



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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February General Membership Meeting

BRING A FRIEND!



One University Plaza. Youngstown OH 44555

February 14, 2012

6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Meeting

DIRECTIONS

Coming from Boardman and 680 North:

Follow 680 and signs to YSU and take the ramp to Wick Avenue.

At the stop sign at Wick go straight (over Wick) and following sign to Elm Street.

At Elm, you have to go either R OR L.

(THE BIG WATTS CENTER IS ON YOUR LEFT)

Go right a half block and take immediate right into the parking lot.

Attendant will ask for a name.

Walk down Elm toward YSU -- the WATTS Center will be on your left.

The Rich Center is in the brick building on right -- Fedor Hall.

Go in the first door on the side facing the parking lot and tennis courts.

DON'T GO TO THE FRONT DOORS

(watch your email for a map and additional details!)

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 Kim Urig at kimurig@hotmail.com.

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President's Message



In January, the Junior League of Youngstown held its neighborhood meetings in the homes of four wonderful Sustainers. I attended the Boardman meeting and was thrilled with the conversation we had about our new community impact focus area. Everyone was engaged and the ideas were flying!

On January 19th, the JLY Community Advisory Committee met for a lunch meeting and a similar conversation about childhood nutrition and obesity. Several JLY board members were also able to attend. I think they would all echo my sentiments – it is exciting to have a new community impact focus area that is so relevant for the League and our community.

There are so many great things happening in the Mahoning Valley regarding childhood nutrition and obesity, and yet so many challenges still exist. As members of the JLY, our next steps are crucial in this process. We need to take the time to continue to education ourselves about the focus area. We need to better understand what currently exists in our community to address the problem and who is doing what. We need to identify gaps that exist between current services and community need. We need to identify organizations to potentially partner with – organizations who are aligned with the League's mission, values and community impact focus area. Then we will be able to identify a major project that will allow JLY to once again contribute to our community with sustainable results.

The energy and excitement I felt January is contagious! Our journey will take time and significant reflection by all League members. As long as we focus on our end goal, we will be successful—it's an exciting time for JLY!

Susan

Susan Stewart
President

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS NOTICE

As a reminder to all Active members, if you plan to change your membership status (preferred active, sustainer or LOA) for the 2012-2013 League year, you must submit a letter of request to Sharon Schroeder, Placement Chair, by March 1st.

Letters can be e-mailed to sjschroeder@ysu.edu or mailed to the League office.

Congratulations to our Community Advisory Board member, Richard Hahn, for being named the Youngstown YMCA's 2011 Volunteer of the Year. It's a true honor to have his expertise as a resource to The Junior League of Youngstown.

AJLI DUES INCREASE

At the AJLI Annual Conference in May, 2011 in Philadelphia, the Leagues voted to adopt a two-step increase in AJLI dues for the next two League years. AJLI dues will increase by \$4 in 2012 – 2013 and \$4 again in 2013 – 2014. There was much discussion around the proposed dues increase. Based on the fact that AJLI dues have not increased since 2000 and AJLI expenses are increasing due to the implementation of the AJLI Strategic Roadmap, the motion passed.

Article IV, Section 1 of The Junior League of Youngstown's Bylaws (Annual Dues) require that "increases in Association dues shall automatically be added to this League's dues." The new dues schedule will be as shown below:

JLY Membership	2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013		2013 - 2014	
Provisional, Active and Preferred Active	Annual dues	\$149.00	Annual dues	\$149.00	Annual dues	\$149.00
	AJLI dues	\$35.00	AJLI dues	\$39.00	AJLI dues	\$43.00
	TOTAL	\$184.00	TOTAL	\$188.00	TOTAL	\$192.00
Sustaining	Annual dues	\$68.00	Annual dues	\$68.00	Annual dues	\$68.00
	AJLI dues	\$35.00	AJLI dues	\$39.00	AJLI dues	\$43.00
	TOTAL	\$103.00	TOTAL	\$107.00	TOTAL	\$111.00



Save the Date!

May 5th is this year's Kentucky Derby party! The event planning committee is forming now.

Please contact Marion Dunham at: mnm1@zoominternet.net.

We are also now accepting donation baskets & items, monetary and in-kind donations for this event.



Thank you.

Fund Development Committee

Congratulations!

Maggie (Sisek) Adams had twin boys on November 16, 2011. Warm welcomes and congratulations to:

**Orrin Brent James Adams
and**

Quincy Ross James Adams

Sustainer Deb Liptak will be volunteering her time for JLY bylaws training. She has scheduled Provisional Class bylaws training at 6:00 PM on Feb. 21st at the Poland Library.

This is also a GMM make-up opportunity for Actives.

March General Membership Meeting

March 13th

YWCA of Youngstown

25 West Rayen Ave

Youngstown, OH

Speaker: Leah Brooks, Director of Development



Done in a Day Projects

MONTH	ORGANIZATION	WHY	OPPORTUNITY
February 2012	OH WOW! Children's Center for Science and Technology	Be an "Enthusiastic Exhibit Specialist" at OH WOW!, and help our visitors explore the hands-on <i>Edutainment</i> opportunities offered here. Work with the general public on our exhibit floor, and help out with school field trips and other groups.	Monday, February 20th 10-12 or 1-3 Saturday, February 25th 10-12 or 1-3
March 2012	The Rich Center/ Walk Now for Autism Speaks for Mahoning Valley	Ties in with our general membership meeting	Downtown, March 31 Need volunteers to help with registration or as needed
April 2012	Fellows Riverside Gardens	Promoting volunteerism in the community	Volunteer at the gardens
April 2012	Trumbull Community Action Program	Ties in with our general membership meeting, education and in Trumbull County	Donation of items - TBD
May 2012	Campbell Elementary School book drive	Parents who have books in the home increase the level of education their children will attain.	Members will donate books to the school so parents can start their own library at home





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**Time to Plan
Your Garden?**

(from AJLI.org)



Now in our fifth year of sponsoring the Junior Leagues' **Kids in the Kitchen** initiative, which is supported by The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. and its member Leagues, we have put a lot of thought into what makes healthy food that kids actually like. So here are a few ideas:

- ◇ Raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and strawberries for the **Wake-Up Smoothie**.
- ◇ Tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers and avocados for the **Pita Pocket Paradise**.
- ◇ Parsley, green onions, avocados, spinach and green peppers for the **Groovy Grasshopper Dip**.
- ◇ Broccoli and yellow onion for the **Broccoli, Cheese and Rice Casserole**.
- ◇ Green peppers and carrots for the **Green Goblin Veggies**.

