



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

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

Children's Rehabilitation Center
885 Howland Wilson Rd NE
Warren, OH 44484

Speaker: Robert Foster, Executive Director

Members will learn about the center's "Tutor U" program and enjoy a tour of the center.

There will be signs directing you to park behind the building, off of Squires Lane.

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 Starr McClure at starski@yahoo.com.

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President's Message



Welcome back JLY! I am so excited to kick-off the 2012-2013 JLY year. We have so many events and programs to which to look forward, but first let me recap all of the hard work that has happened over the summer months.

The Strategic Planning committee has met four times this summer to complete our plan for 2012-2015. The plan includes how we will sustain ourselves to continue promoting volunteerism, developing women and improving our communities through action and leadership. You can look forward to seeing a final draft of this plan in the upcoming months.

The Research and Development committee has worked this summer on identifying project ideas that could be developed into our Community Impact Focus Area (CIFA) project. Remember that our CIFA is childhood obesity and nutrition. It is important that each member takes time to learn as much about this subject as possible. Remember that the CIFA is not solely for actives, nor sustainers, nor the board...**IT IS THE FOCUS FOR THE ENTIRE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP!** I challenge each of you to **GOOGLE IT** and discover how prevalent this issue is throughout our nation as well as in our community. Also, dare to be inspired by the many programs that already exist to tackle the problem, such as First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign and locally, the YMCA's "Go For It" program.

Lastly, the Board held its annual retreat this August at the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center. This center offers multidisciplinary care to women of the valley. On October 1st we will hold our 18th annual Pink Ribbon Tea honoring breast cancer survivors. It makes me hopeful when I think about each lady in that room being able to access top notch care right here in the Mahoning Valley.

As we embark on this new year remember that "a journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." We have a year full of projects, events and opportunities to impact the Mahoning Valley, so let's get started!

Kera

Kera A. Thompson, President

October GMM Featured Speaker

"Tapping into your Leadership Skills"

presented by *Ellen McWhinnie*, President

Junior League of Ontario

The October GMM is "Bring a Friend" night and will be hosted by the Sustainers.
See page 4 for meeting info!

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Training and Education	Laura Rumble
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In League Communications	Starr McClure
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Sustainer Council

Representatives to Board	Suzanne Fleming & Fran Curd
Nominating	Joann Stock
Placement	Kathy Scheel
Finance	Kathie Ameduri
In League Communications	Carolyn Korenic
Fund Development	Helen Paes
Research & Development	Charleen Malone
Bylaws/Policies	Deb Liptak
Marketing/Recruitment	Tee Berlin
Training and Education	Margaret Person
M/D Brunch	Joan Gallitto
Pink Ribbon	Annette Camacci
Provisional	Kathy Wolsonovich
Placement One on One Hostess	Tracy Prizant
Placement One on One Hostess	Tazim Jaffer
Scribblers	Susan Katz

Sustainer Council Meetings

August 21, 2012: 6pm, Community Foundation Office

February 19, 2013: 6pm, JLY Office

October 9, 2012: "Bring a Friend"

Sustainers hosting the GMM at the Boardman YMCA!



2012-2013 General Membership Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
September 11, 2012	Children's Rehabilitation Center, Howland	Free afterschool tutoring for children in need
October 9, 2012	D.D. & Velma Davis YMCA - Boardman McClurg Road	"Tapping into your Leadership Skills" presented by JLO President Ellen McWhinnie
November 13, 2012	Youngstown Main Library	"Negative Marketing Leading to Childhood Obesity" presentation from Second Harvest Foodbank and "Kids Can Cook"
January 8, 2013	Neighborhood Meetings	TBA
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

JLY T-Shirts are Coming!

Be prepared to order your JLY T-shirt at the September GMM

Available Sizes:

S-XL: \$15

2XL: \$16

3XL: \$18

Cash and checks payable to Junior League of Youngstown will be accepted

T-shirts can also be ordered on the JLY website via Paypal!

For more information contact Stephanie Lambert at (480) 414-8144 or JLY Office at 330-743-3200

Fund Development

September Meeting Fundraiser!

50/50 Raffle

Proceeds benefiting the Youngstown Historical Society



Done in a Day 2012-2013 Project Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	D.I.A.D.
August 2012	Sustainer Social Picnic	Collection for School Supplies
September 11, 2012 @GMM	Children's Rehab Center of Howland	Collection for School Supplies for Harding Elementary; Distribute Bella Baby Bottles
September 15, 2012	Iron Roots Urban Farm	Iron Roots Urban Farm of Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation
October 9, 2012 @GMM	D.D. & Velma Davis YMCA Boardman	Collect Bella Baby Bottles
October 21, 2012	Youngstown Peace Race	Peace Race
November 3, 2012	Second Harvest Food Bank	Second Harvest Collaboration with Campbell schools back- pack program
January 8, 2013 @GMM	Neighborhood Meetings	Collect supplies for Akron Children's Craft Cart
January 2013	Eastwood Mall	Art Outreach Gallery
February 2013	Akron Children's Hospital, Beeghly Campus	Volunteer Opportunity (Proposed): Kids Crew/ Craft Cart BookCart/ Donations/ Donation sorting
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 2013	YSU Kilcawley	300 Sisters in Red Health Fair
April 27, 2013	Youngstown CityScape	Spring Clean-up Day
TBD		Joint Volunteer project with Junior Civic League



The Junior League of Youngstown
 General Membership Meeting Minutes 05/05/12, Mr. Anthony's

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome and Introduction of Speaker	Susan Stewart welcomed everyone to the annual dinner. She recognized the following members for their Athena nominations: Karen Abrams, Amanda Frost, and Ingrid Lundquist. Susan then asked Leah Wilson to the podium to introduce the speaker, Dr. Virginia Banks-Bright, UPMC. The topic of her speech was "How Just One Can Make an Impact". Following Dr. Banks-Bright's speech, Susan Stewart gave the blessing of dinner.
Approval of April General Membership Meeting Minutes	Following dinner, Susan called the business meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The minutes of the April General Membership Meeting were reviewed.
Budget Vote	Lisa Metzinger noted that copies of the budget were at each seat and appeared in Briefly.
Done in a Day	Laura Rumble thanked everyone for bringing books for the book drive. She noted that she has a group organized to bundle the books and that members can email or call her to arrange for pick-ups of any additional donations. A copy of the Done in a Day Projects for 2012-2013 was at each seat.
Presentation of Provisional Project	Jennifer Valentine-Sanek and Roklyn DePerro-Turner, members of the provisional class, presented the Kids in the Kitchen project. They shared a PowerPoint and gave an overview of their project.
Introduction of New Actives	Deb Hartig presented the provisional class members: Christine Bugno, Roklyn DePerro-Turner, Kristen Frank, Leanna Kemble, Kristina Ross, Julia Schnurrenberger, and Jennifer Valentine-Sanek. Deb noted that Starr McClure was unable to attend. Each member was presented with a JL tote and gift. The provisional class then presented Deb with a plant as a thank you.
Recognition of Sustainer Council	Suzanne Fleming recognized the Sustainer Council members and noted that the council holds quarterly luncheons. She thanked all of the members for serving on the council this past year.
JLY Service Award	Susan presented the JLY Service Award to active member Deb Hartig who received a standing ovation. The award honors a woman who acts as a role model to other League members, shares her talents through effective volunteer service; and is committed to serving the League and the community as a whole. Deb became an active member in 1992 and remains so today, for a total of 20 years of active service to the Junior League of Youngstown.
JLY Milestone Award	Susan presented the JLY Milestone Award to sustainer member Suzanne Fleming who also received a standing ovation. The award honors a woman who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the League; used her talents and resources to improve the League and the community; and has paved the way for future League members. Suzanne was a member of the 1973 Provisional Class; she became an Active member in 1974 and became a Sustaining member in 1988. Suzanne served as President from 1983 – 1985 and has held various positions in the League inspiring others and leading by example.
JLY Past Presidents Recognition	Leah Wilson recognized Past JLY Presidents in attendance by asking them to stand.
Emeritus Member, Nancy Morris	Leah then recognized Nancy Morris as an Emeritus Member.
Introduction of 2012-2013 President	Susan introduced Kera Thompson as incoming President.
Brief Remarks and Introduction 2012-2013 Board	Kera Thompson shared that the League will be embarking on a strategic plan and the community impact focus area in the next year. She challenged each member to follow the JLY mission by volunteering and developing women. Kera then introduced the incoming board for the 2012-2013 League year. Gifts were presented to each board member. Flowers were then presented to Kera, sent from her mother.
Closing Remarks	Susan gave a Year in Review and personal reflections about her year as President. Following her remarks, she received a standing ovation. Susan then thanked the staff of Mr. Anthony's, Dr. Banks-Bright, and Barbara Schuller, who was presented with a plant. Keisha Robinson announced the winner of the raffle basket drawing, Patti Edwards. Susan thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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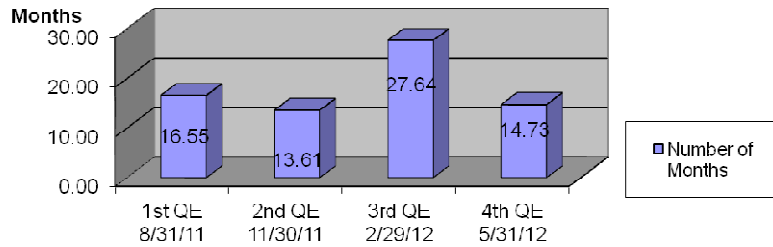
Tara

Tara Mady, Secretary, 5/11/12

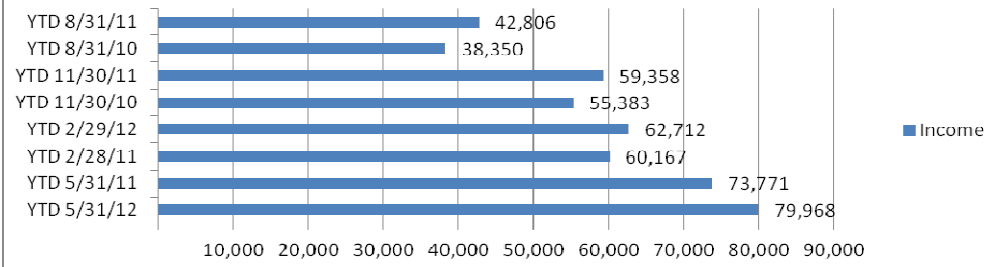


Treasurer's Report

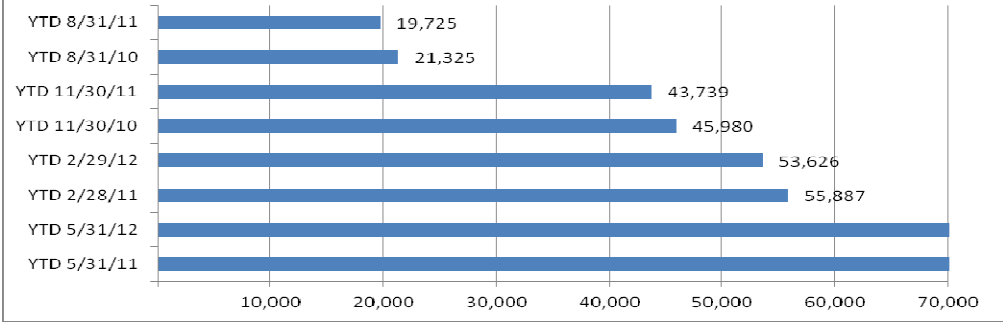
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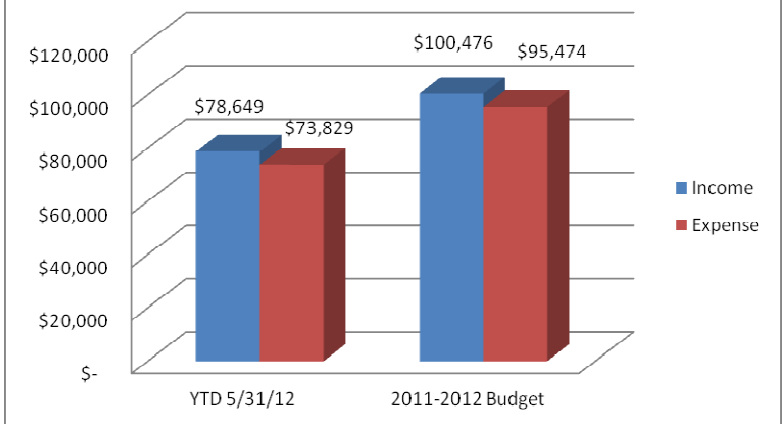
Junior League of Youngstown Income Comparison



Junior League of Youngstown Expense Comparison



Junior League of Youngstown YTD Income and Expense vs. Budget



Pink Ribbon Tea

Plans have begun for the **18th Annual PINK RIBBON TEA**, which will take place on Monday October 1st at the Georgetown. We are excited to have Brenda M. Rider as our speaker this year. A Youngstown native, Brenda is a breast cancer survivor and the founder of **A Way With Words Foundation**, a non-profit foundation dedicated to anyone who has been touched by cancer. "If they have written a poem, song, prose or something to say, I collect them and publish their work in a book once a year." Brenda also formed the R.O.C.c.K. (Raising Our Commitment to Cancer Kids) Children's Choir, made up of children with cancer or who have been touched by cancer. To find out more about Brenda, the Foundation, and the Choir you can go to

<http://www.awaywithwordsfoundation.org/>

The Pink Ribbon Tea committee is made up of sustaining members, most of who have been committed to this event for many years. We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication. Due to the efforts of this dedicated group of women, the Tea has become a wonderful event looked forward to by the breast cancer survivors of our community. WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE HELP! Any sustainer who is interested in actively helping the day of the Tea or on the committee, please contact Annette Camacci for more information - amcacorn1@gmail.com. We are specifically looking for someone willing to coordinate publicity for the Tea.

As a reminder, the purpose of the tea is to unite women of our area who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, to honor them and celebrate their life and survival. To ensure the success of this project, we need your help. As in the past, we will be asking each sustainer to sponsor a survivor. Such sponsorships from active members as well, will enable more women to enjoy a day of hope, friendship, and support. Thanks to the continued support of the entire League and our underwriters, over 6,000 survivors have attended the Tea free of charge in the past 17 years.

Since this is a Junior League event, it is very important that we honor Junior League members who are breast cancer survivors. If you are a survivor, or if your mother, sister, family member or friend is a survivor, please call Barb in the League office for an invitation. This is your invitation to join other women of our community for this day that celebrates your life.

Please consider sponsoring a survivor to attend the **2012 PINK RIBBON TEA**.

NAME _____

_____ Sponsorship (s) Amount Enclosed _____

I would like to make my sponsorship (s):

In memory of _____

In celebration of _____

I would like my honorees listed in the program at the Tea: ____ Yes ____ No

Please make your check payable to The Junior League of Youngstown and mail to the League office.
To be included in the program, we must receive your donation by September 4th. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

MAKE IT WORK: JLY FASHION SHOW!

October 25th, 6-8pm
Boardman Holiday Inn

Volunteers Needed!
Vendor Setup and Cleanup
Registration Table, 50/50 and Silent Auction

Please contact Lois Koval for more information or
to attend the next committee meeting!

Mother-Daughter Brunch

November 10, 2012
at
Michael Alberini's
11:00 a.m.

Theme:
"Instilling the Importance of Voluntarism into the Next Generation"

If you would like to help in the planning or on the day of the event
please contact Joan Gallitto, Event Chair





What Junior League Leaders Can Learn From The Olympics

I don't know about all of you, but every four years I find myself watching and caring about things I don't usually even think about...beach volleyball, cycling, synchronized diving to name a few. I broke my Cinderella watch playing volleyball, I've always been nervous on bikes where the seat is higher than the handle bars, and I couldn't get my Red Cross certificate for swimming because I was so terrified of anything head first.

Nevertheless, I find myself watching and admiring the dedication and skill of the athletes. Thus far, team members from each of our Junior League countries—Canada, Mexico, the U.K. and the U.S.—have medaled...I am in awe of all of these tremendous athletes.

There's a lot to be learned about leadership and teamwork from the Olympics. As I write this I am thinking in particular about the U.S. Women's Gymnastics team and their gold medal moment on Tuesday. What did I learn?

They were well-prepared. They had the skills to succeed. As leadership teams we need skills and tools, too—to set the stage for a successful year...the plans, the budgets, and so forth.

They worked together and supported each other. As we head into the League year we all need to remember that leadership teams need to work together and be there for each other...when things are going as planned and when things are not perfect.

They used each member of the Fab Five to her best advantage. Each member did what she did best. It's critical to leverage each member of the League to her best advantage.

They kept their calm and their focus when the stakes were high. I am sure that none of us in Leagues will ever feel the pressure that these young women felt—on national TV with a shot at a gold medal, which had not been won by the U.S. since 1996. Today I am thinking, if they can keep their cool, then I can, too, no matter what.

They were led into the competition by a remarkable Jordyn Wieber. Despite her disappointment the day before, she rallied and her first vault set the positive tone for the entire team. As leaders we need to find the inner resolve and strength to work to keep things on a positive path. How do you as a leader bring things back on course if an issue in one area of the League arises? How do you prevent one misstep from derailing others? Part of being a leader is the ability to rise above the problems and put things in perspective for the rest of the team.

Susan E. Danish *Executive Director, AJLI*



Fall One-on-One Sessions

Active members were notified of their advisors with their placement letters over the summer. Members should RSVP their attendance to their advisor. Please note that all members are required to meet twice per year with their advisor.

If your advisor is **Susan Stewart** or **Sharon Schroeder**, your session will be on **Tuesday, October 16th** at the home of **Tracey Prizant**.

If your advisor is **Cathy Campana** or **Michele Merkel**, your session will be on **Monday, October 22th** at the home of **Tazim Jaffer**.

Many, many, thanks to Tracey and Tazim for hosting our sessions! Their contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the JLY website. If you have any questions please contact Marion Dunham.

Susan Stewart

Margaret Adams
Amy Banks
Marion Dunham
Kristen Frank
Kelly Kiraly
Tara Mady
Keisha Robinson
Laura Rumble
Elizabeth Stevens
Joanne Wagner
Jessie Wright

Cathy Campana

Kathleen Houck
Lois Koval
Lisa Metzinger
Kristina Ross
Susan Stewart
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Kera Thompson
Roklyn DePerro-Turner
Kimberly Urig

Sharon Schroeder

Anna Aey
Adrian Anderson
Catherine Campana
Heather Elder
Amanda Frost
Paula Jakubek
Leanna Kemble
Stephanie Lambert
Michele Merkel
Jennifer Sanek
Leah Wilson

Michele Merkel

Christine Bugno
Doris Bullock
Beth Drennen
Debbie Hartig
Starr McClure
Julia Schnurrenberger
Sharon Schroeder
Stephanie Smith
Jennifer Soloman
Danielle Surko

SEPTEMBER GMM DONE IN A DAY OPPORTUNITY

The Junior League of Youngstown will be collecting items for **Harding Elementary School**. The items donated will be given to grade school students for their "Caught Being Good" program. This is the fourth year for the program that Nancy Williamson started. Please bring your donations to the September Membership meeting. See the list below for suggested items to donate based on your last name:

A to M -- crayons (64 Pack), tablets (small), erasers (fancy), stickers, markers, hair barrettes, clips, ribbons, etc., inexpensive jewelry (bracelets)

N to Z -- novelty pencils, coloring books, match box cars, coupons for free ice cream or French fries (McDonald's), folders with Disney characters, Super Heroes)

****Keep in mind that these items are rewards for good behavior. Try to find items that are special or fancier than the day to day supplies they may already have. ****





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Congratulations to Sustainer Karen Abrams 2012 Athena Award Winner!



Karen Abrams, senior vice president, senior trust advisor for PNC Bank, is the 2012 recipient of the Athena Award. The Athena Award, presented by the Regional Chamber and The Vindicator/vindy.com., is given annually to recognize area business and professional women who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen career, provided leadership in the community and mentored or contributed to the growth of other professional women.

In addition to being a member and past president of JLY, she is a member of the Mahoning/Shenango Estate Planning Council and the Mahoning Valley Bar Association. Abrams serves on the boards of the Youngstown Symphony, Mahoning Valley College Access Program, Fellows Riverside Gardens and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, where she is assistant treasurer. ***Congratulations Karen!***

