



March General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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

The Newport Library

3730 Market Street
Youngstown, OH 44514

Topic: Team Building

Speaker: Sustainer Deb Liptak



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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March 1st marked the first day of Women's History Month. This is a month dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of women who have contributed to society and the Women's Rights Movement. From Susan B Anthony to Sojourner Truth to Gloria Steinem, suffragists and activists have made their mark on history in their mission to achieving equality.

The Junior League has a long history of giving women an opportunity to contribute and make an impact on society, starting with our founder Mary Harriman. Mary Harriman was a trailblazer and a woman who was ahead of her time. She used her life of privilege as a platform for social reform. To this day, this legacy of service in action is the global mission of the Junior League. Though we may not all come from a privileged background, we do share a commonality and that is to make an impact in our community.

I think it is pretty amazing what women can accomplish when they organize themselves into a group. We are a sisterhood of service, an organization of life changers, and I am always proud to be associated with this organization. As we move through the month of March and recognize the accomplishments of women, I hope all of you can reflect on the legacy of the women who have come before you and continue to carry that service in action through the months ahead.

Heather Elder

JLY YSU Scholarship

JLY YSU Scholarship Available - APPLY ASAP (February Deadline Extended)

Contact the YSU Foundation at 330-941-3211 on how to apply. The Junior League of Youngstown is providing a \$1,000 scholarship to a female undergraduate or graduate student, attending full or part-time. Applicant must reside in the tri-county area in either Mahoning, Trumbull, or Columbiana County. Preference will be given to the student who is making a difference in the community. An essay must be provided explaining the importance of making a difference in your community.

Sustainer's Corner

When I joined the Junior League of Youngstown nine years ago, the Sustainers I met impressed me a lot in terms of their League experience and "can do" attitude. I've served on the League's Pink Ribbon Tea Committee for five years now, and that experience has strengthened my first impressions.

In January, a conversation with Suzanne Fleming, Phyllis Ricchiuti and me initiated the idea of updating the 2015 - 2016 membership directory to ensure that Sustainers' contact information was correct. A small number of Sustainers were recruited and the project was organized. I would like to thank Suzanne and Phyllis, as well as the other members of the team who undertook this project – Gretchen Bradley, Patti Edwards, Carol Johnson, Charleen Malone and Joyce Mistovich.

A new office assistant was recently hired and is in training, so hopefully future directories will be easier to keep up to date. But when help is needed, it is nice to know that there are Sustainers who will pitch in and help! - Susan Stewart

2016-2017 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
March 14, 2017	Newport Library Large Meeting Room A 3730 Market Street Youngstown, OH 44507	Team Building	School Supplies for Success After Six to be collected at GMM. March 18th at The Community Kitchen 511 Mahoning Ave. Youngstown, OH from 11-1 pm
April 11, 2017	Canfield Library	Business Meeting	TBD
May 16, 2017	Annual Dinner @ Drake's Landing 2177 Western Reserve Rd. Youngstown, OH 44514 Look for your invites the 1st week of April!	TBD	TBD

Reminder: The April GMM will be Tuesday April 11th, this will be our voting meeting and it is important for all members to attend in order to conduct our year end business.

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2017-2018 NOMINATING SLATE

The Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate, which will be **VOTED** on at the **April** General Membership Meeting.

Position	Name	Term	Status
President Elect	Paige Rassega	1 year (2017-2018) automatically serves as President for 1 year (2018-2019)	Nominated
Treasurer	Elizabeth Kijowski	2 years (2017-2019)	Nominated
Nominating Chair	Heather Elder	1 year (2017-2018)	Past President serves as chair per JLY Bylaws

Spring Fundraiser

The Junior League of Youngstown
PRESENTS
DUELING PIANOS
Friday, April 7th, 2017
RAFFLE PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION
\$50 per person
7:00 PM
B & O Station Banquet Hall
530 Mahoning Ave, Youngstown
Call (330) 502-2941 for Tickets

All proceeds to benefit the Junior League of Youngstown

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Licensed T-Shirts

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Show your JLY spirit in style with a licensed JLY logo t-shirt.

We have four different styles to help you dress in our brand. JLY t-shirts are fashionably perfect for volunteer opportunities and to share our message that JLY women build better communities.

There will be a Fall order and we need a minimum of 10 shirts ordered. Fall orders will be taken until Dec. 13th (Holiday Social) and checks are made payable to The Junior League of Youngstown. Please mail checks to Marion Dunham 7761 Stubridge Place, Poland OH 44514.

Orders must be accompanied with payment and bottom portion of this form

Unisex T- Shirt S - XL \$15.00

Women's Fit - Cotton \$25.00

XXL - add \$2.00

Women's Fit - Tri-blend \$25.00

XXXL - add \$3.00

Women's Fit - Glitter \$23.00

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Junior League of Youngstown Licensed T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Mark with "X" for your selection

FIT

SIZE

_____ Unisex

_____ Small

_____ Medium

_____ Large

_____ XL

_____ XXL

_____ XXXL

_____ Women's Fit

_____ Cotton

_____ Tri-Blend

_____ Glitter

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BRIEFLY SPEAKING

February GMM Minutes

The Junior League of Youngstown

Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 6:00 Social; 6:30 Meeting

Location: Youngstown Playhouse

Present: Sara Wenger, Heather Elder, Anna Masi, Mercia Stevens, Barbara Banks, Jessica Foster, Carisa Sechrist, Kristen Miller, Beth Drennen, Amy Banks

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Heather Elder called the meeting to order at 6:30.	
President's Report Heather Elder	A Recruitment Event will take place February 23 rd at One Hot Cookie in Boardman. March 11 th and 25 th will be the training days for the new provisional class. The annual fundraiser will take place April 7 th at the B&O. The entertainment and theme will be Dueling Pianos. More details to follow. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for May 16 th at Drake's Landing. Membership compacts will be sent out soon, please return them to the Membership Chair. ODI will take place in Pittsburgh in June. Please contact Heather if you are interested in attending.	Attend Recruitment Event February 23 rd Mark Calendars for Fundraiser and Annual Meeting Contact Heather if you wish to attend ODI in June Return Membership Compacts
Marketing Report, Anna Masi	Please continue to like Facebook and view our new videos. Marketing has attended training on social media and is creating a manual.	Like Facebook Page
Secretary's Report, Sara Wenger	Sara prepared a motion to approve the September GMM meeting minutes and the January Neighborhood Meeting minutes. Amy Banks seconded.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:45	
Tour of Youngstown Playhouse	The Junior League got to see the inner workings of the Playhouse.	Contact the Playhouse for volunteering opportunities including crew, sewing, ushering, and other opportunities.

Six Degrees of Junior League

This month's questionnaire was completed by Bergen Giordani. Bergen has 20 years of marketing and special event planning experience. She also has a sweet tooth. In 2013 she combined the two and along with her daughter, Morgen, opened One Hot Cookie. In three short years what started as a whim in a small space in Downtown Youngstown has grown to 3 locations with plans for corporate expansion in the next few years. She hasn't quit her day job though and is the Development Director for The Rich Center for Autism where she raises half a million dollars a year to support children affected by autism. She is often seen with her yellow lab, Remy, in tow, as he rarely leaves her side.



1. **What was your first volunteer experience?** My first volunteer experience that I remember as a child was in our church. Where I grew up the Catholic community was very small and so was our church so the families would volunteer to do things around the church, yard work, maintenance, cleaning, etc.... and I remember vacuuming the steps to the altar as a child.
2. **What is one thing that most people don't know about you?** Um... I feel like I'm pretty much an open book... I was named after two streets that intersected in the town where my parents grew up - Bergen St. and Lynn St. and that's how I got my first and middle name.
3. **What is your favorite saying or quote?** It's a long one but it's the Holstee Manifesto. It starts out with "This is your life, do what you love and do it often..."
4. **Name one thing about the Junior League that has impacted you the most.** Seeing women from different careers and backgrounds come together for a common cause has been great - the networking is terrific!
5. **If you could try any other career, what would it be?** I would be a personal shopper.
6. **How do you think your volunteer experiences have shaped you as a person?** Volunteering makes you see the community as more of a whole - you realize that there are people and circumstances happening (both good and bad) outside of the little bubbles that we tend to surround ourselves in.



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The Commerce Building
201 E. Commerce Street, Suite 320
Youngstown, OH 44503

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Congratulations!!

To Jennifer Soloman on the birth of her baby boy. Raymond Robert Soloman was born at 12:34 PM, Wednesday, February 8th, weighing 6 lbs. 9 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.



Happy Spring!

