



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Neighborhood Meetings
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
6 p.m.

Hosted by our Sustainers

See Inside for more details on your meeting location.

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!

I hope yours was happy and healthy! We wanted to share other good news with a progress report half way through the 2013-2014 year.

We have 202 Sustaining Members and 42 Active Members.

We have a healthy financial forecast and a positive balance sheet.

We are continuing our service to the community after 84 years and are currently recruiting new members to join us.

We are welcoming 8 new actives at the May Annual Dinner.

We are welcoming back former members regardless of the reason in our "March Madness" Member-2-Member promotion.

We are volunteering in the community to reduce childhood obesity. We are partnering with various non-profit groups to join us in this large initiative.

We need your support for positive strides and developing our potential!

Sincerely,

Leah Wilson, President 2013-2014

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 hpelder1973@yahoo.com.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS



Tuesday, January 14, 2014

6 p.m.

Liberty/Youngstown : Carol Gubany, Hubbard

RSVP to: Marion Dunham 330-507-5286

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Poland: Barbara Banks, Poland

RSVP to: Maggie Adams 330-550-7280

Canfield: Anna Aey at Beshara's Home, Youngstown

RSVP to: Leah Wilson 330-429-1568

Donation for January GMM

We are collecting baby items for Bella Women's Center at our Tuesday, January 14, 2014 Membership Meeting. Please bring a book, blanket, toy, clothing item or newborn diapers to the January Meeting. A member of the Executive committee will collect these items and return them to the Done In A Day Chairperson, Jessie Wright. We are working to establish a positive flow of collection for Bella Women's Center. This is our second collection for the organization which helps to support young mothers.

Topics/Trainings for January GMM

A member of the Executive Committee will facilitate your meeting at the next GMM. Please call and RSVP to a member of the Executive Committee so that they may help your hostess make arrangements for you. The Neighborhood Meetings are a great way to get to know the JLY Members who live near you and those you may share more than Geographic similarities!

The Research and Development Committee will be supplying an example of their "National Food Day" kit. We are talking about how we can go out into the community and advocate for reducing the rates of childhood obesity through advocacy. These "kits" will give us a hands on approach and eliminate the "search" for materials for upcoming projects and committees!

A member of the R&D Committee will also be on hand to discuss the roles of that committee while your Executive Committee person (President, President-Elect, Treasurer or Secretary) will be knowledgeable and available to discuss the role of the New Curriculum called "Eat, Play, Grow".

The Eat, Play, Grow Curriculum was studied by the National Institute of Health and helps community leaders emphasize the important learning segments for children and parents who want to live a healthier lifestyle and reduce childhood obesity.

ANNUAL DINNER SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a guest and look for additional information on the location, speaker and ticket price. Many thanks to the Training & Education Committee Chaired by Beth Drennen for organizing this celebration of membership, recognizing the New Actives, and learning more about the upcoming plans for the Junior League of Youngstown in the 2014-2015 league year.

PASSPORT TO PRIZES

This fundraiser was a huge success! Many thanks to Kristen Frank who chaired this special committee for JLY! Without the support of our members, we would not be able to operate, open our office, or serve the community! Thank you!

830 Passports were sold. Leah Wilson sold the most with 27 Passports.
Total money raised was \$9,071 and expenses were \$320.



Winners were:

#10 Leah Wilson, #9 Suzanne Fleming, #8 Shirley Merkel, #7 Deb Liptak, #6 Paula Jakubec, #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 Sanek.

LETTER OF APPEAL

As members, you share your time and your talents to make us a better Junior League. We rely on your volunteer spirit to move us through the years, show support for various non-profit agencies and promote our mission.

Won't you please consider also sharing your treasure with the League as well? We are embarking on a pivotal time in our league's history with the onset of partnerships that will help us improve the lives of school-aged children who are battling obesity.

Have you been able to follow these initiatives and new developments? If you are, thank you! We hope you understand the need for support. You may have received our Annual "Letter of Appeal" at the beginning of November. We are hoping you can respond with a generous gift to the Junior League of Youngstown, 201 East Commerce Street, Suite 320, Youngstown, OH 44503. Or call the Junior League office at 330-743-3200 for more information. If you have not received the letter and need a copy, we will of course send you another copy.

GET WELL WISHES

We want to update you on the progress of our dear Barb Schuller, the Junior League of Youngstown's Office Specialist. Barb has navigated our league through many new and exciting times!

In November, Barb's doctors discovered that she had a recurrence of breast cancer. She is a 22 year survivor of breast cancer. In December, her doctor performed a mastectomy. She is healing well.

On Monday, January 6, 2014 her doctor called her to let her know that the lymph nodes did not have cancer. Barb will still need to see an Oncologist since she has a history of breast cancer and chemo in 1991.

Barb would like to thank all the members of JLY for your love, kindness, gifts, cards, emails, and phone calls. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



AJLI NEWS

Schlesinger Library Partnership

Through an exciting partnership with the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, which is housed at Radcliffe College at Harvard University, AJLI will be able to make seven decades of *The Junior League Magazine* available online. Widely considered to be the leading historical resource on the women of the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, the library has partnered with AJLI to provide public access to one of The Junior League's most prized archives.

The digitized content of the magazines will be added to the library's vast holdings, which document women's lives and women's issues both in the past and in the present—and focus specifically on suffrage and women's rights, social reform, family history, health and sexuality, careers and professions, culinary history and gender issues.

AJLI believes this esteemed library is a fitting spot for so profound a record and we think you will too. Stay tuned for access to The Junior League magazines via the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library link. (www.ajli.org)

Done In A Day

January Opportunity

Bella Women's Center
1192 North Road, NE
Warren, Ohio 44483

Saturday, January 25, 2014

1:00-4:00 pm

(You can also bring your collection items for a new mommy with you).

February Opportunity

Oh WOW!
11 West Federal Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Time: TBA

March Opportunity

YWCA
Saturday, March 22, 2014
Time: TBA

Sign Up for A Done In A Day at the next GMM!

Proposed Membership Requirements

Proposed Bylaws (red words = old language and green words = proposed language)

Article V. MEETINGS SECTION

4. Attendance

Active members are required to attend 5 regular meetings each year. Active members are required to meet committee attendance requirements as defined by the committee chairman.

Current Policies

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Attendance Member Credits

Active members are required to acquire a minimum of 16 credits, Provisional members are required to acquire a minimum of 12 credits and Preferred Actives are required to acquire 12 credits according to the Membership credit model

Active and Provisional members are required to ~~attend~~ acquire a minimum of ~~5~~ 5.5 General Membership meetings credits each year. Preferred Active members are ~~encouraged~~ required to ~~attend~~ acquire 5 3.5 of the meetings credits. Attendance will be taken by sign-in sheets which are kept by the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary will inform the ~~Placement~~ Membership Committee of member's attendance. Approval for an excused absence may be requested in advance of a meeting. An Active would request an excused absence, in writing, from her Advisor. If approval is given, the Advisor would then report this excused absence to the ~~Placement~~ Membership Committee.

After a member has missed 2 unexcused membership meetings, her Advisor will then send that absentee member a printed postcard reminding her of the attendance requirements. After a member has missed 3 unexcused membership meetings, the ~~Placement~~ Membership Chairman will contact the member by phone. The ~~Placement~~ Membership Chairman may request a written letter explaining the reason for the 3 unexcused absences. The member may be subject to removal from membership if she has missed more than 3 unexcused general membership meetings.

General membership meetings are considered open to the public and members may bring guests. Members are ~~expected~~ required to attend their committee meetings. Members shall notify the committee chairman, in advance, if unable to attend a meeting. Committee chairman shall notify the ~~Placement~~ Membership Committee if a committee member has missed two committee meetings. The absent member's Advisor will contact her, and help to deal with any problems regarding meeting attendance. The member may be subject to removal from membership if she has missed more than 2 unexcused committee meetings.

Section 2. Financial Obligations

All members must pay dues by June 15. All members are ~~encouraged~~ required to support League projects and fundraisers. Any individual member's financial obligation to a League project or fundraiser must be approved at the time the project or fundraiser is initially approved, by the membership. All League projects or fundraisers are to provide opportunities for members to acquire 2 credits

If you have any questions about Membership Requirements please contact Membership Chairperson Laura Rumble at 330-565-0545 or email at larrumble@aol.com.

OUR CONDOLENCES

*With Deepest Sympathy...
We lost a Junior League Sustainer to Alzheimer's.
Karen Lloyd Wilson passed away in early December.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karen's family.*

*To Emily Powers, Sustainer,
with the passing of her husband, John Reed.
A memorial service to recognize John's life will be held at
a date to be announced in the future.*

JLY Membership Reminders



**Membership Status
Deadline for 2014-
2015 JLY league year
is due March 1, 2014!**

**PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
FOR THE
JANUARY 14, 2014
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS!**

**PLEASE LET YOUR
ADVISOR KNOW
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING:**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2014
MEETING IS
"Bring A Friend"**

**AJLI CONFERENCES
CODE DAY
SPAC MEETINGS
AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SAVE THE DATE
BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING
Williamson Elementary School**

You might really like what you see!

Feb. 22, 2014

9:00-11:30 a.m.

RSVP TO THE YWCA

CALL: 330-746-6361

**25 West Rayen Avenue
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Change of Address?
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At 330-743-3200 or
Juniorleagueofyoungstown@gmail.com**

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Watch for more details in your e-mail blasts!

If you would like to participate in the 2014 20th Anniversary Pink Ribbon Tea, please email Susan Stewart at stewart84@zoominternet.net or call the JLY Office at 330-743-3200.

JLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013-2014

MONTH	DIAD	MEETING	TOPIC
FEBRUARY "Bring A Friend" 	Diva Donations/ Collection of Pre-loved formal dresses	Feb. 11th @ Mah. Valley Historical Society 648 Wick Ave. Youngstown	Diversity Training
		Speaker:	Penny Senyak
	<b style="color: blue;">OH <b style="color: red;">WOW! Feb. 15 - TBA		
MARCH <b style="color: green;">*March Madness	YWCA/ Young Women "Bright Futures" TBA	March 11th @ Public Library Wick Avenue Youngstown	Enhancing Your Volunteer Training
		Speaker:	Lisa Long/The Rich Center
APRIL	<b style="color: red;">300 Sisters in Red April 12th	April 8th @ Stambaugh Auditorium Crispin Room Fifth Avenue Youngstown	Summit Prep
		Speaker:	TBA
MAY 3rd			Spring Fundraiser
MAY 20th	LOCATION: TBA	Annual Dinner	SPEAKER: TBA

* **March Madness** indicates that during the period between March 1-March 31, a former member can come back to the league for whatever reason. A former member shall pay her dues during the month of March for the 2014-2015 JLY year. Fees and debts will be waived during this time period.



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Thanks for your commitment!

JLY members please continue to have open dialogue with your Advisors. Please call your Advisor if there is something you would like to learn more about or check out for the future. The One on Ones went well. We are looking forward to reviewing everyone's feedback and placing members in the best spot possible for a successful 2014-2015 league year.

Please contact Membership Chair Laura Rumble to schedule an appointment or just hang out and chat.

You can reach Laura at 330-565-0545 or larrumble@aol.com.