valley

Members will learn about the epidemic of childhood obesity and its consequences, as well as Akron Children’s efforts in the areas of prevention and wellness, including the Kohl’s Cares Youth Fitness Program.



“Bring-A-Friend” R.S.V.P. to Heather Elder,  
[hpelder1973@yahoo.com](mailto:hpelder1973@yahoo.com) or 330-261-5616

#### 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 trained 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).

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## President's Message



Hi Ladies,

As the chill of winter continues let's try to warm the season by welcoming ladies in the community to learn about The Junior League of Youngstown. The February GMM is our "Bring a Friend" meeting, so please invite ladies you know who are dedicated to improving the community, wants to be a trained volunteer. We are also having another member social brought to you by the Marketing and Recruitment committee. This is another opportunity to invite friends to get to know the League. The committee asks that you invite your friends to join JLY members as we relax and enjoy food and fun.

JLY is also starting a "March Madness" campaign during the month of March to welcome back members who have previously resigned. Please look on page 7 for more details.

Remember you are invited to attend the February 5, March 5 and April 2 board meetings. Please contact the JLY office if you would like to attend.

Stay warm, ladies!

*Kera A.*

Kera A. Thompson, President

## A Commitment to the Future

Long before some famous women became world renown for their positions in life, they were members of the Junior League. Someone, a woman like you, sponsored these fine ladies into our group. AJLI is now 160,000-plus members strong!

Think back to when you became involved. You may now be wondering about women around you who share traits like those belonging to our strong legacy of members.

### **Who do you know who would benefit from a membership with the Junior League of Youngstown?**

If your candidate shows interest, please sponsor her into the JLY. You may refer her to our chairperson of Marketing and Recruitment, Heather Elder. Heather can be reached at 330-261-5616 or [hpelder1973@yahoo.com](mailto:hpelder1973@yahoo.com)

Each member has a commitment to preserving the future membership potential of the Junior League of Youngstown. Thank you for referring your candidate to us.



## Done in a Day 2012-2013 Project Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	D.I.A.D.
February 2013	Akron Children's Hospital/Beeghly Campus	Volunteer Opportunity/Proposed: Kids Crew/ Craft Cart BookCart/ Donations/ Donation sorting
February 9, 2013	Williamson Elementary	Bridges Out of Poverty Simulation with Jr. Civic League and the YWCA
February 28 and March 28, 2013	The Way Station Columbiana 769 Springfield Road Columbiana, OH 44408 8:00 am—12pm	The Way Station Community Lunch
April 9, 2013 GMM	First Book Trumbull County	Collect Children's Book Drive for First Book Trumbull County
April 20, 2013	YSU Kilcawley	300 Sisters in Red Health Fair
April 27, 2013	Youngstown CityScape	Spring Clean-up Day

## The Provisional Class Needs Your Help!

### **The Provisional Class is asking for your help with Kids in in the Kitchen on Saturday, March 9th**

The 2012-2013 Junior League of Youngstown Provisional Class has been preparing our project based on AJLI's *Kids in the Kitchen*. We are coordinating with Austintown Fitch High Schools' Sophomore Health Classes. We chose to focus on this attendee group to maximize the amount of impact and retention the students will gain from our event. Our event is Scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at Austintown Fitch High School from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Our event will consist of an introduction of our project goals, four fifteen minute stations (Measurements/Portion size, Substitutions, Nutritionist guest speaker, and "Eat This Not That"), a fitness activity (Zumba), followed by a wrap up where we will give the students "take-a-ways" such as a "recipe box" (index box filled with simple but healthy recipes on index cards).

We are also scheduled to go to the high school to speak with the Sophomore Health Classes to give them a little insight into the event and encourage them to come. We also have it worked out with the Health teachers to award bonus points to any student who participates in the event; our goal is to have a group of 40 students.

**We are seeking JLY Active and Sustainer members to assist us in the successful completion of our event. Dependent on the number of participants, we would like 3-4 JLY members per station, as well as any members who are either a fitness instructors or Nutritionist. We appreciate any and all help you could provide in assisting us to make our event as big of a success as possible.**

**If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact either of our Provisional Project Chairwomen: Sable Beshara (330) 559-3564 or Mallory Naffah (330) 716-2129.**



## 2012-2013 General Membership Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
February 12, 2013	Akron Children's Hospital, Beeghly Campus	Impact of poverty on health needs of children
March 12, 2013	The Way Station Columbiana	Barriers to healthy lifestyles
April 9, 2013	Cortland Public Library	First Book Trumbull County Program
May 21, 2013	Annual Dinner	TBA

### GMM Make-up Opportunities

Bridges Out Of Poverty, February 9  
 SPAC Advocacy Day, February 23  
 Provisional Class Project, March 9  
 New Candidate's Tea, TBA  
 Kentucky Derby Party, May 4  
 Annual Dinner, May 21

### Congratulations...

Congratulations to Lisa Metzinger  
 for being named  
 President of the Board of Directors at  
 Youngstown Neighborhood Development  
 Corporation.

### Bring-A-Friend Basket Raffle

**The February 12th meeting is  
 "Bring a Friend" and a fantastic basket  
 will be raffled off!**

**For each guest brought to the February GMM,  
 a ticket will be placed for a chance to win.**

**The more friends you bring, the more  
 chances you will have to win!!!**

### Join us for the JLY Social

**On Monday February 25th, there will be a  
 JLY social at Michael Alberini's restaurant  
 in Boardman.**

**5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner**

**Please RSVP to Amy Banks at  
[yama73@aol.com](mailto:yama73@aol.com) by Feb. 23rd.**

**This is also a great time to  
 "Bring a Friend" and introduce her to  
 members of the JLY.**



## Placement Reminder

If you are considering changing your League status for the 2013-2014 League year, please forward your letter of change to Marion Dunham [mnm1@zoominternet.net](mailto:mnm1@zoominternet.net) by March 1st.



## Sustainer Corner

We have experienced great losses recently with the deaths of emeritus members Mary Enterline Courtney, Olive "Bunte" Stone and Sallie Turner McKelvey. They each contributed significantly to the league and to our community during their many years as members and they were outstanding examples of how long term membership "sustains" the continuation of The Junior League of Youngstown.

A small but mighty group convened at Overture on January 15th for the quarterly League Lunch. Many members expressed their regrets and hope to make the next one which is slated for Tuesday, April 16th at noon at Youngstown Country Club. A reminder will be included in the March Briefly.

The Sustainer Council will hold its final meeting for this league year on Tuesday, February 19th at 6 pm at the JLY office. We will be assisting the league leadership in appointing chairs for sustainer events and designating sustainer representatives for the 2013-1014 league year. If you would be willing to assist with the Pink Ribbon Tea or Angel Ball, host a fall placement meeting or January neighborhood meeting or to serve as a sustainer representative in the coming year, please give Fran Curd or Suzanne Fleming a call.

Please note that the Annual Meeting will be held on May 21, 2013 which is a little later than usual to allow a little space after our Derby Day Fundraiser which is set for Saturday, May 4th at Squaw Creek Country Club. Hope to see many of you at both!

- Suzanne Fleming  
Sustainer Representative

## Sustainer Member, Judy Schmutz, to be Honored

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Penguin Club Scholarship Ring Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman. Each year, they gather to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of the Penguin student-athletes, coaches and contributors that make YSU and this area so tradition-rich in sport.

This year, they are honored to be paying tribute to **Reid & Judy Schmutz** and Daryl & Vicki Mincey for their commitment to YSU Athletics and their unwavering loyalty to the student-athletes and programs. Their support has been a constant throughout the years and they are never shy about showing their "Penguin Pride" and helping introduce others to our great University. Please contact the Penguin Club Office at 330-941-3720 or 330-941-2351 for more information.





## Difference by Suzanne Fleming

I was struck by a comment made by a friend at Opera Western Reserve's recent presentation of the Barber of Seville. Nancy noted that it made her think back to Marion Anderson's performance at the Lincoln Memorial after she was prohibited from singing at Constitution Hall by the DAR. My friend noted the wonderful diversity of the audience at Stambaugh Auditorium that night and how refreshing it was to observe our community embracing the very talented Lawrence Brownlee in his leading role. Lawrence was a member of the first Youngstown Connection group formed by Dr. Carol Baird to develop and showcase the talents of students in the Youngstown City Schools. He has gone on to become a world renowned bel canto tenor.

In a brief awards ceremony preceding the performance he thanked God for his gift, his parents for their support and went on to acknowledge all his music teachers by name. He noted that few from his home town would have the opportunity to see him perform in the great opera houses of the world and that he was excited that so many made the effort to come and see him perform in Youngstown.

The barber in the opera was also a great local talent from Warren, Ohio, Brian Johnson. He gave an equally outstanding performance and has enjoyed regional success in his own right. He is the son of two great local educators. His late father, Cliff, was principal at Warren Western Reserve and an incredible facilitator in the area of diversity. His mother, Lilly, is a retired music teacher. I had the pleasure of attending Brian's wedding and have enjoyed hearing his mother accompany him on the piano at their annual family advent gathering.

Nancy noted that we have made progress in achieving equality in our country but that we still have work to do. I attended the opera with another friend, Carol. I shared Nancy's observations with her on the way home. She mentioned that she and her husband had recently attended a gospel performance at the Symphony Center and that they were the only white members that she observed in the audience. Several people that she did not know even thanked them for coming. We agreed that most of us would benefit from being in situations where we are the "different" to gain some insight into the world in which others live all the time.

Cliff Johnson always told me that different only means "not the same as" not better or worse than. He made a difference in my views and would have been so proud to see his son's incredible performance. Carol Baird made a difference in Lawrence Brownlee's development and Lawrence continues to make a difference in the world. Eleanor Roosevelt made a difference in Marion Anderson's life by arranging her Washington performance and helped to begin changing America as well. The league took a stand on discriminatory facilities and welcoming diverse members. We all have the opportunity to welcome difference - and to make a difference.

### *With Deepest Sympathy...*

*Sallie Turner McKelvey, Emeritus Member, passed away January 19, 2013.  
Her daughter-in-law, Sherry, is also a League member.*

*Ernest S. Wilson, husband of Karen Wilson, Honorary Member,  
passed away on January 3, 2013.*

*Olive "Bunte" Stone, Emeritus Member, passed away on December 25, 2012.*

*Charles W. Woodman, husband of Nancy Woodman, Emeritus Member,  
passed away on December 11, 2012.*

*Peter Beard Dietz, son of Sustainer Carolynn Beard Dietz, passed away  
on December 1, 2012 in Columbus.*



## “March Madness” Membership Drive

March is women's history month as well as a month known for great basketball!

We all know The Junior League of Youngstown has a rich history! None of the accomplishments of the League would be possible without its members of the past and present.

In honor of our rich past, we are doing our own “March Madness” Membership Drive. During the month of March, JLY is accepting **membership** from resigned members regardless of good or bad standing. They may re-join by submitting 2013-14 membership fee and enjoying membership for the remainder of the 2012-13 League year. If you know of any resigned members who you think we should reach out to, please contact Placement chair, Marion Dunham at 330-507-5286 or [mnm1cadm@gmail.com](mailto:mnm1cadm@gmail.com).

## Call for State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) Delegates

Just Think! You could help frame the statewide discussion about a number of key issues that are impacting children in our state. As a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, you may serve on the **Junior Leagues of Ohio State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC)**. This committee placement was re-established in 2012, and we are seeking strong leaders to represent the JLY and continue the great progress we are making to impact the lives of Ohioans through volunteer actions supporting three pillars: education, reciprocity of ideas, and advocacy. We will be asking for applications to fill positions on the board and within the leadership ranks.

**The application is simple – send Leah Wilson an email at [leahwilson1122@gmail.com](mailto:leahwilson1122@gmail.com) and please answer these questions:**

- Why do you want to be part of SPAC?
- What will you bring to SPAC?
- What is your experience in public affairs / advocacy / government / education if any?

To apply for an **Executive Board** position, please contact Leah Wilson at [leahwilson1122@gmail.com](mailto:leahwilson1122@gmail.com) for a **2013-2014 Ohio SPAC Leadership Application**. If you are interested, but need additional time to complete the application, please let us know! Thank you for your interest!

## SPAC Advocacy Day

**An Introduction to Advocacy—Saturday, February 23, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Kelton House Museum and Garden—586 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215**

**\$20 per person**

This program will feature an in-depth training on various aspects of advocacy and public policy. After an overview of the wide range of permissible activities related to advocacy that Junior Leagues can be involved with, the training will feature the following speakers:

**Carol Phillips, Grassroots Advocacy Manager, Nationwide Insurance**, who will educate attendees on how to engage the community and policymakers on key issues with relevant research and resources;

**Renuka Mayadev, Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund-Ohio**, who will share, using concrete examples, of ways Junior League members can work through their Leagues and Ohio SPAC to take a stand to advocate on issues;

**Representatives Tracy Maxwell Heard, Anna Gonazalez, and John Patrick Carney, Ohio House of Representatives**, who will share with us ways to effectively communicate with legislators and how to train organizations and mobilize volunteers with strategies and skills for direct action on issues.

**RSVP to Subha Lembach, Ohio SPAC Secretary/Treasurer, by February 16 at [subhalembach@gmail.com](mailto:subhalembach@gmail.com).**





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## What is the value of a trained civic leader?

That's a question we ask ourselves a lot at AJLI. And the answer is (drum roll, please!) a great deal, even if difficult to measure in traditional professional terms.

Volunteerism has many meanings for different women. For some, it's joining with friends and neighbors in projects that create lasting community impact. For others, it's giving in to an urge to give back to the community. For others, it's a way of life they learned from their mothers and grandmothers.

By the way, women continue to outperform men in their commitment to volunteerism. According to the most recent data from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the volunteer rate in the U.S. rose by 0.5 percentage point to 26.8 percent for the year ending in September 2011, with some 64.3 million people volunteering through an organization at least once in the preceding 12 months. And the volunteer rate of women increased from 29.3 percent to 29.9 percent in the same period, a higher rate than men across all age, education and demographic categories.

At the Junior League, however, we believe that volunteerism provides our members with a path to becoming civic leaders, first with their Leagues, and then, often, with other community organizations. That's why we focus so much on training leaders.

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