



January Neighborhood Meetings

January 12, 2016 @ 6.p.m.

These hostesses have graciously agreed to hold the January 12, 2016 meeting at their homes.

RSVP	Canfield
Please RSVP to Maggie Matune by January 8, 2016 maggiematune@gmail.com	Hostess: Kelly Schuler 7017 Southberry Hill, 44406
Poland	Youngstown / Liberty
Hostess: Laura Rumble 7090 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd., 44514	Hostess: Suzanne Fleming 2237 Fifth Ave., 44504

Please help us collect craft kits, gel pens, crayons, stickers, puzzles, coloring books, markers, and more--For toddlers through teens!

Mission Statement

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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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BRIEFLY SPEAKING



Beth Drennen
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LEADERSHIP: Cheryl Sandberg COO of Facebook and founder of leanin.org said "Sit at the table. Ask the question. Raise your hand. You don't have to feel 100% like you can do this. Try doing it anyway. And so many times you'll prove yourself right". The world needs more women leaders. Seth Godin author of "*What to do when it's your turn [and it's always your turn]*" said "The excuses that you are using when you hesitate to lead are just that. They are excuses from fear. They are not based on your particular abilities." Further your leadership abilities by applying to be the President Elect or by sitting on the board of the JLY. The Junior League of Youngstown empowers women through leadership training and development to take action in their communities. The Junior League is a way to develop yourself into a leader.

Happy New Year!

Beth Drennen

Sustainer Corner

Happy New Year! If you received holiday presents that are "just not for you", please consider "re-gifting" for baskets for the Pink Ribbon Tea scheduled in August 2016. You can drop off your "re-gifts" to the Junior League Office (make sure to mark the items for the Pink Ribbon Tea), or contact Sustainers Barbara Banks (330-757-4584) or Patricia Greene (330-759-7070). You can also let these 2 Sustainers know if you are interested in serving on the Pink Ribbon Tea Committee that will begin to meet in the spring.

The next meeting of the Sustainer Council will be held on **Monday, February 29, 2016**, at 6 p.m. at the Junior League Office. Invitations will be sent out to members in early February; if anyone is interested in eating at the Fifth Floor Restaurant either before or after the meeting, please let me know when you RSVP.

If you have not responded yet to the Annual Appeal Letter from the Junior League of Youngstown, you can still respond. Please remember that Sustainers provide a great deal of financial support for JLY operations, training and community endeavors.

If you are interested in working with me to create a Sustainer Event in the spring, please call me at 330-797-9045 or email me at jack729pam@peoplepc.com.

Connecting with the Community

I joined the Junior League of Youngstown in 2010 after moving to the community from Cleveland. I didn't know anyone, had no family, and no connections. When my neighbor Anna Aey (then President Elect) invited me to join, I may possibly have snapped her extended hand of friendship off. Regardless, I was happy to find a group of like-minded women to participate with in our community.

What started as an innocuous way to meet local friends quickly turned into a lesson I never expected to learn.

"Kim, JLY helped start the Children's Museum, that is now OH WOW!, would you like to participate on their committee for the upcoming exhibit?" I said yes, and before long I was on an adventure to Philadelphia and New York City, visiting museums there and talking to their directors and exhibit experts about different directions that could go.

Today, we have Kids in the Kitchen at the OH WOW!, inspired by the AJLI kid's nutrition program. I later traveled to NYC to participate in the White House press conference with the Children's Museum of Manhattan, where we continued our work with the Eat Play Grow program that we introduced to the Mahoning Valley through our partnership with Akron Children's Hospital.

We were visited by staff from AJLI to discuss this nebulous idea of building community. Janine talked to us about the importance of finding common ground with other local organizations. This led us to the Harwood Institute training, where I connected with Carlton Sears and Colleen Kelly. Carlton was a speaker at a fall 2014 meeting and Colleen heads up the Women Entrepreneurship division of the Youngstown Business Incubator where we recently held our general membership meeting.

But beyond all those direct connections, are the indirect ones. In 2011, we had a Done in a Day at Taft Elementary in Youngstown for Junior Achievement. Our member Michele Merkel is also the JA director and set up the opportunity. Personally, I felt like I found my sweet spot. I was in the classroom with children, encouraging them about their future. I fell in love with teaching Junior Achievement classes. So much that in October of 2015, I was honored at their annual meeting for my service. It was the pinnacle of volunteering experience.

The Junior League of Youngstown has helped me find the people and organizations in our community who are building a better community. I am able to use my skills and training to collaborate and connect with these fellow advocates. None of this would have happened in my life in the past 5 years if I hadn't joined Junior League, because we truly are a group of women who build better communities.

Want to make a difference?

Take the first step. Contact us today to find out how you can become a member of the Junior League.

Submitted by Kimberly Urig

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Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley

Join us! Help strengthen the Mahoning Valley.



What?

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley and the YBI's Women in Entrepreneurship program (WE) invite you to be a part of this great new partnership and attend **Powered by SHE**, a fundraising event that supports the Fund for Women and Girls and its first project, **WE**.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Listen to the sounds of Bitter Alms. Take a chance on a special auction.

Find out how you can empower women and girls in the Mahoning Valley.

Where?

The SOAP Gallery, 117 South Champion Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

While you're there, take a look at "Encompass", a regional women's art show. This is a curated event, bringing artists from Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania into downtown Youngstown.

When?

Thursday, January 21, 2016
5pm until 7pm

DONATIONS

are encouraged, there is no cost to attend.

RSVP please to Stephanie Glichrist at sgilchrist@ybi.org or 330.746.5003

Nominating Committee

WHO WILL LEAD THE LEAGUE IN 2016 AND BEYOND?

Nominating Packet Deadline Has Been Extended to **Friday, January 8th!**

We NEED YOU to be our Next Leader!

If you've ever considered lending your experience and talents to the League, NOW IS THE TIME!

In April 2016, our membership will vote for:

President-Elect (2016-2017 and automatically serves as President in 2017-2018)

Recording Secretary (2016-2017 and 2017-2018)

(2) Nominating Committee Member (2016-2018)

We are still looking for applications for all of the above positions!

Nominating Packets are now due on **Friday, January 8, 2016** no later than 3 pm. That's plenty of time during and after the holidays to sit down with a nice cup of coffee or glass of wine and fill it out! Interviews will take place in January and run through mid-February. If you have questions about the roles and responsibilities for any of these positions, please contact Nominating Chair, Kelly Frammartino at kjk1482@yahoo.com or 330.307.2169.

Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 2015:

Checking Account: \$18,059.79

Money Market: \$35,852.84

Total Checking & Savings: \$53,312.63

Community Foundation: \$ 91,704.98

Total Income: \$ 0.00

Fiscal Year to Date Income: \$53,445.37

Total Expenses: \$4,436.03

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses: \$52,656.00

Net Year to Date Income: \$789.37

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

The Junior League of Youngstown GMM Minutes 11/10/15

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome President	Beth Drennen called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.	
Icebreaker Maggie Matune, Training & Education Committee Chair	A Get-to-Know-You Bingo Game was distributed. The objective was to circulate and find a member who met the criteria described in each bingo box.	
Call for a Quorum and Conflict of Interest Heather Elder, President-Elect	A quorum of the General Membership was established. No conflicts of interest were reported.	
Approval of October 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes Jennifer Soloman, Recording Secretary	No corrections or additions were made to the October 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Sign-up sheets are once again available (this evening), to receive Membership Pages exclusively or the entire JLY 2015-2016 Yearbook. The option is for either an electronic or a hard copy.	Jennifer Soloman initiated a motion to approve the October 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Anna Masi 2 nd the motion. Vote was unanimously IN FAVOR. Motion carried.
Done in a Days Heather Elder, President-Elect	<u>UPCOMING DIAD OPPORTUNITIES:</u> December 1-3, 2015: Powers Auditorium/Tree Decorating/10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Sign-up sheets available (this evening) for the Powers Auditorium volunteer opportunity.
Nominating Update Kelly Frammartino, Nominating Committee Chair	Tuesday, November 24, 2015 is the deadline to apply for a leadership position within the League. (Nominating packets due) Danielle Surko shared that the interview process is not intimidating. The committee is comprised of peers who wish to discuss your goals for leadership in the League and provide guidance for optimal placement.	If you have questions regarding the vacancies to be filled for next League year: President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and Nominating Committee Member (2), consult with Kelly Frammartino. E-mail Kelly if you would like to receive a copy of the Nominating packet.
Research & Development Report Elizabeth Tencza & Sara Wenger, R & D Committee Co-Chairs	The Research & Development Committee has decided to focus on infant mortality (death of children under the age of 1) for JLY's next CIFA (Community Impact Focus Area). There is a pre-existing interest base in the Mahoning Valley. Contact has been made with Akron Children's Hospital.	Contact Sara Wenger or Elizabeth Tencza if you happen to know of someone or an organization which may offer insight on infant mortality and how the JLY can contribute to this cause. More information to follow.
Introduction of Speaker Kim Urig, Marketing Committee Chair	<i>Colleen Kelly, Youngstown Business Incubator</i> *YBI's Main Focus: Economic Development *If jobs are brought to the area, everything else is easy! *YBI was established as a non-profit in 1995 *Turning Technologies is considered a "graduate portfolio" of YBI *U.S. is vastly behind Europe in 3-D printing and advanced manufacturing *America Makes – collaborative effort to become more competitive in the field *Try to help businesses by asking – "How can you use technology to better your business?"	

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	<p>*YBI's task is to take a business (software-related) and create an environment to support entrepreneurship *Goal is to keep the best and brightest in the Mahoning Valley! *There is a substantial need and interest for women entrepreneurs; <i>WE Program</i> started summer of 2015 *YBI has previously offered small "How to Start a Business" courses *Maintaining a healthy mind and healthy body are crucial for a healthy business *December 4, 2015: "She Started It" event @ YBI to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day *Collaboration is very important to the YBI *YBI philosophy: "If you make it to the top, it is your responsibility to send the elevator back down to help someone else." *Incubate, Elevate, Graduate, and Keep You! *YBI was named #1 in the world last year *Those from Youngstown remain committed to those in Youngstown *YBI is now trying to start an investment fund for those companies who need "early stage start-up" *Community Foundation is starting "Women's Giving Circle" (to fund non-profits focusing on women and women's issues) and is going to partner with the YBI's <i>WE Program</i>. January 21, 2016 is the kick-off event! *YBI is interested in partnering with JLY</p>	
<p>JLY/YSU Foundation Scholarship Fund Proposal Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YSU FOUNDATION Scholarship Fund (a proposal handout with detailed information was distributed and included in the Recording Secretary's binder, as a supplement to these minutes)</p> <p>*Scholarship would be 4% of the total investment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example Investment:</p> <p>*\$25,000 - can be paid over 5 years (\$5,000 per year), after \$10,000 the scholarship is endowed *The scholarship would be \$1,000 a year for perpetuity *Example of requirements to receive scholarship: female who maintains a 3.0 grade point average</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Potential Criteria Discussed:</p> <p>*Female *Graduate or Undergraduate Student *3.0 GPA *Resident of the Mahoning Valley (tri-county area) *Demonstration of commitment of service and voluntarism (an essay could be composed) OR *Scholarship could be need-based</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Comments:</p> <p>*This would create a solid JLY footprint in the community *Money is available in the Endowment Fund *Aligns with our mission *Recipients could be invited to the JLY Annual Dinner *YSU will determine the winner *Application process – February for a fall scholarship *Does need-based rely on the FAFSA?</p>	<p>More information and discussion to follow. Beth Drennen will e-mail a survey to the membership requesting additional feedback.</p>
<p>Closing Remarks Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <p>*After-meeting social will be held at Roberto's Ristorante/Downtown Youngstown *A holiday social (for December) is being planned; details will be forthcoming.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next GMM: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 Annual Neighborhood Meetings Locations: TBD</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>November 10, 2015 General Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.</p>



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2015-2016 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
January 12, 2016	Neighborhood Meetings Hosted by Sustainers	Group Discussion	St. John's Red Door Café January 24, 2016, 10am to 2pm please contact Laura Rumble to volunteer 330-565-0545 (Bring a dozen cookies) Please bring craft kits, gel pens, crayons, stickers, puzzles, coloring books, markers, etc. to the GMM meeting.
February 9, 2016	Poland Library	Making Kids Count	A DIAD will be completed at the GMM
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 Northeastern Ohio	TBD
May 17, 2016	Annual Dinner	TBD	Streetscape, Saturday, May 28th