



## Welcome Back!

### September General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Canfield Library, 43 W. Main St.

6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

Please join us as we kick off the new League year.

Making kids count will be joining us for our Done in a Day project of making fleece blankets for their organization.

Please bring a pair of scissors to work on this project.



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#### 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.

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## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Heather Elder  
President  
2016– 2017

Welcome back Junior Leaguers!

I hope everyone had a great summer and are eager to get back to volunteering. Our league members have been hard at work this summer. The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Pink Ribbon Tea was held at Stambaugh Auditorium on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with over 450 cancer survivors attending. We recently had a Done in a Day with the United Way Day of caring. Junior League members were assigned to the Habitat for Humanity Restore where we did some painting and organization. We are also getting ready to welcome a new Provisional class as well as planning for our first GMM.

As I sit here and reflect on the upcoming League year, I am very excited and hopeful for what is in store. Many of you know that I never planned on heading down the path of Leadership. However, having a few people believe in you and an opportunity to attend an AJLI Organizational Development Institute training changed my whole trajectory within the League. These opportunities for growth are why I hold The Junior League so close to my heart. The training, mentoring, friendships, and volunteer projects are what separate our organization from other networking groups.

I plan to spend my presidency year offering leadership and training opportunities as well as building our membership. I am also looking forward to fostering the relationships we have with other non-profits through our Done in a Days. Some examples are Making Kids Count, United Way, Dorothy Day House, St. John Soup Kitchen and Second Harvest Food Bank (just to name a few).

I look forward to leading all of you this year and hope to see you all at the first GMM on September 13<sup>th</sup>!

Heather Elder

## Marketing Committee Update



Are you on Facebook or Twitter?

Be sure to look up the Junior League of Youngstown and “Like” our page. Follow us on Twitter @JLYtown and look for these hashtags: #jly2016, #juniorleague, and #womenbuildingbettercommunities.

We are sharing information about membership benefits and our passion to bring about change in our community. The Marketing Committee will work towards telling our story through events and how our members are building better communities. To make that happen, we will create a *291 photo campaign of members and events*. 291 was chosen because *that is the number of leagues in our association at this time*.

### Social Media Updates

We increased our “Likes” on our Facebook page from 334 likes in June to 348 likes in July and then to 360 likes in August.

Our highest reach on our page was photos of the Pink Ribbon Tea that was posted on 8/23. They reached 1100 people, had 766 impressions, 616 post likes and 59 comments were left on the photo album. Some comments from our viewers included: “Beautiful event !! Thank you” and “Thank You for honoring us survivors with a beautiful day. Xoxo

## YMCA Women’s Leadership Conference

The **YWCA Women’s Leadership Conference will be held on Friday September 30**. We will be having a resource table available at the event with information on joining The Junior League. We are also considering purchasing a table of 8 for this event. This would be a great opportunity for training. If you are interested in attending on behalf of the Junior League, Please email Heather Elder at [hpelder1973@yahoo.com](mailto:hpelder1973@yahoo.com)

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

## 2016-2017 General Membership Meetings &amp; Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
September 13, 2016 <b>*Bring A Friend*</b>	Canfield Library	Leadership Styles	September 2 - United Way Day of Caring September 13 - GMM Making Kids Count Blanket making
October 11, 2016	Youngstown Museum of Labor and Industry	Docent-led tours	Peace Race Sat. October 23rd 7AM - Noon  GMM - Diaper Collection for Making Kids Count
November 8, 2016	Dorothy Day House	Volunteer Opportunity	Collection for Dorothy Day House
December 13, 2016	Holiday Event	Collection for NEOAS Foster Kids	December 10 - Second Harvest Food Bank 9-12
January 10, 2017	Neighborhood Meetings Hosted by Sustainers	Group Discussion	TBD
February 14, 2017	Youngstown Playhouse	TBD	TBD
March 14, 2017 <b>*Bring A Friend*</b>	Yellow Brick Place	TBD	TBD
April 11, 2017	Canfield Library	Social Media	TBD
May 10, 2017	Annual Dinner	TBD	TBD

## The Junior League of Youngstown Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes 5/17/16

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
<b>Welcome</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	Beth Drennen called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.  *JLY money has been donated to YSU; the Scholarship has been established.  *Beth provided an overview of the 2015-2016 League year activities and expressed how proud she is of our accomplishments!	
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b> <b>Maggie Matune,</b> <b>Training &amp; Education</b> <b>Committee Chair</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gina Pastella</i></p> *Topic of presentation: <b>CONFIDENCE: Use your gifts in valuable service for others.</b> *Ask yourself: Where do you want to grow? What is your passion? *Labels limit <b>Did you know?</b> *Women earn more college & graduate degrees than men *Companies with large numbers of women outperform their competitors *Top women executives still feel like they do not belong *Women apply for promotions only when they meet 100% of the qualifications, whereas men apply with meeting 50% of the qualifications *Success = confidence + competence *Self-assured = most admired & listened to (be a person of influence) *Confidence shows when it is genuine *Low confidence leads to inaction <b>What are your gifts?</b> *When you believe you are good at something, it shows *Do not undervalue your own gifts because they come naturally <b>Natural Gifts include:</b> Organization, Critical Thinking, Event Planning, Creativity, Being Great with Numbers, Motivator, Teacher/Coach, Public Speaking, Finding Solutions  <b>Discover your gifts:</b> *Build your passion portfolio *Write three lists: What are you good at; what gives you a sense of purpose; what do you love to do? *Recall moments of flow – when time passes quickly and you do not even realize you are truly using your gifts; things are coming easy to you and you are using your "genius" *Answer 15 questions at <a href="http://www.thinksimplenow.com">www.thinksimplenow.com</a>  <b>Own your gifts:</b> *Do not compare yourself to others, ever! *No matter where you are, even it is not exactly where you want to be at the time, have passion! <b>Create value through your gifts:</b> *Align your work and service to others with your true gifts *Re-engineer, or repurpose, your gifts with something you are passionate about <b>Seek ways to add value:</b> *Invest in your gifts, grow and develop them further *Say "NO" in order to best serve and use your gifts as they should be used *Build your life around your gifts <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Life will not give you more unless you do something with you already have.</i> (Youtube video)</p>	
<b>Approval of April 2016</b> <b>General Membership</b> <b>Minutes</b> <b>Jennifer Soloman,</b> <b>Recording Secretary</b>	No corrections or additions were made to the April 2016 General Membership Minutes.	Jennifer Soloman initiated a motion to approve the April 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Amy Banks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion ensued. Vote was unanimously IN FAVOR. Motion carried.

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Kristen Miller,</b> <b>Treasurer</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>As of March 31, 2016:</b></p> <p>Checking: \$10,752.35  Money Market: \$35,858.82  Total Checking &amp; Savings: \$46,611.17  Community Foundation: \$95,010.24 (as of 12/31/15)  Total Income: \$1,281.52  Total Expenses: \$1,927.06  Net Loss: \$-645.54</p> <p>There were 88 attendees at the 2016 Kentucky Derby; numbers are not yet finalized, but the approximate profit is estimated at \$7500.</p>	
<b>Presentation of Provisional Project</b> <b>Paige Rassegga,</b> <b>Provisional Class Member</b>	<p>Paige Rassegga, Provisional Class Member, provided an overview of the 2015-2016 Provisional Project: <i>Volunteering with United Way's Success After Six Program.</i></p> <p><i>Success After Six</i> runs after-school hours at the Youngstown Community School (50 Essex Street Youngstown, OH 44502) on Mondays-Thursdays from 3:15-6:00 pm. <i>Success After Six</i> (after-school program) starts at 3:15 with a snack in Cafeteria. Each group has a rotation of 3 that focuses on Homework/Tutoring, Enrichment, and Physical Play. The times for each session are: 3:45-4:20 pm, 4:25-4:55 pm, and 5:00-5:30 pm. Dinner is served between 5:25-5:45 pm. Volunteers are primarily stationed in groups during the homework/tutoring sessions so they are able to help more students academically. Some volunteers come in and read or do projects with the students during enrichment times as well.</p> <p>The provisional class volunteered with <i>Success After Six</i>. They spent their time helping with the meal and assisting with homework.</p>	
<b>Introduction of New Actives</b> <b>Deb Hartig,</b> <b>Provisional Committee Chair</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Actives for 2016-2017:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lindsey Bickerstaff  Paula Gilliam  Lauren McNally  Paige Rassegga</p>	
<b>Membership Status Changes</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Member Status Changes for 2016-2017:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Active to Sustainer</b></u>  Tara Mady  Michele Merkel  Susan Stewart  Danielle Surko</p>	
<b>Honorary Member</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	<p><b>Rebecca Marx</b> has been highly recommended (by JLY Sustainers involved with Scribblers) to serve as an honorary member of the JLY. She has been an active member of the Scribblers group and community volunteer within the Valley and a host of other organizations/groups. Beth Drennen shared Rebecca's impressive biography. The Scribblers graciously provided a copy of their Anthology for all JLY members. A copy is <b>included (with this document) in JLY Recording Secretary binder.</b></p>	
<b>Emeritus Member</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Sustainer to Emeritus</b></u>  Gretchen Bradley</p>	
<b>JLY Service Award (MARION DUNHAM)</b>  <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	<p>Beth Drennen shared the following background on <b>Marion Dunham</b> prior to announcing her as the recipient of the 2016 JLY Service Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Active Member since 2009</li> <li>*Served as Recording Secretary</li> <li>*Volunteered with the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser &amp; Passport to Prizes</li> <li>*Assisted in the League office during the 2015-2016 year</li> </ul> <p>Marion Dunham was not in attendance at the Annual Dinner, but expressed her sincere thanks to Beth for receiving the award.</p>	
<b>JLY Milestone Award (DANIELLE SURKO)</b> <b>Beth Drennen,</b> <b>President</b>	<p>Beth Drennen shared the following background on <b>Danielle Surko</b> prior to announcing her as a recipient of the 2016 JLY Milestone Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Danielle paves the way for future League members!</li> <li>*Active Member since 2007</li> <li>*Passport to Prizes Coordinator</li> <li>*Provisional Committee Co-Chair</li> <li>*Nominating Committee Member, among many other roles</li> </ul>	

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<b>Pink Ribbon Tea</b> <b>Barbara Banks &amp; Pat Greene,</b> <b>Pink Ribbon Tea</b> <b>Committee Co-Chairs</b>	<p>Committee members were asked to stand and were recognized; Barbara Banks thanked them for their participation thus far and in the coming months as the committee will be working hard throughout the summer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pink Ribbon Tea</b></p> <p>Date: Monday, August 22, 2016  Location: Stambaugh Auditorium  Entertainment: Howard Howell &amp; Five Point Orchestra  Catering by: Saratoga</p>	<p>All members are asked to please provide financial support for the event.</p>
<b>2016-2017 General Membership Meeting Calendar</b> <b>Maggie Matune,</b> <b>Training &amp; Education</b> <b>Committee Chair</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2016-2017 GMM Calendar:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, August 21, 2016:</b> Welcome Back BBQ/Heather Elder's Home  <b>September 13, 2016:</b> Leadership Styles/Canfield Library  <b>October 11, 2016:</b> Docent-led Tours/Youngstown Museum of Labor &amp; Industry  <b>November 7, 2016:</b> Volunteer Opportunity/Dorothy Day House  <b>December 13, 2016:</b> Holiday Event/Details TBD  <b>January 10, 2017:</b> Neighborhood Meetings/TBD  <b>February 14, 2017:</b> Youngstown Playhouse  <b>March 14, 2017:</b> Yellow Brick Place  <b>April 11, 2017:</b> Social Media/Canfield Library (tentative)  <b>May 10, 2017:</b> Annual Dinner</p>	
<b>JLY Past Presidents' Recognition</b> <b>Maggie Matune,</b> <b>Training &amp; Education</b> <b>Committee Chair</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JLY Past Presidents' Recognition:</b>  <b>(those who were in attendance)</b></p> <p>Nancy Morris  Karen Abrams  1983-1985: Suzanne Fleming  1993-1995: Pam Nock  1998-1999: Deb Liptak  2003-2004: Kathy Scheel  2005-2006: Pat Greene  2011-2012: Susan Stewart  2012-2013: Kera Thompson  2014-2015: Kelly Kiraly Frammartino  2015-2016: Beth Drennen</p>	
<b>Introduction of 2016-2017 Board</b> <b>Heather Elder,</b> <b>Incoming President</b>	<p>Beth Drennen passed the gavel to Heather Elder. Heather shared some words and her excitement for assuming the role of League President. Heather attributed her accepting a leadership role to a League Sustainer personally reaching out and encouraging her (Heather) to share her talents with the JLY! Heather is committed to increasing the size of the League, along with re-engaging Active and Sustaining Members.</p> <p><b>President:</b> Heather Elder  <b>President-Elect:</b> Cheryl McArthur  <b>Treasurer:</b> Kristen Miller  <b>Recording Secretary:</b> Sara Wenger  <b>Sustainer Representative:</b> Danielle Surko  <b>Nominating Committee:</b> Beth Drennen, Laura Rumble, Jennifer Soloman, Kera Thompson  <b>Provisional:</b> Maggie Matune &amp; Kristina Ross-Pavlicko  <b>Training &amp; Education:</b> Paula Gilliam  <b>Membership:</b> Paige Rassega  <b>Fund Development:</b> Lindsey Bickerstaff  <b>Marketing:</b> Anna Masi  <b>Briefly:</b> Liz Kijowski</p>	
<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Maggie Matune,</b> <b>Training &amp; Education</b> <b>Committee Chair/</b> <b>(Annual Dinner) Chair</b>	<p>Maggie Matune thanked everyone for coming and sharing in the evening.</p>	<p>May 17, 2016  General Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.</p>



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## What we did on our Summer Break!

### Membership Event at Vintage Estates

Kristin Miller, Megan Montalvo, Cheryl Mitchell McArthur, and Maggie Matune at the Membership Event at Vintage Estates.



### Pink Ribbon Tea Preparation

Some of the PRT Committee Members along with future Junior Leaguers, Ava and Maria.



Kathy Campana, Leah Wilson, Patricia Greene, Barbara Banks, Gretchen, and Susan Stewart