



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

March General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Bring a Friend

Hope House Visitation Center

660 West Earle Ave.

Youngstown, OH 44511

Speaker: Executive Director Paula Kalaman

Topic: Take a tour and learn about how this League-created project is so important to the Mahoning Valley.

Done in a Day Opportunity: Hope House has provided us with a wish list. Please take a moment to review and bring something to our meeting.



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 third Tuesday of the month.

Information should be submitted via email, as a Microsoft Word document, to Liz Kijowski at stev2099@hotmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paige Rassega
2017-2018 President

Happy Women's History Month!

I was recently reading an article titled "The 10 Commandments For Women In Leadership" and the very first one made me step back and think. It was in regards to hard work and excellence being important but not being enough. It truly takes a village to be successful, even so in the Junior League of Youngstown. At our February GMM we discussed the future of the League. Many sustainers and actives came together and had lengthy discussions to decide what to do in regards to the declining membership, which is resulting in a lack of leadership to take over year after year. After further discussions with community leaders, it was made evident we have to do what is best for our members. However, what exactly is best for our members is what we have to determine as an organization. Finding one focus area or project to market and be known for to potential members and be able to sustain year over year such as the Pink Ribbon Tea, minimizing committees to make it more manageable based on the number of members we have to work with, and eliminating the office were a few items mentioned. There certainly may need to be some restructuring that takes place if we plan to stay active as the Junior League of Youngstown. If you have ideas and would like to bring them forward, please do so by contacting a board member.

As women leaders, it is important to reflect on the history that came before us and recognize the great contributions women have made to our nation. This holds true for the Junior League of Youngstown as well. There is much history right in our very own Mahoning Valley! For example, did you know...in 1930 we opened the Youngstown Service League Shop and Workroom for the Blind and Disabled on Rayen Avenue? Or did you know in the League years of 1999-2000, the Hope House Visitation Center resulted from one of our projects? It will be very neat for those of you who have never been there before or have not been there in a while to come visit at our March General Membership Meeting. We would love to see many of you there!

If anyone is interested in leadership positions or has questions, concerns, etc. please contact me at your convenience. If you continue to show your support and passion for the League, we can strive to be around for another 88 years! "A woman is like a tea bag, you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water". – Eleanor Roosevelt

Paige Rassega

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Hope House Wish List

Our more immediate needs and a brief explanation of why....

“ Dry Erase markers for white boards/ Dry Erase board erasers— Our kiddos LOVE to color, draw, play tic-tac-toe and hangman during visits so the markers and boards get a lot of use!

“ Dry Erase white boards 2' x 4'—for visitation rooms

“ \$5.00 gift cards for child-appropriate fast food establishments—We tend to give these as Christmas gifts or to families during times of crisis—sometimes a free lunch or treat makes a world of difference.

“ Office supplies—highlighters, correction tape, scotch tape, sharpies (permanent markers—in colors and black), magic markers (Crayola for kids to use for coloring), scissors (adult and child)

“ Reams/boxes of paper for copy machine

“ Gallon size Ziploc bags—storage or freezer—food storage

“ Plastic storage boxes with lids (shoebox size)—These are for our game closets in the visitation rooms to keep the games together and to contain the small pieces.

“ PLAYDOH!—This is the second most popular “toy” for many of our young ones.... The smaller containers are preferred as they result in less waste.

“ Director's dream wish list item—a manual heavy-duty three hole punch—A lot of the documentation we keep for grants are stored in three ring binders for easy access/filing/ review and we have a small, old 3-hole punch that can only do about 8 pages at a time.... When you have to put a 135 page grant application in a binder, it's a real time killer only being able to do a few pages at a time.... And we use it daily.

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Tickets for #JLYtoNY are still available at regular price of \$149.00 per person. We have 20 seats remaining for our trip. Payment plan is available for regular pricing and all payments must be received in full by April 7, 2018. We hope you will join us! Please make check payable to Junior League of Youngstown and mail to:

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201 E. Commerce Street,
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Youngstown, OH 44503

Sustainer Corner

The League extends its deepest sympathy to Sustainer Marty Bushey and her family for their recent loss of Marty's husband.

Save the Date

We hope you will be able to attend:

The Junior League of Youngstown Annual Dinner

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:00 pm

Holiday Inn Boardman

Formal invitations to follow.



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February Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

Oh Wow!

Present: Amy Banks, Jessica Foster, Kelly Frammartino, Elizabeth Kijowski, Anna Masi, Paige Rassega, Sara Wenger, Bergan Giordani, Kristina Ross, Mercia L. Stevens

Sustainers: Kathy Scheel, Phyllis Ricchiuti, Rosemary Memo

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome	Ms. Rassega called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
Call for a Quorum	A quorum was presented.	
Approval of January 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes	Ms. Wenger presented a motion to pass the January GMM minutes. Ms. Masi carried the motion and Ms. Banks seconded.	
Guest Speaker	Ms. Frammartino introduced Ms. Long, Associate Director of the museum. Ms. Long provided a tour of the facility and quizzed membership on interesting facts.	
Treasurer's Report	Ms. Kijowski announced that the budget will be presented at the March meeting for approval in April. Dues letters will go out in April.	
Fund Development	Ms. Banks updated the League on the JLY-NYC Spring Fundraiser Bus Trip that will take place April 13 th -15 th .	Buy tickets!
Training & Education	Ms. Frammartino provided an overview of the rest of the year, including the upcoming meeting at SMARTS and Cityscape.	
Marketing	Ms. Masi encouraged sharing the fundraiser on social media.	Share fundraiser.
Future of the League Discussion	A discussion was held on potential avenues for the League, including winding down, merging, or taking a year to rebuild. It was recommended not to renew the lease for office space.	
Member Announcements	None	
Adjournment	No motion was made. Discussion continued.	

2017-2018 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
March 13, 2018 *Bring A Friend*	Hope House Visitation Center 660 West Earle Ave. Youngstown, OH 44511	Update from Hope House, Tour, and Connection to JLY	Collection for Hope House
April 10, 2018	SMARTS Ohio One Building 25 East Boardman St. Youngstown, OH 44503	SMARTs programming and new facility. Election of New JLY Officers	Collection for SMARTS
May 15, 2018 Third Tuesday of the Month	Annual Dinner—Holiday Inn Boardman 7410 South Ave. Boardman, OH 44512	Wrap Up- 2017-2018 Year, Awards, Introduction of New Officers	Saturday, June 2nd Volunteer Youngstown Cityscape

Reminder: The April GMM will be Tuesday April 10th, 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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is always a good idea!*