



March General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

Girard Multigenerational Center
443 Trumbull Ave., Girard, OH 44420

Speaker: Laura Carey
Director of Multigenerational Center

After Meeting Social:

V2—Downtown

Please R.S.V.P to Maggie Matune (maggiematune@gmail.com)



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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

The Junior League of Youngstown is making great progress on researching how we can make a difference in our community. Infant Mortality in our valley is one of the highest in the country. Many great organizations are looking into how we can change this. The Research and Development team has reached out to these organizations to see how we can volunteer.

I encourage you to attend the March General Membership meeting to hear more about our future focus area and the changes we are making. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the Membership Pilot Program. Members will have a voice and choice on how they would like to contribute their time and talents to the league.

In April, we will be voting on many important changes. We will be updating our bylaws so that the league operates more efficiently. The board will be undergoing the Governance and Management split. The Governance Board will contain the Officers, the Nominating Chair and the Sustainer Representative and focus on future planning. The Management group will contain the chairs of all committees and will focus on the current year's plans. We will also be voting on the slate and YSU Foundation scholarship proposal. Please make sure to attend so your voice will be heard.

Beth Drennen

Passages

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of sustainer Judy Robinson who passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Judy was very involved in our community as a member of the Christ United Presbyterian Church, the Mahoning County Retired Teachers, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Y.E.A., O.E.A., N.E.A., Miriam Chapter, O.E.S. Junior League of Youngstown, Daughters of Mokanna Supreme Cauldron, Youngstown Area Women's Federation, Delta Kappa Gamma - Gamma Pi Chapter, Charter Member Fort Nightly IV, Youngstown City Schools C.U. Board Member, Mahoning Valley Literary Association, Dazzling Dames of the Red Hat Society and the Saxon Club. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Bruce Robinson and their children and step-children.

Volunteer Opportunity with Success After 6

Help "Success after 6" with handing out meals, study time and play time.

Volunteer from 3pm to 6pm on the following dates:

Monday, April 4th , Tuesday, April 5th , Wednesday, April 6th , or Thursday, April 7th

Please contact Lindsey Bickerstaff if you are available. *(ALL members are welcome to Volunteer)*
Lindsey Bickerstaff—Phone 330.502.2941 or Email Lindsey@burganrealestate.com

Thank you for your support! The Provisional Class of The Junior League of Youngstown

Sustainer Corner

Spring is just around the corner and so is the Pink Ribbon Tea. If you are interested in serving on the Pink Ribbon Tea Committee (meetings will begin in April), contact Sustainers Barbara Banks (330-757-4584) or Patricia Greene (330-759-7070). The Committee is also looking for donations for the basket raffle as well as door prizes.

The League also needs sustainer support for the Kentucky Derby Party that will be held on May 7, 2016. How can you support this League fundraiser?

- Buy tickets and attend the event
- Volunteer to work on the event: contact underwriters, set-up for the event, etc.
- Donate: wine, basket items, money

Contact the JLY Office if you are able to support this League event or email Pam Nock at jack729pam@peoplepc.com.

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.

The Pink Ribbon Tea Committee received a special request from The American Cancer Society and in our collaborative quest to honor breast cancer survivors, we hope you'll consider helping in any way that you can.

On Saturday, October 8th, 2016 The American Cancer Society will be holding a non-competitive 5K walk that will take place at Austintown Fitch High School called "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer". The event will be a chance to honor the breast cancer survivors in our lives, reflect on those we have lost, and fight back against a disease that has taken too many.

Please contact Sydney Campanaro, American Cancer Society Community Manager at sydney.campanaro@cancer.org or call 330.517.2065 if you are interested in joining the 2016 planning committee.

Thank you so much for your support of breast cancer survivors in the Youngstown area.

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Thoughts from Executive Director of AJLI, Susan E. Danish

What is Fame?

We live in a Kim Kardashian world, where celebrity is worshipped and is, for some, largely unearned. From that world view, fame is a currency that can be accumulated and used - but not necessarily in ways that benefit the society and culture the rest of us live in.

I marvel at how many different ways there are to become "famous" these days...reality TV (hello, Kardashians!), YouTube, and so forth and yet how hard it can be to be recognized for substantive and positive, world-changing accomplishments. (And I'm not against reality TV...it's entertaining...it's just not real.)

These thoughts surfaced again recently when I attended the induction of 10 remarkable women into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Going into the weekend in upstate New York I had been pondering the question of fame - who has it, how they get it, and what good they do with it once they have it. And I had been thinking about notable women and the accomplishments that made them notable...but not necessarily famous.

My formal reason for being at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony was the pleasant fact that the woman we know as Mary Harriman - founder of The Junior League and one of the people most responsible for creating the modern volunteer ethic and opportunities for women in our country - was a member of the class of 2015.

And what a diverse class it is! Let's start with Tenley Albright, an athlete who overcame childhood polio and went on to win two Olympic medals (gold and silver) for figure skating. (After a successful career as a surgeon and leader in blood plasma research, she was named one of the "100 Greatest Female Athletes" by Sports Illustrated!) The inductees also included Nancy Brinker, the leader of the global breast cancer movement as the founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, groundbreaking feminist Eleanor Smeal and Martha Graham, one of the greatest dancers of the 20th century.

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In listening to many of these highly accomplished women speak (as well as other high profile women like New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney), I was impressed by how "ordinary" they are - and I mean ordinary in the best sense of the word, women like you and your neighbors and colleagues...except these are people who happened to have achieved remarkable things.

How?

Every story is different, of course, but if there is a common denominator it would have to be how they rose to, and embraced, the challenges they faced as individuals, as women and as citizens. And in doing so, they left remarkable legacies.

So I left my weekend in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of the women's movement in this country, energized and excited - by what these women have done, and by what the founders and supporters of the Hall of Fame have done in recognizing their achievements.

But here's my question. Why are so many of the stories of these women - including the 256 other remarkable women previously inducted into the Hall of Fame - unknown to today's girls and young women? And what happens when their perceptions of "fame" are largely shaped by a celebrity culture that is often disparaging, hurtful and even hostile to women?

I don't have an answer. Do you?

P.S. The work that the National Women's Hall of Fame and the National Women's History Museum, an initiative to build a world-class museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is vitally important. (Full disclosure: I am proud to sit on the board, as Treasurer, of the National Women's History Museum.)

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The Junior League of Youngstown GMM Minutes 2/9/16

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome Heather Elder, President-Elect	Heather Elder called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.	
Call for a Quorum and Conflict of Interest Heather Elder, President-Elect	A quorum of the General Membership was established (by Jennifer Soloman). No conflicts of interest were reported.	
Approval of January 2016 Neighborhood Meeting Minutes (all three locations) Jennifer Soloman, Recording Secretary	No corrections or additions were made to the January 2016 Neighborhood Meeting Minutes (all three locations: Canfield, Liberty, Poland).	Jennifer Soloman initiated a motion to approve the January 2016 Neighborhood Meeting Minutes (for all three locations). Danielle Surko 2 nd the motion. No discussion ensued. Vote was unanimously IN FAVOR. Motion carried.
Presentation of December 2015 Financials Kristen Miller, Treasurer	<p style="text-align: center;">As of December 31, 2015:</p> Checking: \$14,693.00 Money Market: \$35,854.36 Total Checking & Savings: \$50,507.36 Community Foundation: \$91,704.98 (as of September 2015) Total Income: \$835.00 Total Expenses: \$2,374.40 Net Loss: \$-1,539.40	
Provisional Class Project Proposal by 2015-2016 Provisional Class Members	<p style="text-align: center;">A Year with Success After 6</p> <p>"What is Success After 6?":</p> <p>Success After 6 Overview: http://youtube/fiJNgaC6UtQ</p> <p>The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley launched Success After 6 at the Youngstown Community School in September of 2015. Success After 6 is a pilot program that will bring together school and community resources to provide an intentional focus on academics, health and social services, as well as social and emotional development. This initiative will provide tutoring, supplemental programming, and after-school support through the YMCA of Youngstown for Kindergarten through Third Grade students at the Youngstown Community School. The goals of the program are to improve grade level reading, increase parent and/or guardian involvement, focus on attendance and decrease tardiness, and provide food and transportation for the afterschool participant.</p> <p>Our provisional class will be working with Success After Six. We want to spend as much time volunteering that we will be individually taking a week for one month. We can spend our time helping with the meal, helping with homework, or putting together an activity for their free time. We will also arrange to bring in speakers to talk to the kids about topics such as "say no to drugs."</p> <p>Our group would like to open up the volunteer portion of this plan to the Junior League as a whole. We'd ask that anyone interested in signing up for a volunteer shift to coordinate it through the provisional class.</p> <p>We've spent some time at the program already during our research phase and it became apparent that during physical activity time, the kids didn't have much to play with. So, when we complete our volunteer program with Success After 6, we would like to leave them with some gross motor skills equipment that they could use on a daily basis. Some ideas include kickballs, jump ropes, hula hoops, or gymnastic mats.</p>	

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Kentucky Derby Party Marion Dunham, KDP Event Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Planning for the event is underway *Donations are coming in *Hat contest will once again be held *Everyone is asked to invite someone *The venue selected is <i>The Embassy</i> *Volunteers are needed for the event itself *Every JLY member is asked to help in some capacity *\$60 per ticket *Reserved tables can be made 	Any questions, please consult Marion Dunham.
Update on Membership Pilot Program Heather Elder, President-Elect	<p>Heather Elder discussed the <i>Membership Compact</i>: Members create their own requirement, and are responsible for what they get out of the League.</p> <p>Interviews will be conducted with each Active member (which can occur via e-mail) through the month of March (with a deadline of March 20, 2016). The initial e-mail will come from the JLY Advisors. Phone call interviews and face-to-face meetings are also welcomed. The primary focus (of the interview) is for members to convey their primary interest for committee placement for the 2016-2017 League year.</p>	<p>The goal is for everyone to get the most out of the League and grow as volunteers.</p> <p>Everyone has a voice! Participate in order for your voice to be heard!</p>
Placement Kristina Ross-Pavlicko, Membership Committee Chair	Kristina Ross-Pavlicko reiterated Heather Elder's conversation (stated above) encouraging everyone to carefully watch their e-mail for the Placement Interview information (from Advisors).	If anyone does not who her respective JLY Advisor is, please contact Kristina Ross-Pavlicko.
Introduction of Speaker Maggie Matune, Training & Education Committee Chair	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jana Coffin & Collen Eisenbraun Making Kids Count</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Maggie Matune provided a brief biography of both women. *Pamphlets were distributed defining the 501(C)(3) Mahoning Valley non-profit organization. *The MKC Mission Statement is intentionally broad, as not to be limiting: <i>"To make the lives of children and their families a little brighter by focusing on their individual needs with the help of volunteers."</i> *MKC originated with a small conversation over hosting birthday parties for children who are in homeless shelters; birthday parties started at the Beatitude House. * Growth quickly expanded; community backing and support has been amazing, thus far! *All monetary donations go directly toward <i>Making Kids Count</i>; staff salaries are funded through private donors. *<i>Comfort Kits</i> were started 2 ½ years ago and given to Children's Services for distribution to children who are forced to leave their homes in urgent fashion. *<i>Comfort Kits</i> are age & gender specific and contain pajamas, necessities, a no-sew blanket, toys, school supplies, etc. *Five (5) counties are currently involved. *MKC Annual Fundraiser will be held at The Lake Club on Friday, March 11, 2016 	<p>All those in attendance (at the February 2016 GMM) participated in a DIAD (Done In A Day) project crafting a no-sew blanket for the MKC <i>Comfort Kits</i>. Everyone worked in duos or trios to complete a blanket and penned a message inside a "Thinking of You" card to be given with the blanket.</p> <p>Photographs were taken to hopefully be used with a Marketing Committee press release of this JLY meeting and volunteer opportunity. An enjoyable evening of fellowship and volunteering was had!</p>
Closing Remarks Heather Elder, President-Elect	<p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *After-meeting social will be held at Nicolini's; Boardman. <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Dinner Update:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 17, 2016 The Fifth Floor, Commerce Building; Youngstown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next GMM: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Girard Multi-Generational Center Girard, Ohio 44420</p>	
Adjournment		February 9, 2016 General Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.



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2015-2016 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
March 8, 2016 *Bring A Friend*	Girard Multi-generational Center 443 Trumbull Ave. Girard, OH 44420	Impact on Senior Community	Help the Provisional Members in April with "Success after 6" April 4th to the 7th from 3 to 6
April 12, 2016	Austintown Library	Girl Scouts Girl Scouts of Northeastern Ohio	300 Sisters in Red, Saturday, April 9th from 8 to 2
May 17, 2016	Annual Dinner	Confidence and Empowerment	Streetscape, Saturday, May 28th



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016 Annual Dinner will be held
on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at The Fifth Floor.

Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6, Business Meeting at 7.
The speaker's topic will be Women's Confidence and
Empowerment.

Formal invitations to follow.