



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## September General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Speaker

### Youngstown Main Library

305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44503

#### Speaker:

Subha Lembach

AJLI Board of Directors and

Junior Leagues of Ohio State Public Affairs Committee

Topic: Advocacy Training

#### 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.

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## President's Message



Hello Members! Welcome...!

We are all both excited and intimidated by a new start. The nervousness that comes with beginning something new may just symbolize the inner voice that allows us to accept new things. I saw this on the face of our youngest daughter Maria as she stepped into her kindergarten classroom for the first time. She is simply a few days into the new school year, and her excitement for this new adventure is contagious. As much as she wants to make new friends and sit longer than she has ever had to do, I want her to be happy with EVERYTHING – her teacher, her lunchmate, her cubbie, the way she prints her name – SIMPLY EVERYTHING!

We all remember that feeling – of starting school and hoping to start something well. The jitters of kindergarten do not always transfer to the beginning of our League year, but the thought of starting something BRAND NEW is a feeling we all know.

As I think over how writing to you would be exciting, a bit intimidating and challenging – I am reassured that you all will be accepting of the newness of this year.

Many committees volunteered to get together over the summer to begin their League year! You will see us follow through on an initiative identified by the Research and Development Committee by recognizing National Food Day. You will also have the opportunity to volunteer at Whitehouse Fruit Farms in conjunction with this day of advocacy (see page 8 for more).

Because of our grant from Kashi (graciously crafted by Kim Urig!) we are able to invite a partnership with the YMCA, The Peace Race and local youth who want to run! If these two stand alone great efforts were not enough – there is even more NEW added to our JLY calendars!

Our Done In A Day Efforts will provide two opportunities per month – One will be a generalized volunteer opportunity that highlights a League relationship – the second volunteer opportunity will bring our Community Impact Focus Area to the forefront – School Readiness through Childhood Health and Nutrition.

We are looking forward to having you back as Active and Sustaining members for the 2013-2014 League year. Please remember to welcome the Provisional Class as they are walking into the General Membership Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> – with new people – and a new start – and hope they like SIMPLY EVERYTHING! Please welcome them and help them feel like they will make an impact with their membership in The Junior League of Youngstown.

*To do this – you must simply start!*

*All my best for a wonderful and fulfilling JLY Year!*

Sincerely,  
Leah M. Wilson  
President, 2013-2014



## September Done In A Day Opportunity

### September Collection DIAD Opportunity

Collection of school supplies on Tuesday, September 17th,  
at General Membership Meeting for

Harding Elementary "Caught Being Good" Program.

Items are to be used as rewards for being good so the fancier school supplies are preferred.

### September DIAD Opportunity

The volunteer day information is:

BackPack Program for McKinley Elementary in Lisbon  
through Second Harvest Food Bank

Tuesday, September 10th

Second Harvest Food Bank (Making Kids Count Volunteer Day)

2805 Salt Springs Rd

Youngstown, OH 44509

Time: 9am-12pm

Please RSVP to:

Jessie Wright: [cw@ssb-cpa.com](mailto:cw@ssb-cpa.com); 330-533-1131 or

Barb Schuller: [juniorleagueofyoungstown@gmail.com](mailto:juniorleagueofyoungstown@gmail.com); 330.743.3200

## Pink Ribbon Tea

**2013 Pink Ribbon Tea  
for Breast Cancer Survivors will be held on**

**Monday, September 30th at The Georgetown**  
*By invitation only.*

**Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and Lunch at Noon**

The Pink Ribbon Tea provides resources, outreach and support for breast cancer patients and Survivors. We are excited to have **Jennie Nash** as our keynote speaker for this year's event. Jennie is a breast cancer survivor and author whose memoir and third book, *The Victoria's Secret Catalog Never Stops Coming and Other Lessons I Learned From Breast Cancer*. She been an inspiration to many breast cancer survivors since it was published in 2001;

Once again we are asking for your support. Due to the past generosity of Sustainers, as well as many Active members, the Tea has remained free of charge for all Survivors. The cost for a Survivor to attend the Tea is \$20. Your gift allows you to underwrite a Survivor, or two, or three and provide her with an afternoon of hope, support, and friendship. It is the best gift we can give to women in our Valley! When you "Sponsor a Survivor" your gift can be made in memory or celebration of someone special. Each will be acknowledged in the program at the Tea.

Your donation is the key to providing the Breast Cancer Survivors of our Valley with an afternoon that is inspirational as well as a celebration of their stories, struggles, and victories. Please "Sponsor a Survivor" and help us make the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Ribbon Tea a gift that lasts throughout the year.

Thank you for your past support and for continuing your support as we celebrate with this remarkable group of women. If you would like to sponsor a Survivor, please call The Junior League of Youngstown Office at 330-743-3200.

Pink Ribbon Tea Chairperson: Annette Camacci; Co-Chair: Sue Berny

## 2013-2014 General Membership Meetings

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DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Tuesday, September 17	Public Library of Youngstown; 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, 44053	Subha Lembach, AJLI Topic: Advocacy Training
Tuesday, October 8	St. John's Upper Hall <b>**Bring a Friend**</b> 323 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, 44503	Janine Le Sueur AJLI Director of Education and Programs Topic: Issue Based Community Impact,
Tuesday, November 5	Public Library of Youngstown 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, 44053	Carlton Sears The Institute for Public Innovation Topic: Harwood Training
Tuesday, January 14	Neighborhood Meetings Location: TBA	TBA
Tuesday, February 11	Mahoning Valley Historical Society <b>**Bring a Friend**</b> Tyler Building, Federal Street, Youngstown, 44502	Penny Senyak Topic: Diversity Training
Tuesday, March 11	Public Library of Youngstown 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, 44053	Lisa Long Rich Center Topic: Enhancing your Volunteer Training
Tuesday, April 8	Stambaugh Auditorium 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, 44504	Food Summit, Research & Development, Training & Education, Provisionals, Marketing
Tuesday, May 20	Annual Dinner Location: TBA	TBA

## Save The Date: Mother Daughter Brunch

Mother Daughter Brunch will be held Saturday, November 30th, (Thanksgiving weekend)  
at The Youngstown Country Club. Time: TBA

This year we will be featuring the Angel Ball and are asking anyone who has attended in the past to bring your dress that you wore to a previous ball either as an Angel, mother or grandmother of an Angel or as an attendee of the ball. The dresses will be displayed at the Mother Daughter Brunch and will be returned.

If you would like to feature your dress, please call Barbara Banks at (330)757-4584.

## Angel Ball

The Junior League of Youngstown is still looking for a co-chair to host the Angel Ball. Please contact Barb at the JLY office if you are interested.

Angels and male honorees must be daughters and sons (grandsons and granddaughters) of JLY members, and at least 17 years old and no older than a freshman in college.

Please contact the JLY office, at 330-743-3200, to learn more.



## JLY Recognition

Past Sustainer Representative to the Board of Directors, **Suzanne Fleming**, and her husband Al have been nominated to receive a National Philanthropy Award. Suzanne and Al will be recognized, on November 15, at Antone's Banquet Center, as outstanding philanthropists for the Mahoning/Shenango Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day. Congratulations!

Thank you to past Sustainer Representative to the Board of Directors, **Fran Curd**, for her continued support of the League.

## Passport to Prizes

*We're gearing up for a fantastic year of voluntarism around the Mahoning Valley, focusing on Childhood Health & Nutrition. To help support our work, our fall fundraiser is ...*

### Passport to Prizes

**\$10** gives you the opportunity to win one of 10 fantastic prizes!

Visit the newly designed JLY website for more information. [www.jlyoungstown.org](http://www.jlyoungstown.org)

All sold passports must be turned into the League office by October 24th.

Drawing will take place during the November 5th General Membership Meeting.

Please call the JLY Office (330-743-3200) or Kristen Frank (330-787-3390) if you haven't received your passports.



## Fall One-on-One Advisor Sessions

Fall One-on-One sessions will be held on  
Thursday, November 14, and Tuesday, November 19.

All four advisors will be available on both dates.  
Please plan on attending one of these sessions as required by our bylaws.  
Locations TBA soon.

### Susan Stewart

Maggie Adams  
Charlotte Diss  
Paula Jakubec  
Kelly Kiraly  
Tara Mady  
Maggie Matune  
Kristen Rock  
Kera Thompson  
Kim Urig  
Leah Wilson

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Amanda Krygowski  
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Mercia L. Stevens  
Mercia M. Stevens  
Danielle Surko

### Tara Mady

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Heather Elder  
Kristen Frank  
Deborah Franks  
Debra Hartig  
Kristina Ross  
Jennifer Sanek  
Susan Stewart  
Jessie Wright



**Helen Paes** greets breast cancer survivors at the Panerathon.

The JLY was asked to pass out Pink Ribbon Tea invitations and volunteer at the Survivors' Tent, at the 2013 Panerathon at the Covelli Center, on August 25th.



## Youngstown Peace Race

A \$1,000.00 grant from Kashi has given the Junior League of Youngstown an opportunity to partner with the YMCA and Peace Race. After narrowing our community impact focus area to address childhood nutrition and obesity, our League requested funds to sponsor 15 area youth in the prestigious Peace Race this Fall, in Youngstown, on October 13th.

This internationally known race has attracted runners from around the world for 39 years. Participating in this race is a lifelong memory and hopes to encourage lifelong exercise and healthy habits.

In cooperation with the local YMCA, we are recruiting and training the young people. Training begins September 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Mill Creek Metroparks. Their first training session will start at the gravel lot across from the golf course. Future location will be announced that day.

League members are invited to volunteer during the training classes. To participate, please contact Kim Urig at [kimurig@hotmail.com](mailto:kimurig@hotmail.com)

For more information: <http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/jl-programs/peace-race/>

### ***With Deepest Sympathy...***

Darryl Grant, **Michele Grant's** twin brother, passed away on July 22.

Our sympathies to the family of **Judy Scotford**, a member of the Junior League of Youngstown. She and her husband John spent the last 20 winters in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at her home in Poland. Judy's Family asks that memorial tributes take the form of a donation to the Youngstown, YMCA in care of P.O. Box 1287, Youngstown, Ohio 44501.





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# *Save the Date....*

## National Food Day

October 19th, 2013

Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Location: White House Fruit Farm  
9249 State Route 62  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

*We Need All Hands on Deck!*

Join the Research and Development Committee for a great day working with the community and providing opportunities for access to healthy foods.

Chair: Lois Koval

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