



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

December 2013

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Holiday Social
Tuesdays December 10th
Inner Circle Canfield
From 6:30–8:30

Please bring an unwrapped toy that can be donated to
Toys for Tots.

RSVP to Heather Elder at 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.

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President's Message



Dear Members,

Greetings to you at the very beginning of a hustling and bustling holiday season! As many of you may be reading this and multi-tasking, I hope you will take a few moments to accept this gift – your membership in The Junior League of Youngstown.

Whether you recently joined or you are entertaining Emeritus Status, the membership levels in the Junior League span generations and age brackets, demographics and county borders. We have members who have retired and have joined and we have members who had never worked and decided to take on a profession or further their education after meeting the Junior League.

I count on my contact with Sustaining Members to keep the value of being a member in mind. Recently, members of Scribblers, our monthly day group (which meets the first Monday) has asked if it would be possible to publish another collection of their works. The group will supply artwork, poems and short stories and you can look for this great gift to our membership in the next year. Their once a month meeting over the years has spawned great tales of careers, motherhood, puzzling situations, triumphs and volunteer work in the community.

Many of our works begin through this small commitment that grows larger with the investment of time and persistence.

The JLY is on the verge of an emerging new project in the community. We are partnering with Oh WOW! The Roger and Gloria Jones Center for Science and Technology so that we can reach children and advocate for healthier lifestyles, decrease the rates of obesity in children, and prepare them for school by supplying information that can help their bodies and brains.

Because of our Junior League Membership, we are prepared to promote voluntarism in this area, develop the potential of women who are committed to this cause, and improve the lives of children in our community through the effective action of our members.

These are gifts you have – please give.

Our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Leah M. Wilson
President, 2013-2014



Done In A Day Opportunities

Thank you to everyone that participated in the November DIAD Opportunity...the Second Harvest Food Bank! Our assistance was greatly appreciated!

Save the date...for our January DIAD

Bella Women's Center
Saturday, January 25th, 2014
1:00pm-4:00pm

Don't forget to bring baby items (anything you think a new mommy would need) to our January GMM for the January DIAD Collection Opportunity!

February Opportunity

We are also collecting formal dresses and accessories for DIVA Donations at the February GMM. This is a great collection opportunity!

Save the date...for our March DIAD

Volunteer opportunity with the YWCA to assist with the Young Women with Bright Futures Annual Event tentatively set for Saturday, March 8, 2014!

January Neighborhood Meetings

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January 14, 2014

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 14, 2014 meeting at their homes. Please RSVP by Friday, December 20th to the following Exec Members.

A member of the R&D committee will discuss National Food Day and we will also receive an update on OH WOW!

Liberty/Hubbard/Youngstown Hostess: Carol Gubany RSVP: Marion Dunham 330-507-5286	Boardman Hostess: Marcy Svenson RSVP: Kelly Kiraly 330-307-2169	Poland Hostess: Barbara Banks RSVP: Maggie Adams 330-550-7280	Canfield Hostess: Anna Aey at Beshara's house RSVP: Leah Wilson 330-429-1568
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November General Membership Meeting Minutes

The Junior League of Youngstown
 General Membership
 Meeting Minutes 11/5/13
 Youngstown Public Library

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome	Leah Wilson called the meeting to order at p.m. A quorum was present for voting.	
December Social	Heather Elder reported December 10th, 6:00, location TBD & in Briefly, toys for tots donation this evening	Check December Briefly for confirmed location.
Passport to Prizes	Kristen Frank reported the winners to the Passport to Prizes package #10 Leah Wilson, #9 Suzanne Fleming, #8 Shirley Merkel #7 Deb Leptak #6 Paula Jakabak #5 Jinnie Baron sold by Joan Wagner #4 Kay Hall sold by Stephanie Seikel, #3 Lee Frey sold by Laura Frey #2 Robert Price sold by Danielle Surko #1 Carol Valentine sold by Jen Valentine.	
BUSINESS MEETING		
Approval of the September GMM Minutes	The business meeting resumed at p.m. The minutes of the October General Membership meeting were reviewed.	Marion Dunham moved that the minutes be approved. Sharon Schroder 2 nd the motion and the motion passed.
Treasurer's Report	Maggie Adams reported	Maggie moved to approve the report, Danielle Serko
One-on-One Advisors Meetings	Laura Rumble reported the times & location	
Nominating	Deb Hartig reported that the JLY is looking for leaders in the 2014-2015 League year. Will be discussed at the One-on-One session. Deadline is November 30 to the Nominating chair Kera Thompson. Packet is available on the JLY website.	
Renewal of a project "OH Wow!"	Leah Wilson reported this wonderful "renewal of project" with the Oh Wow! Children's Museum. The JLY is asked to co-chair the health exhibit. Ballot vote is approved by JLY members.	
GMM Training & Education		
Introduction of Speaker	Beth Drennen introduced Carlton Sears from the Harwood Institute	
Speaker	Completed an "Aspirations" survey relating to our community and discussed amongst individuals seated at their tables. The aspirations for my community, The challenges we face in reaching these aspirations & The changes needed in my community to reach our aspirations. Discussion followed.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m. The January neighborhood meetings will be on: January 14, 2014 * Liberty/ Hubbard/ Youngstown-Hostess: Carol Gubany, 150 Warner Road, Hubbard, OH 44425 * Boardman-Hostess: Marcy Svenson, 4222 Stratford Road, Boardman, Ohio 44512 * Poland-Hostess: Barbara Banks, 3069 Algonquin Drive, Poland, Ohio 44514 * Canfield-Hostess: Anna Aey at Beshara's house, 1396 St. Albans Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44511	



2013-2014 General Membership Meetings

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

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Tuesday, January 14	Neighborhood Meetings Location: TBA	See page 3 of Briefly
Tuesday, February 11	Mahoning Valley Historical Society **Bring a Friend** 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

Pink Ribbon Tea

A 20th ANNIVERSARY PINK RIBBON TEA COMMITTEE IS NOW FORMING

Please tie your ribbon and prepare for the 20th Anniversary

Volunteers from JLY are ready and waiting for next year!

Please contact Anna Aey rjaey@zoominternet.net or Deb Liptak debliptak@gmail.com

If you would like to be a member of this committee

You may also contact Active Liasion Susan Stewart at stewart84@sbcglobal.net

If you have any questions, please contact the JLY Office at 330-743-3200.

** Please keep Barb Schuller in your thoughts and prayers. Barb's doctors discovered that she has a recurrence of breast cancer. She will undergo surgery on December 13th and will be away from the JLY office for a few weeks to recover. Keep up the fight, Barb!! We wish you a speedy recovering and time to heal!*



**Young daughters from Mother Daughter
Brunch with Emelia Sherin from
"Angelic Entertainment".**



Sustainer Corner

With the approaching holiday, we do want to give thanks to members who have shared their volunteer gifts and continue to lighten the load of the active members. We are especially appreciative of the Sustaining Members of our League. As the days fall from the calendar, some of us anticipate a fun-filled holiday season. Please remember those around you who may have experienced the loss of a loved one or are facing a difficult time this holiday season. Please keep them in your thoughts-- and send them a reminder of your care and concern.

Please look to the December Briefly for all of your up to date league activities and where you can find opportunities to be part of a group of "Women Building Better Communities".

With Deepest Sympathy.....

It is with sympathy and support that we share the unfortunate news that Susan Berny has experienced the death of her husband Dr. James Berny. Susan is a dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan and her family during this difficult time.

Nominating

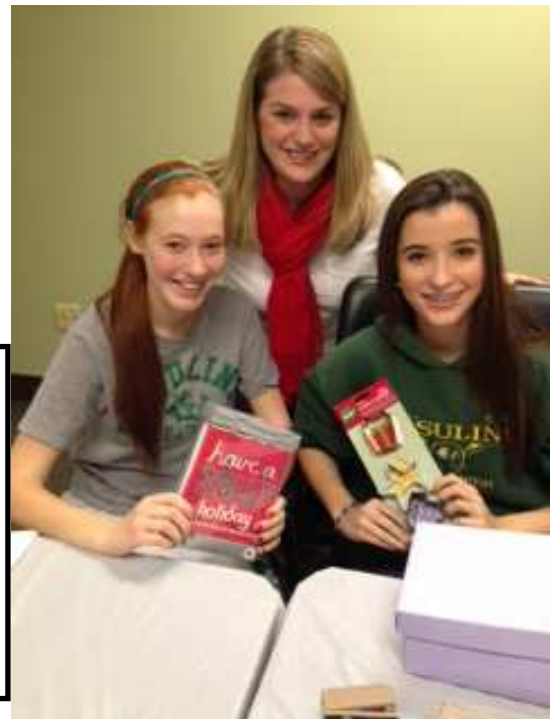
Hello Members of the Junior League of Youngstown!

A few of you may be considering giving back to the community through volunteer service. You may want to take advantage of applying for several positions of leadership for JLY (including President-Elect). The deadline for applying has been moved to December 31st. So type up your volunteer resume and application packet – and submit it by 3pm on 12/31/13. We do encourage you to turn in your application as soon as possible so that the nominating committee has an opportunity to celebrate New Year's in style!

Ursuline High School's SOS (Students of Stewardship) assisted the Junior League during Youngstown CityScape's Santa's Workshop on December 7 from 11am - 7pm. The students ran check out and helped shoppers select the proper gifts for family and friends. Pictured are 10th graders Katie and Anastasia with one of the SOS advisors and Junior League member Maggie Matune. Maggie, Sable Beshara and Mercia Stevens chaired the event on behalf of The Junior League. Amanda Krygowski, Kelly Kiraly, Liz Stevens, Mercia Stevens and Leah Wilson volunteered their time to staff the shop as well throughout the day.

T-Shirts

JLY T-shirts are available. If you are still in need of one, please contact Heather Elder at hpelder1973@yahoo.com or 330-261-5616. Cost is \$15 a shirt.



Mother Daughter Brunch

The 2013 Mother Daughter Brunch was enjoyed by League members and their families as a kick start to the Holiday season. Youngstown Country Club was the setting on November 30th with decorations by Wild Flower Cove, who also had a Holiday boutique for the guests to start their Christmas shopping. Jason A Green Photography took beautiful pictures of the families during the social hour. A highlight of the day was the "Angelic Entertainment" by Emelia Sherin, who led the little ones in song for their mothers and grandmothers. Co-chairs Barbara and Amy Banks thank all who attended this years Brunch and hope to see many more next year.

Pictured: Co-Chairs Barbara and Amy Banks with Emelia Sherin from "Angelic Entertainment".



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Webinar Wednesdays

AJLI's Webinar series, **Webinar Wednesdays**, is one of many methods to help Junior League women develop as community and civic leaders. These sessions, typically one-hour in duration, are designed to appeal to every Junior League member, regardless of age or current engagement in her community, as an easy way to increase her knowledge of and interest in community and civic leadership.

Webinar Wednesdays runs from September to June, typically on the second and fourth Wednesday of the Month at 1pm (Eastern Time Zone).

Be sure to go to the AJLI website to login and check out this wonderful opportunity for training.

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

