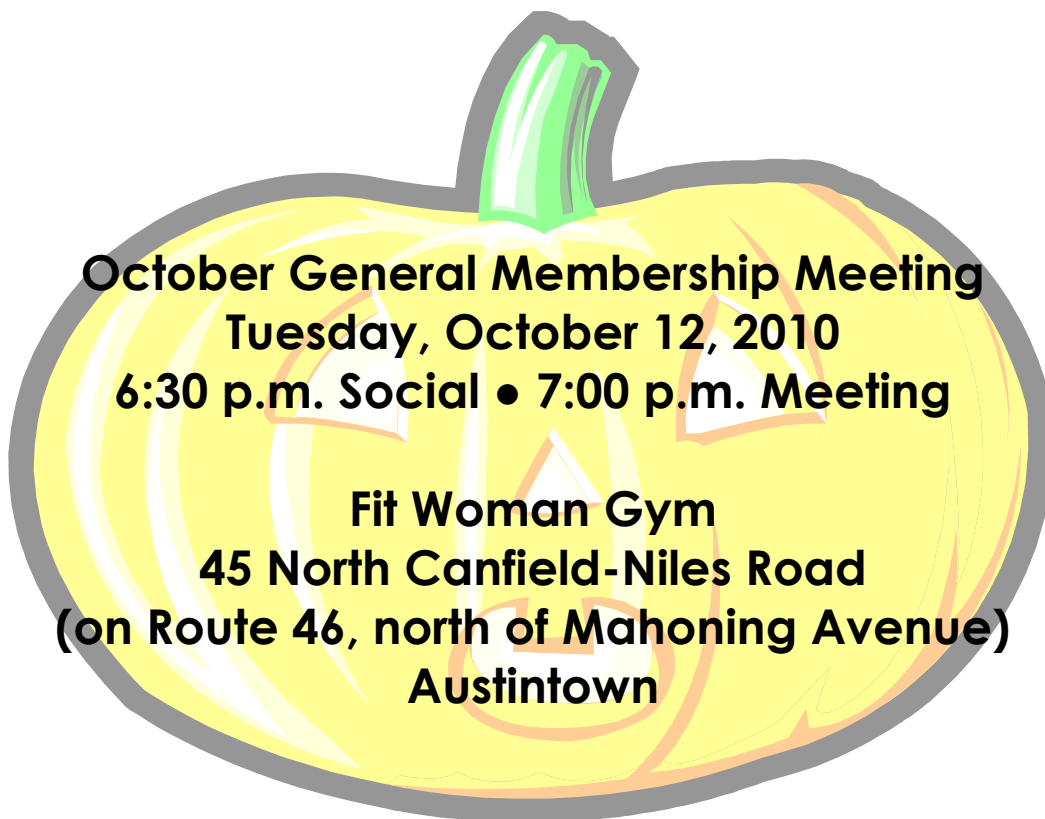


# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

October 2010

Volume 8 Issue 2



**October General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m. Social • 7:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Fit Woman Gym**  
**45 North Canfield-Niles Road**  
**(on Route 46, north of Mahoning Avenue)**  
**Austintown**

### 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.

**Briefly Speaking** is published ten times per year for members of JLY. The deadline for each edition is the first of the month. Information should be submitted via email to Shanna Laraway at [shanna.laraway@yahoo.com](mailto:shanna.laraway@yahoo.com).

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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



In October we will begin the year long process of identifying our League's **Community Impact Focus Area**. This is an **AJLI** driven initiative which aims to shift emphasis from being a project focused to an issue based League.

Issue based Community Impact is bigger, deeper and longer lasting than a project based focus. The process will help us establish a strategic direction which will expand the League's work in the community while broadening member's knowledge and expertise. By being Issue based, our League will be positioned to make a sustainable difference in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Many Leagues have already taken AJLI's lead and identified their area of impact with great results. My goal for the Junior League of Youngstown is to take this year to identify our area of impact and begin the implementation of the results in the 2011-2012 League year.

This process will involve all League members, Provisional, Active and Sustainers alike. Every member will have an opportunity to help determine in which direction our League moves. Discussion and voting will take place at our upcoming General Membership Meetings. Please plan on attending as we begin this exciting new path for our League.

*Anna Aley*

### October's Raffle



Attention Wine Lovers: Looking for a few more bottles to round out your collection? The winner of October's raffle drawing at the General Membership Meeting will

take home a wine carrier, with four bottles and other goodies. Be sure to bring a couple extra dollars to the meeting!

### September's Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Provisional member, Beth Drennen, who won the Watermelon themed basket at our September meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
August	\$2,423.29	\$14,115.62	\$--11,692.33

### Congratulations....

Congratulations to Active member, Jennifer Soloman, who was recently selected as one of the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals' 40 Under 40. The Mahoning Valley Young Professionals (formerly known as MVP 20/30) and the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley have announced the 40 individuals who will be honored at this year's sixth annual 40 Under 40 Awards.



The 40 Under 40 is a community effort to honor men and women age 40 and under who are making an impact in their chosen professions and have demonstrated a commitment to community involvement. On the night of the event, five of the 40 will be recognized for special accolades as MVP Award winners.



## October Done-in-a-Day Projects



**When:** The month of October  
**Where:** Neighborhood site drop off  
**Who:** Fish Samaritan House  
**What:** Collect used clothing, household items, & furniture

JLY members should contact the following members, who volunteered to be a neighborhood drop off site.

Neighborhood	Contact Person	Phone Number
Poland	Mercia Stevens	330-757-0334
Boardman	Liz Skeels	330-720-7991
Canfield	Joan Gallitto	330-533-7392



**When:** October 24, 2010  
**Where:** Downtown YMCA  
**Who:** Youngstown Peace Race  
**What:** Help with runner registration, organize runners, and help with water distribution

JLY members should contact Jennifer Wohlgamuth at 330.503.3669.



## Placement Committee Update

### One-On-One Meetings

The annual One-on-One meetings will be held during the month of October. These meetings give JLY membership an opportunity to talk with their advisors and plan their career path in the League. Please note that these meetings **will not** take place during the October General Membership meeting, as in the past.

We are grateful to Phyllis and Stephanie for opening up their homes and sharing their knowledge of the League with us. All members are encouraged to attend and are asked to RSVP to their advisor by October 12, 2010 (the October General membership date).

### **Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

Sustainer hostess: Phyllis Ricchiuti  
 Location: Home of Phyllis Ricchiuti  
 RSVP & Directions: Please contact Advisor or Keisha Robinson

If your Advisor is: Tee Berlin  
 If your Advisor is: Stephanie Seikel

### **Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

Sustainer hostess: Stephanie Hunter  
 Location: Home of Stephanie Hunter  
 RSVP & Directions: Please contact Advisor or Keisha Robinson

If your Advisor is: Joan Gallitto  
 If your Advisor is: Robyn Gallitto

Both meetings will start at 6:00 PM with light refreshments. All Active members will have the opportunity to talk one-one-one with their advisor and also talk with Sustainers about their years in the League.

### **Tee Berlin**

Maggie Adams  
 Danielle Battafarano  
 Meghan Buck  
 Doris Bullock  
 Marion Dunham  
 Robyn Gallitto  
 Lois Koval  
 Keisha Robinson  
 Kera Thompson

### **Joan Gallitto**

Anna Aey  
 Catherine Campana  
 Melissa D'Apolito  
 Amanda Frost  
 Shanna Laraway  
 Sharon Schroeder  
 Stephanie Seikel  
 Susan Stewart  
 Joanne Wagner  
 Roberta Yash

### **Robyn Gallitto**

Amy Banks  
 Tee Berlin  
 Fran Curd  
 Leilani Drake  
 Michele Grant  
 Paula Jakubek  
 Kelly Kiraly  
 Katie Libecco  
 Liz Skeels  
 Carmella Williams

### **Stephanie Seikel**

Barbara Banks  
 Lisa Damore  
 Joan Gallitto  
 Deb Hartig  
 Tara Mady  
 Michele Merkel  
 Jennifer Soloman  
 Leah Wilson  
 Deborah Zitella



## "It's a Wonderful Life... in the Mahoning Valley"

**October 21, 2010—5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. —The Holiday Inn—7410 South Avenue—Boardman, Ohio**

Grab your girlfriends and get your holiday shopping done while having fun at the Holiday Inn! This event includes one-of-a-kind shopping with the Glitter Girls, unique vendors, fun and creative holiday demonstrations, food, wine, raffles and giveaways! It will be a very special night as our Woman-to-Woman program will allow us to honor *3 Wonderful Women*. One woman will be chosen by the Neil Kennedy Center, one will be chosen by the Beatitude House, and one woman will be chosen by the JLY.

**Raffle Items** Please consider getting together with your friends and donating a raffle or auction item. We have some extremely nice prizes, but we need more! Just contact a member of the committee for ideas.

**TGI Friday's** Thank you everyone for your awesome support of our 3WW project by eating with us at TGI Friday's! We made \$215.00! Now that the Wonderful Women have been selected, they have started getting their outfits and scheduling appointments for hair and make-up. Everyone is very excited! You will find out all about them at the "It's a Wonderful Life...in the Mahoning Valley" event, so don't miss out!



### **50/50 Raffle at the *It's a Wonderful Life... in the Mahoning Valley!***

Tickets are \$5. The winner could receive as much as \$2500! And that means the JLY could gain that much too! Pick up your raffle tickets at the general membership meeting October 12, 2010.

Thank you from the "*It's a Wonderful Life... in the Mahoning Valley!*" committee: Liz Skeels, Amy Banks, Barbara Banks, Danielle Battafarano, Cathy Campana, Lisa Damore, Leilani Drake & Marion Dunham.

## Application Packet Now Available for JLY Governance Positions

The Application Packet for the 2010-2011 JLY Governance positions is now available online at [www.jly.org](http://www.jly.org). The elected positions for the 2011-2012 league year are:

1. President-Elect
2. Treasurer
3. 2 Members of the Nominating Committee

The new nominating process includes the submission of a written application (cover letter, resume & completed essay questions). The most qualified candidates identified by the Nominating Committee will be invited for an interview. The Nominating Committee's charge is to slate the best team to serve at the Executive and Nominating Committee level who demonstrate leadership skills, experiences and behaviors that are critical to the advancement of the Junior League of Youngstown.

The Nominating Committee members will be available during the October and November General membership meetings as well as the JLY *One-on-Ones* to answer questions about the new process and completing an application. For more information, please contact Michele Grant (Nominating Chair) at 330-519-5440.





**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.)

My donation is in memory or honor of:

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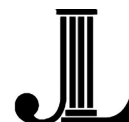
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Junior League of Youngstown  
The Commerce Building, Suite 320, 201 East Commerce Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503



## September General Membership Meeting Minutes

The Junior League of Youngstown  
 General Membership  
 Meeting Minutes 09/14/10  
 Akron Children's Hospital, Mahoning Valley Campus

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome</b>	Anna Aey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the first general membership meeting and briefly talked about our two upcoming events, the Pink Ribbon Tea and the It's a Wonderful Life Event. Anna also introduced all board members.
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Kera Thompson introduced JoAnn Stock, Director of Development for Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley Campus and past JLY President. JoAnn gave a brief overview of the services provided by Akron Children's. Tours of the hospital followed.
<b>Approval of May Annual Dinner Minutes</b>	The business meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m. The minutes of the May Annual Dinner were reviewed. Tara Mady moved that the minutes be approved. Susan Stewart 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Lisa Damore gave the report in place of Michele Merkel. Financial results showing income, expenses, and net income for May, June, July, and Year to Date were passed out.
<b>Provisional Class</b>	Sharon Schroeder reported that we have 19 people signed up for the Provisional Class. There are an additional 4 members pending. Sharon introduced the 11 members of the class present.
<b>One-On-One Update</b>	Keisha Robinson reported that the One-on-One meetings have been 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 will be held on September 27 <sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Georgetown. Guest speaker will be Regina Brett from the Plain Dealer. Anyone interested in attending can contact Barbara Schuller in the JLY office.
<b>Done in a Day</b>	Deb Hartig thanked everyone who donated school supplies for Harding Elementary. Deb has sign-up sheets for the seven volunteer events throughout the league year. The sheets will be at every meeting and the projects will also be listed in the Briefly each month.
<b>It's a Wonderful Life Event</b>	Liz Skeels passed out invitations to the members asking everyone to keep one and hand deliver the others to friends and family. She discussed the vendors for the evening and the 3 Wonderful Women. All members were asked to eat at T.G.I. Friday's after the meeting as 20% of members' checks will be given back to the league to purchase gift cards for the 3 women. Liz also added that volunteers are needed for the Oktoberfest on October 3 <sup>rd</sup> to sell raffle tickets.
<b>Training</b>	Susan Stewart did the training in place of Patricia Helm who was unable to attend. The PowerPoint presentation went over how to take meeting minutes. Handouts were passed out to the members.
<b>Raffle Basket Drawing</b>	Kelly Kiraly picked the winner of the raffle basket donated by Susan Stewart. The winner was provisional member, Beth Drennen.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Amy Banks invited everyone to T.G.I. Friday's following the meeting and explained that After the Meeting Socials will be held each month. A list with the locations was passed out. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Next meeting is October 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Fit Woman Gym.





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**Upcoming Project Information....**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Volunteer or Donation Opportunity</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 24, 2010	Youngstown Peace Race	Help with runner registration, organize runners, and help with water distribution.	Jennifer Wohlgamuth Home: 330.758.8708 Cell: 330.503.3669	Downtown YMCA
October 2010	FISH Samaritan House	Collect used clothing, furniture and household items.		TBD
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

