



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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January Neighborhood Meetings

January 8, 2013

6:00 p.m. Social 6:30 p.m. Meeting

You are invited to participate in the January Neighborhood Meetings of The Junior League of Youngstown. Sustainer hostesses have graciously agreed to hold the January 8, 2013 meeting at their homes. Please see inside for more news from Sustainers and the locations for the Neighborhood Meetings!

Representatives from the R&D committee will be at each neighborhood meeting to report gap analysis findings. We will be voting on the important direction in which The League will be moving our Issue-Based Community Impact Focus Area. We will be determining how The Junior League of Youngstown can best help address the issue of school readiness as it relates to childhood obesity and nutrition. Please plan to attend and share your views!

If you have any questions or if you would like to help the R&D Committee with its work, please contact Kim Urig at 330-318-6225 or kimurig@hotmail.com.

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.



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President's Message

Year round we are thankful for our many blessings, but this time of year truly makes one aware of how blessed we truly are. Saturday, November 10, we celebrated our annual Mother-Daughter brunch. As I looked around, I saw a room full of smiling faces happy to be with family and friends. I am sure those smiles will continue as everyone celebrates this holiday season. As important as it is to be grateful for what we have, it is just as important to remember those who are less fortunate. Below is a passage from ALJI Executive Director, Susan Danish regarding Hurricane Sandy.

In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, I am reminded why I do what I do—why Junior League women do what they do. Watching the news, I was struck by the photos of the Brooklyn Bridge—half fully lit and half in the dark...the difference between light and warmth—darkness and cold—a matter of inches. The image of the bridge brought to mind what Mary Harriman said in the early 1900's in the founding of the Junior League, "It seems almost inhuman that we should live so close to suffering and poverty, that we should know of the deplorable conditions and of the relief work that exists within a few blocks of our own home, and bear no part in this great life—stirring, suffering, moving all about us."

Mary Harriman cared about the inches that separate those in need from those who can help. All of us in the Junior League carry on that legacy. In the months to come, those who would not normally need our help may need us, and those who rely on what Junior Leagues provide may need us more. I know we will pull together to ensure than not even a fraction of an inch separates us.

~Susan E. Danish Executive Director

To heighten our awareness of those less fortunate in the Mahoning Valley, I have had the pleasure of planning a "Bridges Out of Poverty" Simulation for the ladies of the YWCA board, the Junior Civic League and JLY to attend together on February 9, 2013 to learn how those who are poverty stricken survive day to day and week to week. It is a training exercise that truly opened my eyes and heart and I hope it will do the same for you.

I am thankful for a lot this year, but I would like to express a great appreciate for you, the Junior League member: the Sustainers, for their on-going support and strong foundation on which JLY stands; the Actives for their energy and commitment which keeps the league growing and developing to meet the needs of the ever changing valley; and the Provisionals, for their openness to learning and joining us in continuing our mission. I would like to invite you all to attend the holiday social on Tuesday, December 11th. While at the social please remember to show your fellow members how grateful you are to know and work with such brilliant women.

Happy Holidays!
Kera A.

Kera A. Thompson
President 2012-2013

JLY Holiday Social
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
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SEE YOU THERE!
5:30 P.M.



The Ohio Association of Foodbanks invites you to join us for a poverty simulation

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A collaboration by three non-profit agencies:



Community Action Poverty Simulations are facilitated in Ohio by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, Ohio's largest charitable response to hunger!

Visit us online at www.ohiofoodbanks.org

If you have participated in the training and would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Kiraly at 330-307-2169 or kjk1482@yahoo.com

Done in a Day 2013 Remaining Project Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	D.I.A.D.
January 8	Neighborhood Meetings	Craft Supplies for Akron Children's Craft Cart
January	Eastwood Mall	Art Outreach Gallery
February	Akron Children's Hospital/Beeghly Campus	Volunteer Opportunity: Kids Crew/ Craft Cart BookCart/ Donations/Donation sorting
February 9	Williamson Elementary	Bridges Out of Poverty Simulation with Jr. Civic League and the YWCA
February 28 March 28	The Way Station , Columbiana 769 Springfield Road	The Way Station Community Lunch
April 9	First Book Trumbull County	Collect: Children's Books
April 20	YSU Kilcawley	300 Sisters in Red Health Fair
April 27	Youngstown City Scape	Spring Clean-up Day

January DIAD Reminder!

January 8, 2013

FROM TODDLERS TO TEENS!

Please help us collect craft kits, gel pens, crayons, stickers, puzzles, coloring books, markers and more!
We collect is all for the Akron Children's Hospital.

Please bring to the Neighborhood Meetings!
Or reach out to Kelly Kiraly at 330-307-2169 or
email: kjk1482@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Mother Daughter Brunch!

Thank you Joan & Robyn Gallito and Active Liaison Heather Elder for their wonderful planning for the
Mother Daughter Brunch at Alberini's!
in November!

Leaders Sought for 2013-2015

Deadline Extended!

The Nominating Committee is looking for potential leaders for 2013 – 2015. 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 (2013 – 2014 and automatically serves as President in 2014 – 2015)
Secretary (2013 – 2014; this is a one-year term for next League year only)
Treasurer (2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015)

Nominating Committee:

1. Member (2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015) 2. Member (2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015)
Please review the JLY Nominating Packet on the website in the Members Only section and consider submitting your application by **December 21st** (new date!).

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or Susan Stewart, Chairperson at 330-750-6598 or susan_stewart@hmis.org.

**JLY Now has a secure members only section on the website.
Contact the JLY Office at 330-743-3200 for a password and instructions!**



2012-2013 General Membership Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
January 8, 2013	Neighborhood Meetings	Our community impact focus area
February 12, 2013	Akron Children's Hospital, Beeghly Campus	Impact of poverty on child health
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

Details of Neighborhood Meetings January 8, 2013

Poland:
Barbara Banks
330-757-4584
RSVP:
Tara Mady
330-770-3540

Boardman:
Kelley Schuler
330-788-3806
RSVP:
Lisa Metzinger
330-503-4996

Liberty/Warren:
Katy Schroder
330-609-9980
RSVP:
Kera Thompson
330-317-9042

AustintownCanfield:
Laura Frey
330-533-3896
RSVP:
Leah Wilson
330-429-1568

25 Under 35...JLY Leaders Nominated!

YOUNGSTOWN – The Mahoning Valley Young Professionals (MVYP), in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley (CFMV), is pleased to announce the inaugural class of honorees for the 25 Under 35 Awards. Three of our own members of The Junior League of Youngstown will be recognized on Friday, February 1, 2013 at Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown.

“The Community Foundation is once again proud to be a part of this important event in our Valley. We feel that recognizing our area’s best and brightest young professionals plays an important role in maintaining a vibrant community,” said Patricia Brozik, president of CFMV.

Kera A. Thompson, (Boardman), HMHP and President 2012-2013 of The Junior League of Youngstown ; Kelly J. Kiraly of Bury Financial Group and Done in A Day Chair; and Tara Mady, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Recording Secretary. Congratulations Ladies! We will update everyone on ticket information for the great event!

**Congratulations!
To Kristina Ross
on
the Celebration of
her wedding to
Eric Pavlicko in
October!**

Kentucky Derby Committee Update!

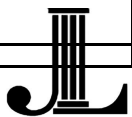


JLY is seeking volunteers to join and help plan the event for May of 2013!
If you would like to join the committee please contact **Adrian Anderson** at 330-716-1973 or adrian_anderson@hmis.org.
The first meeting in January 2013.



The Junior League of Youngstown
 General Membership Meeting Minutes 11/13/12, Youngstown Public Library, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome Call for Quorum	Kera Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. She asked everyone to read aloud the JLY mission statement. A quorum was present with 29 active members in attendance. Kera shared that there is now a secure page on the website. Members can call the JLY office or see her for login information. The strategic plan and yearbook are posted there. Kera invited anyone interested in serving on the Kentucky Derby committee to contact Adrian Anderson and anyone interested in chairing In-League Communications can contact Kera.
Spotlight on Research and Development	Kim Urig provided a description of the committee and gave an update on their progress. The committee has been researching the organizations that members suggested around the Community Impact Focus Area of childhood nutrition and obesity. Committee members will be at the Neighborhood Meetings to answer questions. Kim noted this process needs to be member-driven.
Yellow Brick Place	Co-founders Anna Aey, JLY Past President, and Donna Detwiler shared about Yellow Brick Place, a cancer wellness
Approval of October Minutes	The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Tara Mady moved that the minutes be approved. Jennifer Soloman 2 nd the motion and the motion passed.
Marketing and Recruitment	Heather Elder shared that a Holiday Social will be held on Tuesday, December 11. The location is still to be determined but an invitation will be emailed and will appear in Briefly. She also asked members who purchased t-shirts to see her after the meeting.
Neighborhood Meetings	Laura Rumble shared the meeting locations for the Neighborhood Meetings in January. More information will follow in Briefly.
SPAC	Leah Wilson reported that the topic of children has been selected and key issues are in the process of being determined. She noted the following events to be held: Advocacy Training 101 on February 23 in Columbus, Ohio and Capitol Hill Day on May 15 in Washington, DC.
Nominating	Susan Stewart reminded members that applications will still be accepted until the deadline on November 30 for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Nominating Committee positions. Susan also recognized Kelly Kiraly, Tara Mady and Kera Thompson for their recent 25 Under 35 nominations.
One-on-One Make-Up Opportunities	Marion Dunham asked members who were unable to attend the One-on-Ones to contact their advisor.
Done in a Day	Kelly Kiraly thanked the nine members who volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank. There is a December volunteer opportunity at the Youngstown Holiday Parade on December 1 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. helping with pictures with Santa. A sign-up sheet was at the meeting. Kelly also had an article about Hope House that appeared in The Vindicator mentioning JLY. Kelly invited everyone to the after meeting social at O'Donald's
Introduction of Speakers	Laura Rumble introduced Hannah Koscinski, Heidi Buck, Sharon DeAngelo, and Gabrielle Belcasto, students from the Family and Consumer Studies program at YSU who gave a presentation on the negative effects marketing can have on childhood obesity.
<p data-bbox="105 1255 284 1287">Discussion of IBCI</p> <p data-bbox="105 1539 381 1623">Respectively submitted: <i>Tara</i></p> <p data-bbox="105 1707 462 1749">Tara Mady, Secretary 11/13/12</p> <p data-bbox="105 1885 332 1917">Adjournment 7:58 p.m.</p>	<p data-bbox="535 1255 1518 1360">Kera asked members to get into breakout groups based on the number placed on their chair. She gave an overview of how the League arrived at the focus area of childhood nutrition and obesity. The discussion was based on three questions:</p> <p data-bbox="535 1371 1015 1402">What do you think are the best aspects of this model?</p> <ul data-bbox="535 1402 1404 1602" style="list-style-type: none"> ● This model allows the League to focus on where we are going versus being all over the place. ● We are going through the process that AJLI put into place. ● This is a circular process, not a linear process. ● Based on the size of our League, we will have our handprint on this. ● Aligns with Kids in the Kitchen. ● Will make it much easier to apply for grants. ● We can create, turn this over, and move on to something else similar to past JLY projects. <p data-bbox="535 1602 876 1633">What concerns you about this model?</p> <ul data-bbox="535 1633 1274 1770" style="list-style-type: none"> ● So many other organizations are already doing this. ● We need to narrow the focus even more and look at the marketing component. ● How can we track the impact? ● Recruitment – members must be interested in this topic. ● Impact is going to come from adults – focus on parents. <p data-bbox="535 1770 1323 1801">How do you think this model can help you achieve your personal goals as a JLY member?</p> <ul data-bbox="535 1801 1274 1833" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sense of accomplishment – achieving something worthwhile in the community. <p data-bbox="535 1833 1437 1864">It was further discussed that the R&Dt committee is gathering data and working on an issue statement.</p> <p data-bbox="535 1885 1242 1938">Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Next GMM is the Neighborhood Meeting on January 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.</p>



Sustainer Corner

SCRIBBLERS

This monthly gathering of writers will be starting a little later on the first Monday of the month beginning with the January 7 meeting at the home of Elaine Sears, 446 Rockland Drive in Boardman. Aspiring writers are asked to bring something they have written and a sandwich. The start time is 12:30 pm. Please respond to lainsie2@yahoo.com by January 4th, 2013 if you would like to attend.

- Suzanne Fleming
Sustainer Representative

Open Call to Sustainers

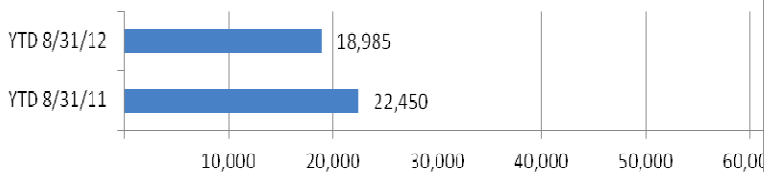
TIME TO ACTIVATE?

AJLI recommends that Leagues periodically reach out to Sustaining members who may have left Active status some years ago but now find themselves with time on their hands. Perhaps your children are in school, or have graduated from high school and are off to college? Perhaps you recently retired and are looking for an opportunity to re-engage with the League? Your expertise and League knowledge would be beneficial to the Junior League of Youngstown and your return to Active status would come at a very exciting time for our League!

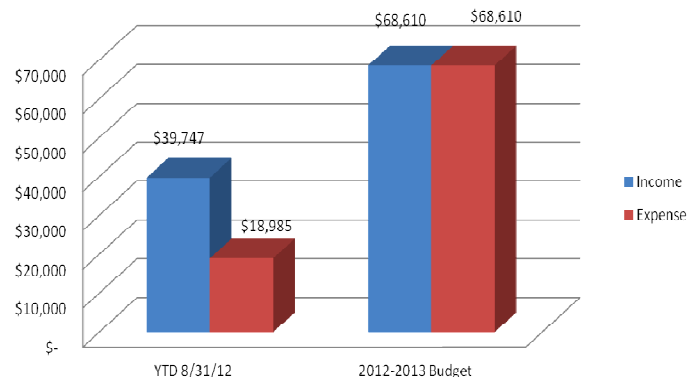
We enjoy and appreciate the wonderful support our Sustaining members provide, but, if the time is right for you, we would welcome your return to Active status. In case you are interested, we are also accepting applications for 2013 – 2015 League leadership positions until December 21st, 2012. If you are interested in returning to Active status, please contact the office at 330-743-3200. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Quarterly Financials

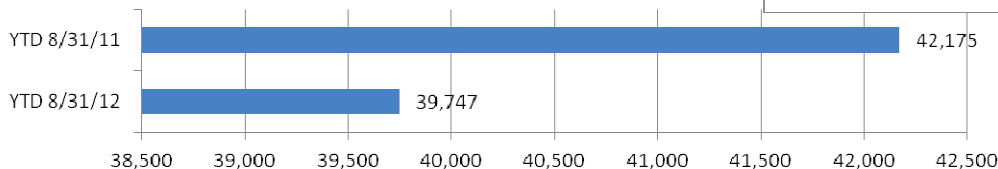
Junior League of Youngstown Expense Comparison



Junior League of Youngstown YTD Income and Expense vs. Budget



Junior League of Youngstown Income Comparison





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**Marion's Pretzels and
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is making Holiday candy pretzels, apples, nuts! Premier Designs will donate 20% of sales to the JLY! Please RSVP to Marion Dunham 330-507-5286 or mnm1@zoominternet.net.



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Thursday, December 13th
4 p.m.—7 p.m.
6672 Sturbridge Place, Poland

