



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## March General Membership Meeting

March 8, 2011

Second Harvest Food Bank  
285 Salt Springs Road

6:30 PM Social/Refreshments  
7:00 PM 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 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 third Tuesday of the month. Information should be submitted via email, as a Microsoft Word document, to Shanna Laraway at [shanna.laraway@yahoo.com](mailto:shanna.laraway@yahoo.com).

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**Kentucky Derby**  
Marion Dunham and  
Carmella Williams

**Passport to Prizes**  
Kelly Kiraly

**Angel Ball 2011**  
Sharon Velasquez and  
Raquel Pacheco

## Nominating Slate

After incorporating AJLI's recommendations of slating candidates to positions, the Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate, that will be voted on at the April General Membership Meeting.

Position	Name	Term	Status
<u>President</u> <u>Elect</u>	Kera	1 Year	Nominated
	Thompson	President Elect (2011-2012)	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Lisa Damore	1 Year	Appointment
		President (2012-2013)	
<u>Nominating</u> <u>Chair</u>	Anna Aey	1 Year (2011-2012)	As per JLY Bylaws
<u>Nominating</u> <u>Committee</u>	Joanne Wagner	2 Year	Appointment
		(2011-2012) (2012-2013)	
	Michele Merkel	2 Year (2011-2012) (2012-2013)	Appointment
	Michele Grant	1 Year (2011-2012) (Filling an unexpired term for Fran Curd)	Appointment

## Candidate's Tea



Please join us on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at The Youngstown Club, to welcome prospective new members. Our social begins at 6:00 with the program starting at 6:30.

If you have not already sponsored a possible candidate, you may send in their name and contact information to either:

- Barb Schuller at [info@jlyoungstown.org](mailto:info@jlyoungstown.org) or 330-743-3200
- Leah Wilson at [leahwilson1122@gmail.com](mailto:leahwilson1122@gmail.com) or 330-429-1568



Please submit your RSVP by Thursday, April 14, 2011.

## Make-Up Opportunities



Junior League of Youngstown members are reminded that they are required to attend at least five general membership meetings each league year. There are, however, opportunities for those that have not met the minimum meeting requirements.

The following events all count as make-up opportunities:

- **March 5, 2011**-- Code Day in Dayton
- **March 31, 2011** --(6 p.m. at the Newport Library) Storyboard Training courtesy of sustainers Kathie Ameduri and Laura Fyre
- **April 21, 2011** --Working at the Candidates Tea
- **May 7, 2011**--Working at the Kentucky Derby

Please contact Kera Thompson for more information about these opportunities.

## Kentucky Derby Update

Save the date of **May 7th** for our **2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party** held at the beautiful & historic **Youngstown Country Club** from **4:30-8:00**. Invitations to be mailed soon!

We are currently seeking corporate sponsorship levels of:

**Thoroughbred:** \$1,500 reserved seating for eight  
**Front Runner:** \$1,000 reserved seating for four  
**Heading Home:** \$500 reserved seating for two  
**Lady Luck:** \$200 reserved seating for one

The Kentucky Derby committee is also seeking silent auction items. Donation request letters are available through the JLY office or by contacting Marion Dunham, event chair at 330-507-5286.

Event planning is off to a shotgun start! Thank you for your support & we'll see you at the finish line!

## Fund Development Raffle



Congratulations to Tara Mady, February's winner of Marion's Pretzel Basket.

This month's basket, a salad bowl with tongs, will be donated by our president, Anna Aey. Be sure to bring a few extra dollars to our general membership meeting, and help support our Fund Development Committee.



The Junior League of Youngstown  
 General Membership  
 Meeting Minutes 02/08/11  
 Ballet Western Reserve

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome</b>	Anna Aey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She invited everyone to briefly observe a modern dance class.
<b>Bring a Friend Introductions</b>	Leah Wilson introduced all of the friends of members in attendance and reminded everyone of the Candidate's Tea on April 21.
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Kera Thompson introduced Karen Westerfield and Stas Kmiec from Ballet Western Reserve. Their presentation finished with a tour.
<b>Approval of November General Membership Meeting Minutes</b>	The business meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m. The minutes of the November General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Tara Mady moved that the minutes be approved. Joan Gallitto 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
<b>President's Report</b>	Anna reviewed the Whistleblower Policy that was handed out at the meeting. She stated that it was taken from AJLI. Anna also mentioned that Code Day will be held on March 5 in Dayton. She briefly discussed the agenda.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Michele Merkel gave the income, expenses, and net income for November and December.
<b>Nominating Report</b>	Michele Grant read the by-law changes that were passed out. The membership took a vote and unanimously approved the by-law changes.
<b>Provisional Class Project Update</b>	Deb Hartig gave the report for Sharon Schroeder. She introduced class members Adrian Anderson and Laura Rumble who reported that the project will take place on March 25 at Harding Elementary. 60 second grade students will rotate through six stations of cooking and exercise. Students will receive a canvas tote bag and water bottles to take home.
<b>Placement Report</b>	Keisha Robinson reminded everyone of the March 1 deadline for active members to change their membership status to Preferred Active or Sustainer. If any member is in question of their years in the league, they can email Keisha.
<b>Marketing and Recruitment Update</b>	Leah Wilson thanked her committee members for planning the meeting and the guests in attendance. Members can refer Leah names of any prospects as the committee plans for the new Candidate's Tea.
<b>Makeup Opportunities</b>	Kera Thompson reminded everyone that makeup opportunities for missed meetings include Code Day on March 5, Storyboarding Training on March 31, the Candidate's Tea on April 21, and the Kentucky Derby on May 7. Members can contact Kera to sign-up for a makeup opportunity
<b>Kentucky Derby Fund-raiser Update</b>	Marion Dunham reported that the committee is seeking corporate sponsors and silent auction items. The event will take place on May 7 at the Youngstown Country Club ballroom. Seating is limited to 125-150 people and invitations will be sent in April. Marion has donation request letters if members know of anyone interested.
<b>Done in a Day</b>	Deb Hartig reported that ten members volunteered at the Arts Festival in December. She thanked everyone who brought items for the Christina House. Upcoming projects will appear in Briefly.
<b>Discussion of Community Impact Focus Area</b>	Melissa D'Apolito updated everyone that since the membership voted on School Readiness in November, she has met with the Community Advisory Committee and has meetings set with organizations in the community. Members can let Melissa know of any organizations or programs in the community that fit with the topic of school readiness.
<b>Raffle Basket Drawing</b>	Kelly Kiraly picked the winner of the Valentine's Basket donated by Marion's Pretzels, Tara Mady.
<b>After Meeting Get Together</b>	Jessie Kinsley asked to move the location from BW-3 to Chili's as she has coupons in which proceeds will benefit a 33 year old woman battling breast cancer.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Next meeting will take place at Second Harvest Food Bank on March 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted:  
 Tara Mady  
 February 9, 2011





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**Done in a Day...March**

**Who:** Dress for Success

**Where:** March General Membership Meeting

**When:** March 8, 2011

**What:** Professional Dress Clothing



The Junior League of Youngstown will collect items for the Dress for Success program in Warren, Ohio. The program needs suits and other articles of clothing appropriate for working women. The program suggested items such as dresses, blouses, shoes, jewelry, pantyhose or even monetary gifts. Items of clothing should be in good condition and no older than two years old. Please make sure the items are clean and are on hangers.



**Congratulations...**

Sustainers Annette Camacci and Pat Butto will be the survivor honorees on March 26, 2011, at the American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball. This event will be held at Antone's Banquet Center in Boardman.



For more information please contact Pamela Marshall-Wilson at 888-227-6446 ext. 2207 or via email at [Pamela.Marshall@cancer.org](mailto:Pamela.Marshall@cancer.org).

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