



## April General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

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

### Canfield Library

43 W. Main Street, Youngstown, OH 44406

**WE NEED ALL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE SO WE CAN VOTE ON OUR SLATE FOR NEXT YEAR!**



#### 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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## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Happy Spring!

The end of the year is quickly approaching and I wanted to take an opportunity to thank everyone that have been busy supporting the league this year. Though the year is almost over, we still have plenty more to do.

We still have a very busy month ahead of us. Our Dueling Pianos fundraiser is this Friday. We are very excited for a fun evening of music, food, cocktails, raffles, and friends. I am optimistic for a successful evening.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Canfield Library, we will be holding our final business meeting of the year. Please plan to attend as it is necessary to vote on the upcoming slate for next year.

Be on the lookout for your Annual dinner invites, they will be mailed out soon. We will finish up our month with a Done in a Day at the Boys and Girls Club.

Can't wait to see all of you this month!

Heather Elder

### **Advising Reminder**

Please take an opportunity to fill out your membership compacts for next year, They are due back to your advisors ASAP. If you did not receive one, please contact membership chair Paige Rassega [paigerassega@gmail.com](mailto:paigerassega@gmail.com)

### Sustainer's Corner

Spring in NE Ohio brings many changes – it is so nice to see flowers blooming and trees beginning to bud. Spring also brings changes to the Junior League of Youngstown as plans are made to transition from our current president, Heather, to our incoming president, Cheryl McArthur. Cheryl will then select her Sustainer Representative to the board, who in turn will look for Sustainer Representatives to the league committees.

The reason I am mentioning this is to plant a seed for Sustainers to say "yes" if asked to serve for the upcoming league year. Meaningful involvement by Sustainers helps our league thrive – so say yes!

- Susan Stewart

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

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
April 11, 2017	Canfield Library	Business Meeting	April 29th - Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown, 2105 Oak Hill Ave., Youngstown Need volunteers for their annual spring clean-up day
May 16, 2017	Annual Dinner @ Drake's Landing 2177 Western Reserve Rd. Youngstown, OH 44514 Look for your invites the 1st week of April!	Year in Review	May 6th - The Beatitude House 9 a.m. - Noon

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

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

**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.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Status</b>
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

**Pittsburgh ODI—June 9th through 11th**

Organizational Development Institutes (or ODIs) are AJLI leadership development meetings that provide Junior League members with mission-based training in key areas critical to the healthy functioning of a League. At ODIs, delegates build organizational capacity by learning about:

- innovative approaches to developing Junior League members as effective volunteer leaders in their communities
- powerful ways to design community programs and partnerships that have significant impact
- strategies for sustainable and diversified fund development
- keys to building strong internal operational controls
- new approaches that enable the League to be governed strategically and effectively
- ways to build relationships, engagement and understanding through marketing and communications

***If you are interested in attending this local ODI, please contact Heather Elder for more information.***

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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

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\_\_\_\_\_ Unisex

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\_\_\_\_\_ Women's Fit

\_\_\_\_\_ Cotton

\_\_\_\_\_ Tri-Blend

\_\_\_\_\_ Glitter

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## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

**March GMM Minutes**

The Junior League of Youngstown

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:00 Social; 6:30 Meeting

Location: Newport Library

Present: Amy Banks, Lindsay Burgan, Beth Drennen, Heather Elder, Amanda Frost, Anna Masi, Kristen Miller, Paige Rassega, Laura Rumble, Carisa Sechrist, Mercia Mary Stevens, Amanda Wells, Sara Wenger

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Follow-Up</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Heather Elder called the meeting to order at 6:32.	
<b>Introduction of the Speaker Heather Elder</b>	Heather Elder provided an overview of Deb Liptak's professional and volunteer career.	
<b>Speaker Deb Liptak</b>	Deb Liptak presented on types of listening. Members took a quick on whether or not they were good listeners. The 3 A's to Active Listening are: Attention, Affirmation, Appreciation. Membership also reviewed "LISTEN" L: Look I: Important – moment in time S: Slow-down T: Tell – clarify & simplify E: Expect the Unexpected N – Now – be in the moment, "mindfulness"	
<b>Nominating Beth Drennen</b>	Beth Drennen reminded membership to come to the April GMM where President Elect and Treasurer will be voted upon.	Attend April GMM
<b>Membership Paige Rassega</b>	Membership Compacts have been sent out by advisors. Paige Rassega reminded members that April is National Workplace Violence Awareness Month and provided information on a training in Lawrence County. April 6 <sup>th</sup> at the B&J there will be an "Unhappy Hour" to bring awareness to the wage-gap.	
<b>Marketing Anna Masi</b>	The press release for the spring fundraiser was sent out. Please invite your friends to like our FB page. Do not forget about t-shirts. Following GM there will be a FB live to promote the fundraiser.	Invite friends to like FB page T-shirts for sale
<b>Spring Fundraiser Lyndsey Burgan</b>	Dueling Pianos will take place April 7 <sup>th</sup> at B&O. You may register via Eventbrite. Tickets are \$50. We're looking for sponsorships and donations.	Sign-up for fundraiser
<b>Done in a Day Heather Elder</b>	On March 18 <sup>th</sup> the League will volunteer at Our Community Kitchen from 10-1.	Sign-up for Done in a Day
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 7:27.	

### Six Degrees of Junior League

This month's questionnaire was completed by Sara Wenger. Sara is the Economic Development Program Manager at Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, where she is responsible for a wide range of planning activities. She received her master's in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University and is a graduate of Miami University. Sara is most proud of her experience as a community development Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine from 2009-2011. Sara has been involved with the Junior League of Youngstown for the past three years.

1. **What was your first volunteer experience?** That's a difficult question! Giving back to others is something that I have always been taught through family and church. Volunteering for community meals and donating items for those in need started at an early age.
2. **What is one thing that most people don't know about you?** Before moving back home I used to like to travel a lot. By the time I was 25 I had been to 25 countries.
3. **What is your favorite saying or quote?** The one saying I think of often when translated from Russian is interpreted as, "one day there will be a party on our block." Basically, it means that you should work hard and not mind other peoples' business if you want to succeed.
4. **Name one thing about the Junior League that has impacted you the most.** The thing that has impacted me most about the Junior League is learning about all of the diverse careers and ways that women in our community have given back. It's truly an enormous and talented network.
5. **If you could try any other career, what would it be?** I would love to be a textile ethnographer. I love fabric and the stories that cultures tell through embroidery and other handicrafts.
6. **How do you think your volunteer experiences have shaped you as a person?** I owe who I identify myself as and my career to volunteerism because it is how I discovered what matters to me most and how I wanted to live my life.



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Youngstown, OH 44503

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## April DIAD

Saturday April 29

Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown

2105 Oak Hill Ave. Youngstown

Need volunteers from 8am-1pm for their annual  
spring clean up day

Please email the Junior League office if  
available.

[juniorleagueofyoungstown@gmail.com](mailto:juniorleagueofyoungstown@gmail.com)

Happy Spring!

