

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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Happy Holidays!!

REMINDER: There will be NO General Membership Meeting for December.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

We will be having our neighborhood meetings at the homes of sustainers in Poland, Boardman, Canfield and Youngstown/Warren.

Look for more information including home addresses and directions in the January Briefly.

Visit the AJLI website this Holiday Season and shop at the Junior League Shopping Mall.

Avoid waiting in busy lines, finding a parking spot and the aggravation of Holiday shopping, all the while benefiting the Junior League of Youngstown!

Some of the stores featured are **Target, Macy's, Old Navy** and many, many more! Simply visit www.ajli.org, click your favorite store at the Junior League shopping mall, then click on the Junior League of Youngstown link and shop away! It is one of the easiest ways to earn money for our League!



Happy Holidays from the Fund Development committee!!!

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Youngstown is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Briefly Deadline:
The first of every month!

Information should be submitted via email with an attached file to tlmady@gmail.com.



President's Message

Michele Grant

Hello everyone!

If you were unable to attend our recent JLY Mother Daughter Brunch, you missed a very special holiday treat! Held on November 29th at the Youngstown Club, the annual event attracted over 100 guests of every age, attractively attired in their holiday best. Santa made an appearance bearing gifts and families gathered together to take priceless inter-generational photographs. Phil Kidd was our guest speaker and he spoke passionately not only about the Youngstown 2010 project but also about the potential of Youngstown and its people. It truly was a celebration of mothers, daughters, family and friendships. We could not have had a more beautiful day!

I would like to extend congratulations to Joyce Mistovich, Chair and Paula Jakubek, Active Liaison, of the Mother Daughter Brunch and their committee for another wonderfully planned Junior League event. Thank you for bringing the beauty, elegance and joy of the holidays to Junior League family and friends!

The holiday season is one of my favorite times of the year. For me, it has always been a time of *Family, Faith and Giving*. It is also a busy time with many jobs, many obligations and often not enough time in the day. But the jobs I value the most are my "jobs" as daughter, friend and volunteer.

While the holidays also mean a much deserved break from the ongoing activities and committee work of the League, I hope we will all take some time to reflect on the Junior League of Youngstown and its importance to the community. The Junior League of Youngstown's mission is volunteerism and improving communities. It is a learning organization where women:

1. Come to grow as individuals – in self confidence, friendships and teamwork
2. Learn to serve on planning committees and design and implement projects
3. Learn volunteer leadership as a Committee Chair or as a member of the Board of Directors

Give back to the community with meaningful projects, both large and small, to benefit women, children and families.

All of these tasks allow women in the Junior League to become a strong and viable task force implementing volunteer service to our community. As we enter into our 80th year, The Junior League of Youngstown will continue to find ways to serve the Mahoning Valley and improve our communities, while at the same time continuing to provide opportunities for women to grow as planners, leaders and as friends.

Finally, I wish the Provisionals, Actives and Sustaining members of the Junior League of Youngstown blessings and peace during the holiday season.

Michele

On January 27th at 6:30 p.m., the Provisional Class will be discussing the Junior League Project Development Process at the JLY Office. Kathy Scheel and Renee Battafarano will be leading the training. Participation in this training, will count towards one make-up meeting for active members.



NOMINATING AND PLACEMENT UPDATE

Policy and By-Law Changes

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have voted on the following new policy. This change will help facilitate consistency in our present leadership structure which is needed at this time. It will also allow for a more effective assessment of the League.

New Policy

Article IV. Board Terms of Office

All Officers, with the exception of the President and the President-elect, shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are duly elected. The President shall serve for one year. The President-Elect shall serve for one year and succeed to the Presidency at the end of the term of the incumbent President. In the case of extraordinary circumstances, the terms of the officers may be extended by a maximum of one year, upon approval by the membership in a two-thirds majority vote at a regular or special general meeting at which a quorum is present. Extraordinary circumstances are defined as: the inability or unwillingness of the President-Elect to assume the duties of the President at the appointed time, or situations in which the Board or League are undergoing rebuilding or restructuring and the retention of the President or other officers for an additional year would provide continuity that would greatly benefit the League.

Attention all Active Membership!

By-law Change

At our **February 10, 2008 General Membership Meeting**, we will be taking a vote of the active membership on the following JLY By-law change. It is very important that you attend this meeting. Those who are unable to attend, may vote by absentee ballot. For more information on how to vote by absentee ballot, please contact Nominating Chair, Lynee Aiad-Toss at 330-518-2823 or lrat@zoominternet.net

Current Bylaw:

Article VI. Officers, Section 2.
Nomination and Term

The President-Elect shall be elected annually and shall automatically succeed to the Presidency for the following year. The term of the other officers is two years. All officers shall assume their offices immediately following the annual meeting.

Suggested Revision to Bylaws:

All officers, with the exception of the President and the President-Elect, shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are duly elected. The President shall serve for one year. The President-Elect shall serve for one year and succeed to the Presidency at the end of the term of the incumbent President. In the case of extraordinary circumstances, as described in the policies, the terms of the officers may be extended concurrently by a maximum of one year, upon approval by the membership in a two-thirds majority voter at a regular or special general meeting at which a quorum is present.

MINUTES

The Junior League of Youngstown
General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2008
St John's Episcopal Church

Call to Order 7:12 p.m.

Thank you to sustainers for the refreshments this evening
Evaluation surveys of Fall Event passed out.

Introduction of speaker: Melissa D'Apolito
Ice Breakers by Rose Memo

President's Report: Michele Grant

Motion: Robyn Gallitto moved to approve the October
General Membership minutes. 2nd by Kristen Fawcett.
Motion passed.

1. ***Announcements:***

Congratulations to Raquel Pacheco and Helene
Sinnreich for being named as 40 under 40 honorees.
Kudos to exec committee for a smooth transition
process over the past several months. Michele
reviewed the recent challenges the League has faced
over the past several months. Community involvement
will resume after League training basics are
implemented.

2. ***AJLI Assessment:***

Ad hoc research committee will consist of three past,
present, and future (sustainer, active, and provisional)
members. They will design questionnaires, surveys, and
interviews for the active membership. Also, they will
interview community leaders. Goal: establish three fo-
cus areas for League to vote on in September 2009.

3. No financial statements currently. Ad hoc Finance com-
mittee to be established to assist treasurer in her duties.

4. ***Mother/Daughter Brunch:*** Paula Jackubek & Joyce
Mistovich. Event will be November 29th. If invitation has
not been received, let a committee member know. Phil
Kidd from Defend Youngstown will be the speaker.

Membership: Joanne Nohra Wagner, President-elect

1. ***Training and Education:*** No December meeting. January
will be neighborhood meetings with locations will be in
December Briefly.
2. ***Provisional:*** Working on their project. Next meeting site
is the Rescue Mission.
3. ***Placement:*** One on ones began at today's meeting.
Please turn in your membership folder. If you wish to
change your status (active/preferred active/sustainer), it
must be put in writing by February.

Communication: Amy Banks

1. ***In League:*** Thank you to Tara for a great job with
Briefly.
2. ***Marketing and Recruitment:*** Theme for recruitment
is "Why isn't your daughter/mother/friend/in-law/
sister etc. in the Junior League of Youngstown?"
Bring a friend will be at the February general
membership meeting. A casual recruitment event
will be in March. The Tea is tentatively set for
Tuesday April 21st. Please give any potential
member names to Melanie or Amy as soon as
possible.
3. Jemmy's awarded to the Pink Ribbon Tea, Fall
Event committee, and to Michele Grant.

Finance: Robyn Gallitto

1. ***Fund Development:*** Met on 10/21. Establishing a
database for future fundraising events.
Evaluations passed out regarding Fall Event. 2009
fundraisers being planned: Passport to Prizes,
Cookbook (new or old), large event for our 80th
year.

Community: Danielle Battafarano

1. Need to fill six spots on our community advisor
board. Will meet in the spring.
2. ***Research and Development:*** Future project ideas
should be submitted to Danielle by November 19th.
In January, the committee will submit the ideas to
exec. After seeing the information in the February
Briefly, the general membership will vote on the
projects at the March meeting. Kids in the Kitchen
will not occur this year, since it did not meet the
guidelines. January Done in a Day will benefit
Hope House.

All committee meetings should have minutes prepared
and submitted to their liaison

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjourn 8:45 p.m.



MEMBER NEWS

Our sympathy to Dorothy Nespeca-Cerimele. Dorothy's father, William V. Nespeca, passed away on November 9, 2008.

Congratulations to **Helene Sinnreich and Raquel Pacheco** for being nominated for the **MVP's 40 under 40 Awards**. They were recognized during the awards ceremony on Thursday, November 20th.

HATS OFF TO.....

Many thanks to Actives Amy Banks and Melanie Angiuli for resurrecting the Jemmy Awards at the General Membership meetings!



Thank you to all of our Sustainers who contributed delicious desserts for the Sustainer Pot Luck at the November General Membership!

A special thanks to Sustainer Rose Memo for her informative and fun training session at the November General Membership meeting!

Thank you to Sustainer Susan Berny for her help with the JLY Great Gusto cookbooks!

Congrats to the Active Paula Jakubek and Sustainer Joyce Mistovich and the Mother Daughter Brunch Committee for planning an elegant and fun event this year!

Done In A Day for January 2009 General Membership Meeting:

Child Orientation Duffle bags for Hope House Visitation Center need filled.

Members with last names beginning with A-M, please bring:

- small travel pillows
- fleece blankets/throws (Walgreens has them inexpensive)
- new stuffed animals and beanie babies
- coloring books/crayons/game books

Members with last names beginning with N-Z, please bring:

- new underwear (different ages)
- new socks
- brushes, combs
- t-shirts (med/large to be used as a night shirt)
- individually wrapped treats like Rice Krispie treats & animal crackers
- small juice boxes and small package of tissues



On Wednesday, February 11, 2009, the league will be bringing the supplies collected in January to Hope House to help them stuff the bags they got donated from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information contact: Danielle Battafarano, battafaranod@aol.com or 330.717.5548.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

January 13, 2009	Neighborhood Meetings Poland: Phyllis Ricchiuti Canfield: Kathy Scheel Youngstown/Warren: Carol Gubany Boardman: Joyce Mistovich	Sustainer Homes
February 10, 2009	Historical Society	Director Bill Lawson
March 10, 2009	Youngstown Club	Dr. Shayesteh on Childhood Obesity
April 14, 2009	YSU SMARTS	Becky Keck
May 12, 2009	Fellows Riverside Gardens	TBA



December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Holiday Party 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., JLY Office	31 			

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

The Research & Development Committee will be submitting Project Outline Proposals for Standing Committees by the week of 12/08/08 for their review. Standing Committees will have until 1/09/08 to make suggestions to the outlines & send suggestions back to the Research & Development Committee. The sooner the suggestions come to Research & Development the sooner the committee can move along within the process in the JLY policies.



Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

1	Mary Alice Boyd
1	Rita McNamara
2	Linda Eisenzimmer
2	Amy Mirkin
3	Phyllis Ricchiuti
4	Barbara Banks
4	Annette Camacci
4	Clara Louise Schafer
4	Laurel Chevlen
5	Lynn Kline
6	Karen Abrams
7	Val Zurawick
8	Suzanne Eich
9	Gayle Kelly
9	Rosemary Yerian
10	Susan Huber
12	Laura Frey
12	Marcelle Svenson
14	Virginia Meloy
19	Joan Gallitto
20	Diane Ambrecht
24	Nina Clayman
25	Carol Wick
26	Kay Kish
26	Linda Rhodes
27	Sheryl Hoff
28	Sharon Berlin
30	Diane Bartels
30	Deborah Gomez
31	Margaret Person

JANUARY

3	Terrie Lee Konik
4	Mary Johnson
5	Susan Brown
8	Dorothy Cerimele
9	Karen Weinberg
10	Laura Burke
13	Carolyn Albert
13	Judith Robinson
14	Gretchen Bradley
16	Lora Graneto
17	Jeannine Hodge
21	Carol Dearing
22	Paula Barrett
23	Rhonda Kempe
26	Jennifer Neff
27	Pamela Griffith-Nock
29	Coleen Downie
29	Diane Kinkade





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**Passport to Prizes
2009
Needs your Help!**

The Fund Development Committee is currently working on plans for the 2009 Passport to Prizes fundraiser. They are looking for additional members to help with the planning process.

If you have worked on Passport to Prizes in the past or would like to help with this exciting JLY fundraiser, please contact Liz Skeels at wlskeels@global.net.

Happy Holidays!

From the Junior League of Youngstown

