



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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**November General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 9, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m. Social • 7:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Art Outreach Gallery, Eastwood Mall**  
**555 Youngstown-Warren Road (Rt. 422)**  
**Niles, Ohio**

**The Gallery is located between Sear's and Macy's.**  
**Parking is available in the front of the mall, at the**  
**main entrance, by the food court.**

### 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 trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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**Mother/Daughter Brunch**  
Joanne Nohra Wagner, *Active Liaison*

**Pink Ribbon Tea**  
Marion Dunham, *Active Liaison*

**It's a Wonderful Life**  
Liz Skeels

**Done In a Day Projects**  
Deb Hartig

## President's Message



Last month we took the first step towards identifying our League's **Community Impact Focus Area**. During the October General Membership Meeting voting took place to identify the topic for our focus area. The topic of **Children and Youth** was selected through voting by the members in attendance. This broad topic will be narrowed down over the course of the League Year. The next step in the process is to identify a particular issue. The Marketing and Recruitment Committee have been working hard on this over the course of the past month and will be presenting their recommendations at the November General Membership Meeting. Members in attendance will then have the opportunity to cast their votes for the issue that they feel is the most important to them and our community. All Provisional, Active and Sustaining members are encouraged to attend and have their voice heard as we continue on this exciting new journey for our League.

*Anna*

## November's Raffle



On a recent trip to Walt Disney World to visit her brother, who is working at Epcot, Kelly Kiraly attended the 15th Annual Epcot International Food & Wine Festival. While she wishes she could have brought the fabulous food and drink home with her for everyone to try, she did the next best thing. She picked up the official cookbook from the festival as well as a Mickey-shaped casserole dish, so the lucky winner of this month's raffle can try the recipes in her own home. Thank you for supporting the Fund Development Committee's monthly raffle!

## Bring a Friend....

We can't wait to meet the women in your life who could be eligible for membership in The Jr. League of Youngstown. Please invite them to come with you on November 9<sup>th</sup> to the next general membership meeting. at the Eastwood Mall – Art Outreach Gallery. Our membership drive will develop over a period of time but we would like you to start thinking about who you know who would qualify to become a member. Please RSVP by email to [Lois.Koval@wfadvisors.com](mailto:Lois.Koval@wfadvisors.com) or 330-398-0924. We hope you will be able to attend, and "Bring a Friend".

## Treasurer's Report



	September	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$8,232.31	\$46, 582.78
<b>Expenses</b>	\$12,829.40	\$34,154.29
<b>Difference</b>	\$-4,507.09	\$12,428.49





**The Junior League of  
Youngstown**  
**Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change**

Dear JLY Members:

**We need your help!** For over 80 years, our League has been a vital part of the Mahoning Valley, promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Women, children, and families have been greatly served by our community efforts. However, we don't need to tell any of you that, each and every one of you is the reason that all of these things were possible!

Here is just **a sample of the impression that the League has made** upon brand new members:

*A few years ago I was looking for a way to become more involved in our community. I thought that the Junior League would provide me with an amazing opportunity to not only help others but to meet other women who shared similar values. Although I'm fairly new to the organization, I have not been disappointed. I look forward to making many lasting friendships and helping to make a difference in our community for many years to come.*

*~Shanna Laraway, In-League Communications*

*I am anxious to begin my first year as a JLY Active Member! Having been a member of the Provisional Class last year, I was availed to many new opportunities, experiences, and people I otherwise would have never encountered. JLY introduced me to a wealth of resources the Mahoning Valley has to offer and opened my eyes to the self-empowerment generated from voluntarism. JLY's focus on the betterment of the community allows members to share their many talents and gifts while simultaneously receiving significant non-tangible gratification in return.*

*~Jennifer Soloman, 1st Year Active*

Meeting our budget has been a challenge in the past several years. The **training and education** that we would like to offer this year, such as the Annual Conference, is **currently not covered by our budget**. We have approximately 290 members. If everyone made a donation of at least \$25, we would be well over **our goal of \$6500**. All donations make a difference and your generous support will be **very much appreciated!**

Sincerely,

*Anna*

Anna Aey, President

*Kelly*

Kelly Kiraly, Fund Development Chair



Response Form

Please accept this check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. I would like to designate this donation for:

\_\_\_ 2010-2011 Annual Fund- This will help support our League budget.  
(make check payable to: Junior League of Youngstown)

\_\_\_ Training and Education- This will be applied toward activities such as:  
\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference,  
\_\_\_\_ Leadership Mahoning Valley  
\_\_\_\_ Membership Training.  
(make check payable to: Junior League of Youngstown)

\_\_\_ The JLY Endowment Fund held at the Community Foundation  
(make check payable to: Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley and indicate the Junior League of Youngstown in the note section.)

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## October General Membership Meeting Minutes---Tara Mady

The Junior League of Youngstown---General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/12/10---Fit Woman Gym

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
<b>Welcome</b>	Anna Aey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting including the provisional members present. Anna noted that the owner of Fit Woman Gym, Doris Bullock, is a first year active member.	
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Kera Thompson introduced Eloise Traina, Executive Director of Family Recovery Center. Eloise gave a brief overview of the services provided by the Family Recovery Center.	
<b>Approval of September General Membership Meeting Minutes</b>	The business meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m. The minutes of the September General Membership Meeting were reviewed.	Tara Mady moved that the minutes be approved. Robyn Gallitto 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Michele Merkel gave the report. Financial results showing income, expenses, and net income for August and Year to Date were passed out.	
<b>Nominating Application Packet</b>	Amy Banks gave the report in place of Michele Grant. She explained that the nominating packet was emailed out and the deadline to submit applications is December 1. Positions available include President Elect, Treasurer, and two seats on the Nominating Committee.	
<b>Upcoming Bring-A-Friend Meetings</b>	Leah Wilson reported that the General Membership Meeting will be "Bring A Friend". Members can RSVP to Lois Koval with the name of their guest. The February General Membership Meeting will also be "Bring A Friend".	
<b>One-On-One Update</b>	Keisha Robinson reminded everyone of the One-on-One meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the home of Phyllis Ricchiuti in Poland; and Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the home of Stephanie Hunter in Canfield. Home addresses are in the yearbook and advisors are listed in the Briefly.	
<b>Pink Ribbon Tea</b>	Marion Dunham reported that the event was a great success with nearly 400 in attendance, a great auction, and a phenomenal speaker. A wrap-up meeting is scheduled.	
<b>Done in a Day</b>	Deb Hartig reported that the items for the school store at Harding Elementary have been delivered. During the month of October, members can contact the league members who volunteered to be a drop-off site for donations to Fish Samaritan House. The Peace Race will be held on October 24 and the holiday party at the Fleming House will be held in November.	Deb will be contacting members who signed-up to volunteer for the various opportunities.
<b>It's a Wonderful Life Event</b>	Liz Skeels reminded everyone that RSVPs are due Thursday. Tickets can be purchased at the door. She thanked everyone for dining at T.G.I. Friday's last month. The evening raised \$215 for the gifts for the 3 Wonderful Women.	
<b>Mother Daughter Brunch</b>	Joanne Nohra Wagner reported that the event will take place on November 27 at Overture. Invitations will be sent out the end of October. Arrangements are being made for a speaker, storyteller, and Santa.	
<b>Community Focus Action Area Process and Voting</b>	Melissa D'Apolito presented the topics of Children & Youth, Women, and Elderly for members to vote on. Children & Youth was the unanimous decision.	The Research & Development Committee will present issues for vote at the November General Membership Meeting.
<b>Raffle Basket Drawing</b>	Kelly Kiraly picked the winner of the wine basket, Susan Stewart.	
<b>After Meeting Get Together</b>	Kera Thompson announced that the after meeting social will be at The Upstairs in Austintown. The socials will continue throughout the year.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting is November 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Art Outreach Gallery at the Eastwood Mall.	



## JLY Calendar

November 2	Board of Director's Meeting	February	Provisional Training: Kids in the Kitchen Planning
<b>November 9</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting: Art Outreach Gallery, Eastwood Mall</b>	February 15	Briefly Deadline for March Issue
November 16	Briefly Deadline for December Issue	February 22	Executive Committee Meeting
November 17	Provisional Training: Improving Our Communities	March 1	Board of Director's Meeting
<i>November</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Fleming House Christmas Party</i>	<i>March 6</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Dress for Success</i>
November 27	Mother/Daughter Brunch	<b>March 8</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting: Second Harvest Food Bank</b>
November 30	Executive Committee Meeting	March 15	Briefly Deadline for April Issue
December 7	Board of Directors Meeting & Holiday Dinner	March 16	Provisional Training: Kids in the Kitchen Planning
<b>December</b>	<b>No General Membership Meeting</b>	March 29	Executive Committee Meeting
<i>December</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Art Outreach Gallery</i>	April 5	Board of Directors Meeting
December 21	Briefly Deadline for January Issue	<i>April 9</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Second Harvest Food Bank (9a.m.- 12p.m.)</i>
December 28	Executive Committee Meeting	<b>April 12</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting: Newport Library, Youngstown</b>
January 4	Board of Director's Meeting	April 19	Provisional Training: Placement Review
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Neighborhood Meetings</b>	April 19	Briefly Deadline for May Issue
<i>January 11</i>	<i>Done in a Day Collection for Christina Center</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Second Harvest Food Bank (5 p.m.- 7p.m.)</i>
January 18	Provisional Training: Developing the Potential of Women	April 21	New Candidates Tea at Youngstown Club
January 18	Briefly Deadline for February Issue	April 26	Executive Committee Meeting
January 25	Executive Committee Meeting	May 4	Joint Board Meeting
February 1	Board of Director's Meeting	May 7	Kentucky Derby Fundraiser
<b>February 8</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting: Ballet Western Reserve, Youngs- town</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Annual Dinner</b>
<i>February</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley</i>	<i>May 10</i>	<i>Done in a Day Collection: Collect old cell phones</i>
		<i>May 20</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunity: Vision for Veterans 5K</i>



## Done-in-a-Day...Upcoming Opportunities...

Date	Organization	Volunteer or Donation Opportunity	Contact Information	Location
November 2010	Family Recovery Center	Holiday Party Organize a holiday party that includes crafts and food for those at the center.	Eliose Traina 330.692.0580 330.424.1468 <a href="mailto:Etraina@familyrecovery.org">Etraina@familyrecovery.org</a>	Fleming House Lisbon, Ohio
December 2010	Art Outreach Gallery	Help with gallery set up and gallery sittings.	Gail Stark 330.394.3384 330.219.7833 <a href="mailto:aabotique@aol.com">aabotique@aol.com</a>	Eastwood Mall Niles, Ohio
January 2011	Christina Center	Collect items for the center. A detailed wish list will be provided.	Beth Schmidt 330.420.0845	Bring items to the January neighborhood meetings
February 2011	Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley	Volunteer to teach 2nd graders about communities.	Donna Slaven 330.539.5268	A classroom in Youngstown City Schools
March 2011	Dress for Success	Collect suits during their S.O.S week.	330.399.3800	Community Dev. Center 418 Main Street Warren, Ohio 44481
March 2011	Dress for Success	Volunteer and help with personal shopping.		
April 9, 2011 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Second Harvest Food Bank	Help stock food and organize the stockroom.		
April 20, 2011 5:00 p.m-7:00 p.m.	Second Harvest Food Bank	Help stock food and organize the stockroom.		
May 2011	Vision for Veterans 5K Run/Walk	Help to organize the children's activities.		
May 2011	Someplace Safe	Collect old cell phones to donate.	Old cell phones will be collected at the annual dinner.	





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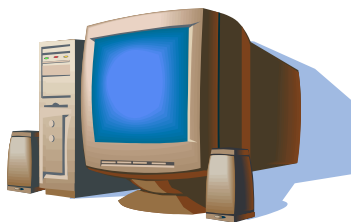
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## Junior League of Youngstown Reminders....

Don't forget to check out the AJLI website on the Internet at [www.ajli.org](http://www.ajli.org). It

is a tremendous resource for all members. Find out about the history of AJLI, what's new with AJLI, what exciting things other Leagues are doing, shop for AJLI cookbooks and so much more.



Please remember Active and Provisional members are required to attend a minimum of 5 General Membership meetings.



There is not a General Membership Meeting in the month of December. We will meet again in January for our Neighborhood Meetings. Be sure to check *Briefly Speaking* for more information about those meetings.

