



Fall is in Full Swing!

October General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Inspiring Minds

Cobbin Towers, The Rose Room

1350 Fifth Ave, Youngstown

6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

Speaker: *Derrick Toyles,*

Topic: *After School Program*

After Meeting Social: *Suzie's Hotdogs Downtown*



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 training 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 fourth Tuesday of the month.

Information should be submitted via email, as a Microsoft Word document, to Liz Kijowski at elizabeth.c.kijowski@us.pwc.com

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2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Beth Drennen
President
2015– 2016

As President, I had the privilege to attend the AJLI Leadership Conference with President elect Heather Elder. The Conference was held in New Orleans on the 10th anniversary of the year Hurricane Katrina hit. We heard many stories about how The Junior league of New Orleans and its members helped rebuild the city. Many leagues from across the country volunteered to help New Orleans during this time. It is amazing to realize we are part of such a large group of women who would help during a time of need. We heard about the work the AJLI board has done on Diversity and Inclusion and learned about the struggles The Junior Leagues of Baltimore, Charleston and St. Louis have been through. We learned about evaluating projects and heard of successful membership programs. We had the opportunity to connect with other Ohio leagues and share our stories. We will have the opportunity to “connect” again at CODE day on Saturday, October 10th. All members are welcome! JuWon Choi, the Association's Director of Learning will speak to the group about Purposeful Member Engagement and we will hear from each league on an area where they feel they excel.

Please login to the AJLI website (alji.org) and search the resource library for information on your current committee. The AJLI website is a great resource for information. There is a plethora of information available to us on the AJLI website.

Beth Drennen

Research and Development



The Research and Development Committee is in the process of assessing future focus areas for the League. In addition to looking at continual areas of importance to the league such as women, children, and nutrition, neighborhood meetings and other input resulted in a number of topics to explore. The Research and Development Committee wishes to interview groups and stakeholders in the areas of infant mortality and the aging community. If you happen to know of someone or an organization that may offer insight on infant mortality or the aging community and how the Junior League can contribute to these causes please email Sara Wenger at swenger@eastgatecog.org

Sustainer Corner

The Sustainer Council will meet on **Monday, October 26, 2015**, at **6 p.m.** at the JLY Office. We will discuss Sustainer involvement with the current JLY Committees. We will also explore possible Sustainer events for this year and ideas for Sustainer involvement in the Junior League of Youngstown, such as the Pink Ribbon Tea. All Sustainer Representatives are encouraged to attend this Council Meeting as well as their committee meetings. We would like to thank Committee Chairs for inviting the Sustainer Representatives to their JLY Committee meetings per their work plans and JLY Best Practices.

Pink Ribbon Tea Update:

The 2015 Pink Ribbon Tea Co Chairs, Barbara Banks and Patricia Greene, along with the PRT Committee is expressing a "heartfelt" Thank You to each JLY member, including sustainers, who supported the 21st annual "Tea". You were very instrumental in making this event another huge success, as more than 400 reservations were received. Monetary and basket donations were extremely appreciated.

Plans are well underway for the 2016 Pink Ribbon Tea, as an honorary chairperson and entertainment are being secured. The venue will be the Stambaugh Auditorium Ballroom, and the DATE is scheduled for **Monday, August 22nd, 2016**; so please SAVE the DATE!

2015-2016 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
October 13, 2015	Inspiring Minds 1350 Fifth Avenue Youngstown, OH	After School Programs	Peace Race Sat. October 25th 7AM—Noon
November 10, 2015	Youngstown Business Incubator 241 W. Federal St Youngstown, OH	Grant Writing and Fund Development	TBD
January 12, 2016	Neighborhood Meetings Hosted by Sustainers	Group Discussion	TBD
February 9, 2016	Newport Library	Making Kids Count	TBD
March 8, 2016 *Bring A Friend*	Girard Multi-generational Center 443 Trumbull Ave. Girard, OH 44420	Impact on Senior Community	TBD
April 12, 2016	Austintown Library	Girl Scouts Girl Scouts of North-eastern Ohio	TBD
May 10, 2016	Annual Dinner	TBD	Streetscape, Saturday, May 28th

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State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) Update



SPAC consists of members from the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown Junior Leagues working for a common goal. This year our League's delegates are Mercia Stevens and Jennifer Valentine Sanek. The SPAC Fall Meeting was held on September 19-20, 2015 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, OH.

Our focus this year is to help support House Bill 50's passage through the Ohio State Legislature. House Bill 50 extends the age limit of foster care in Ohio from 18 to 21. The bill was introduced by Representatives Dorothy Pelanda and Cheryl Grossman.


Every year, 1,000 Ohio youth "age-out" of foster care at age 18. They usually lack a reliable support system and are thrust into a harsh reality in which they're at high risk of homelessness, unemployment, insufficient education, dependence on public assistance, human trafficking, trouble with the criminal justice system, and other barriers to success, according to a media release from the Attorney General's Office.

According to a 2013 study by the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, every young person who ages out of foster care costs communities an average of \$300,000 in public assistance, incarceration, lost wages and more over that person's lifetime.

Research confirms that foster youth in states where the age limit has been raised are more likely to have some college education and earn higher incomes. They're also less likely to experience teen pregnancy or incarceration.

SPACs ASK OF US: To write a letter to your local State House Representative to support House Bill 50. In Mahoning County your representative is either newly appointed State House Representative John Boccieri or Michele Lepore-Hagan. In Trumbull County the Representatives are Sean O'Brien or Michael J. O'Brien. And in Columbiana County the Representative is Timothy Ginter. You can find the address or e-mail address of your Representative at www.ohiohouse.gov

The vote is scheduled to take place in early October so we urge you to get your letters of support into your Representative's Office as soon as possible.

 **Ohio Fostering Connections**

"Often these young people lack the adequate skills for life on their own—whether financial, awareness of community resources, or basic homemaking skills. HB 50 will enable the agencies to provide that much needed additional support through quality services and programs specifically designed to meet the needs of the emerging adult."

Annemarie M. Grassi, Ph.D., PRESIDENT, JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CLEVELAND

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The Junior League of Youngstown GMM Minutes 9/8/15

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome Beth Drennen, President	<p>Beth Drennen called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Beth welcomed all members and guests. Guests introduced themselves and how they came to hear about the JLY.</p> <p>Brenda Binion, new JLY office specialist, was introduced; her hours are M/W/F from 10 AM-3 PM. Please notify Brenda if you or your committee will be scheduling a meeting at the League office in order to prevent any potential conflicts.</p> <p>CODE Day: Saturday, October 10, 2015/Akron, Ohio/ Presenter: JuWon Choi on New Membership Model.</p>	
Call for a Quorum Heather Elder, President-Elect	<p>A quorum of the General Membership was established. No conflicts of interest were reported.</p>	
Approval of May 2015 Annual Dinner (General Membership) Minutes Jennifer Soloman, Recording Secretary	<p>No corrections or additions were made to the May 2015 Annual Dinner (General Membership) Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>2015-2016 JLY Yearbook – Please see update in October Briefly.</p>	<p>Jennifer Soloman initiated a motion to approve the May 2015 Annual Dinner (General Membership) Meeting Minutes. Kristina Ross-Pavlicko 2nd the motion. Motion carried.</p>
Treasurer's Report Kristen Miller, Treasurer		
<p>Financial Report as of April 30, 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As of April 30, 2015:</p> <p>Checking: \$35,842.33 Money Market \$35,842.33 Total Checking & Savings \$60,848.61 Community Foundation: \$102,041.37 Total Income: \$10,371.47 Total Income YTD: \$84,773.49 Total Expenses: \$5,793.87 Total Expenses YTD: \$84,013.76 Net Income: \$4,577.60</p>	<p>Kristen Miller made a motion to approve the April 2015 Financial Report. Jennifer Soloman 2nd the motion. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Financial Report as of May 31, 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As of May 31, 2015:</p> <p>Checking: \$30,346.81 Money Market \$35,843.75 Total Checking & Savings \$66,193.56 Community Foundation: \$102,041.37 Total Income: \$10,539.00 Total Income YTD: \$95,312.49 Total Expenses: \$14,055.27 Total Expenses YTD: \$98,069.03 Net Income: \$-3516.27 Expenses outweighed income due to: AJLI Conference, Kentucky Derby, Candidates' Tea, and Annual Dinner.</p>	<p>Kristen Miller made a motion to approve the May 2015 Financial Report. Heather Elder 2nd the motion. Motion carried.</p>

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Financial Report as of June 30, 2015	<p style="text-align: center;">As of June 30, 2015:</p> <p>Checking: \$32,976.29 Money Market \$35,845.32 Total Checking & Savings \$68,821.61 Community Foundation: \$102,041.37 Total Income: \$12,198.00 Total Expenses: \$2906.20 Net Income: \$9,291.80</p>	Kristen Miller made a motion to approve the June 2015 Financial Report. Cathy Campana 2 nd the motion. Motion carried.
Financial Report as of July 31, 2015	<p style="text-align: center;">As of July 31, 2015:</p> <p>Checking: \$44,317.06 Money Market \$35,846.85 Total Checking & Savings \$80,163.91 Community Foundation: \$101,360.09 (as of June 30, 2015) Total Income: \$12,755.00 Total Expenses: \$14,554.92 Net Income: \$-1,799.92</p> <p>AJLI Dues were taken out this month as well as expenses for the PRT.</p>	Kristen Miller made a motion to approve the July 2015 Financial Report. Kim Urig 2 nd the motion. Motion carried.
Ice Breaker Activity, Membership Committee	Members were divided into groups based on this year's advisor list.	
Healthy Kids Coalition Heather Elder, President-Elect	<p>Akron Children's Hospital is sponsoring a "Fitness Lifestyle Challenge" to be held at various locations during the months of September-December. There is no JLY commitment with this project.</p> <p>JLY will still be involved with the HKC, but on a much lesser scale. Librarians are responsible for teaching all course curriculum. JLY members have been asked to assist the Health Department in gathering data (names and numbers) of the participants. Events will be held at various libraries throughout the region.</p>	If anyone is interested in volunteering, consult with Heather Elder to reserve a date and time.
Pink Ribbon Tea Pam Griffith Nock, Sustainer Representative to the Board	The 21 st Annual PRT was held on August 17, 2015 with 400 people in attendance. It was a big success! The musical duo (Kahlua & Cream) performed in lieu of a traditional speaker. The PRT Committee is always looking for additional volunteers. \$1000 was donated to Joanie Abdu, Yellow Brick Place, and Silver Lining. There were 50 raffle baskets along with 7 door prizes raffled.	Notify Pam Nock if you would like to assist the Pink Ribbon Tea Committee in any way; help is always needed.
Introduction of Provisionals	Cheryl McArthur introduced the five Provisional Members.	Initial Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.
Family Tailgating at YSU Kelly Kiraly, Nominating Committee Chair	<p>Saturday, October 17, 2015: YSU Homecoming Tailgating: 1:00 PM in the M7 Lot Game Time: 4:00 PM \$5 per person/\$20 per family (checks will be returned upon your arrival) Every JLY member is asked to bring a covered dish. JLY will provide the main dish. Detailed information was printed in the September 2015 Briefly, along with a reservation slip.</p>	Return reservations to Amy Banks by September 30. This event serves to replace the Mother-Daughter Brunch.

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<p>Nominating Update Kelly Kiraly, Nominating Committee Chair</p>	<p>If you have questions regarding the vacancies to be filled for next League year: President-Elect and Recording Secretary, please consult Kelly Kiraly. It is never too early to seek interest.</p>	
<p>Done-In-A-Day Laura Rumble, Chair (ABSENT)</p>	<p>Beth Drennen thanked everyone donating items to Harding Elementary's. Next DIAD opportunity: <i>Youngstown Peace Race/Sunday, October 25, 2015/7AM-Noon.</i></p>	<p>Contact Laura Rumble if interested in volunteering at the Peace Race.</p>
<p>Fall Fundraiser Sable Beshara-Kyle, Fund Development Chair AND Kim Urig, Marketing Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter Auction Fall Fundraiser:</p> <p>Saturday, October 3, 2015/Zion Lutheran Church/ Cornersburg/7PM-10 PM</p> <p>Tickets: \$15 each OR tables of 8: \$100</p> <p>Tables will each have a unique theme; BYOB. A fun evening is guaranteed!</p>	<p>The committee is in need of volunteers for this event. Contact Sable Beshara-Kyle if you are able; this can serve as a make-up opportunity for a missed GMM.</p>
<p>Introduction of Speaker Maggie Matune, Training & Education Chair</p>	<p><i>Cheryl Tarantino, Executive Director of Northeastern Ohio Adoption Services</i></p> <p>Maggie Matune read Cheryl's biography prior to her introduction.</p> <p>*There are no "unadoptable children, just families waiting to be found." *NOAS is not limited solely to Mahoning County children, but is statewide; however, they do not facilitate international adoptions. *Training and home study is required of all potential adoptive parents. *There is a desperate need for foster parents, as they provide a temporary, safe home. *Most placements are for school-aged children.</p>	<p>If your JLY nametag needs changed/ updated, e-mail Maggie Matune. She will be ordering permanent nametags within the next week.</p>
<p>Closing Remarks/ Adjournment Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <p>*After-meeting social will be held at Cocca's Pizza, Market Street, sponsored by Yurchyk & Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next GMM: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:00 PM SOCIAL/6:30 PM MEETING Speaker: Deryck Toles, Inspiring Minds</p>	<p>September 8, 2015 General Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		



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Congratulations!

To Mallory Naffah on her marriage to Jeff Padurean,

Bergen Giordini who is opening a FOURTH One Hot
Cookie store (in Boardman) and

Jen Gonda who was selected to speak at this year's
winter TedXYoungstown.



ABOUT THE JLY YEARBOOK: The 2015-2016 JLY Yearbook is complete! If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Membership Pages only, OR an electronic copy of the Yearbook in its entirety, please e-mail Brenda Binion, Office Specialist.

You are also welcomed to a hard copy of either, if this is your preference; again, notify Brenda and she will print one for you. There will be sign-up sheets, as well, at the October GMM.

The Executive Committee has decided to place the photographs "on hold" and is currently looking into other feasible options. Please stay tuned for further information in regard to member photos. Thank you for your anticipated understanding.

Thanks!

To Yurchyk & Davis for their sponsorship of our September after meeting social at Cocca's Pizza. A lovely time was had by all!