



# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## November General Membership Meeting



Tuesday, November 8, 2011

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

BELLA WOMEN'S CENTER

1192 North Road, N.E.

(Across from Trumbull Country Club)

Warren, Ohio

Speaker: Tia Ciferno, director

Bella Women's Center is a program for those in the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. It is the organization's goal to ensure women are aware of all of their choices and empowered with factual information, delivered by a compassionate staff of trained nurses.

Bella Women's Center offers resources, referrals and parenting classes to help women. The services and programs are completely confidential and offered free of charge to all who seek them. They do not refer or provide abortion or contraceptive services, to remain free of any financial interest in a woman's decisions.

Bella is entirely donor funded by concerned and mobilized individuals and organizations who want to make an impact which enhances the lives and future of families in their own community.

### 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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## President's Message



Hello!

The Ohio Junior Leagues are interested in reactivating our Ohio State Public Action Committee (SPAC). It is anticipated that this will be a multi-year process. Each League is being asked to find two member volunteers (Active or Sustainer) to be involved in the process.

The Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo Leagues began the process this spring and they hope to have representatives from the other five Ohio Leagues participate in a conference call in November. If you are interested in representing JLY for this process, please let me know.

*Susan*

Susan Stewart  
President

## Hope Has a Home Award

Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic's *Hope Has A Home* Celebration honored all members of The Junior League of Youngstown on Sept. 13 at Avion on the Water in Canfield.

Locally, The Junior League of Youngstown has helped support NKRC's Woman to Woman program for more than 20 years. The Woman to Woman program focuses on treatment and education for women with alcohol- and drug-abuse issues.



Sustainer Representative Suzanne Fleming presents the award to League President Susan Stewart.

## Why Not a Volunteer Nation of One?

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And why not you as that volunteer?

Sounds simple? It is.

Suddenly—and this is a good thing—"volunteerism" is hot. [The Service Nation](http://www.servicenation.org) (<http://www.servicenation.org>) initiative brings together more than 200 nonprofit organizations (including the Association of Junior Leagues International) to increase service opportunities and elevate service as a core ideal and problem-solving strategy in American society. There are a number of Obama Administration volunteer initiatives, including the Serve America Act and [United We Serve](http://www.unitedweserve.org) (<http://www.unitedweserve.org>). Even Hollywood is getting into the act with the Entertainment Industry Foundation's launch of its [iParticipate](http://www.iparticipateusa.org) (<http://www.iparticipateusa.org>) campaign this month to encourage a new era of service through the entertainment industry.

The good news is that Americans like to volunteer. According to the most recent survey from [Volunteering in America](http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov) (<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov>), **61.8 million Americans, or 26.4 percent of the adult population, contributed 8 billion hours of volunteer service, and the number of volunteers actually increased by about 1 million between 2007 and 2008.**

I don't need to tell you that this increase in service couldn't come at a better time. The economy has left government at every level stretched for resources. **Charitable giving in 2008 declined for the first time in 20 years.** And many more individuals are out of work, or working less, or worried about losing their jobs.

**We're talking about civic leadership, where women can play a particularly important role.** As one Junior League leader said, "*When you look at leadership and you look at women's natural tendencies of being able to engage in dialogue, facilitate different conversations, and the natural ability to collaborate or partner with others...that is a civic leader.*"

So what can you do? Become a catalyst for change in your community. Become the new volunteer that revitalizes an existing group. Become the member who advances an idea with passion and grace. Become the founder of a group that addresses a problem, large or small, that confronts all of us. Educate neighbors and friends about an important community issue. Convene a forum of local community stakeholders. Serve on the Board of a local nonprofit organization. Serve as director of a local community foundation. Run for public office.

**Consider becoming a volunteer nation of one.** You might surprise yourself.



## Marion's Pretzels Fall Calendar

11/5/11 Poland Union Elementary Holiday Shop at Poland High School 9-4 pm



11/7/11 Lobby Sale @ Akron Children's Hospital, Boardman, Building "C" to benefit the Garden Of Hope 8-4 pm

11/21/11 Thanksgiving order Pick-Up

12/9/11 Marion's Pretzels Holiday Open House in my home 11 am - ? (RSVP)

12/19/11 Christmas order Pick-Up

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## Pink Ribbon Tea



17th Annual Pink Ribbon Tea was held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at The Georgetown. Approximately 370 were in attendance.

The keynote speakers included Dr. Rashid Abdu whose promise to his wife Joanie has been the inspiration behind the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Center, Dr. Nancy Gantt, Co-Medical Director of the Center, and Lisa Klenoshak, a Pittsburgh author of a children's book about cancer survival.

The Georgetown provided a delicious lunch and music entertainment by Edelweiss was enjoyed by all.

Thirty books were given out as gifts and there was a plentiful supply of bag auction items available for raffle. An Apple iPad was awarded as a door prize to one survivor.

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## Placement Committee Information

Thank you to those who attended the one-on-one sessions held on October 18 and 24th and thank you to sustainers Renee Gessner and Phyllis Beard for hosting.

For those of you who missed, no worries! We have scheduled a make-up date on Thursday, November 3rd from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

If you cannot make this session then please remember that it is up to you to make arrangements with your advisor to meet by November 18th.

Contact Sharon Schroeder for more information at: [sjschroeder@ysu.edu](mailto:sjschroeder@ysu.edu)

*(bonus recipe: from the kitchen of Renee Gessner)  
Thank you again for your hospitality for our One-on-One!*

### Renee's Hot Spiced Apple Cider

1 gal. apple cider  
2 c. orange juice  
1 c. lemon juice + ½ c. sugar (or use 1 small can frozen lemonade)  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. cloves  
1 tsp. nutmeg

Mix ingredients and slowly bring to a boil in large saucepan or pot. Boil for 1 minute. Serve hot with sliced oranges floating in the punch bowl.



## Marketing and Recruitment

October's Bring a Friend night was a huge success, as seven guests and reps from the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio joined us for an evening of education and training at Oh WOW! Thank you to everyone who participated and we hope to have even more friends join us at our next Bring a Friend night in 2012.



## Fund Development

Congratulations to Starr McClure who won the October GM meeting raffle basket and thank you Susan Stewart for donating the beautiful basket from your travels to Baltimore as it helped the League raise \$89!



### Advertise in the JLY Briefly Newsletter!

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We extend our deepest sympathies to Suzyn Schwebel Epstein on the loss of her mother and Sharon Schroeder on the passing of her grandmother.

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**Do breast and ovarian cancer run in your family?  
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**November 17, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.**  
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JLY would like to recognize and congratulate our members:

**Danielle Battafarano-Surko** and **Lisa Metzinger** for their nominations for the 40 Under

40 award.

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley and the Mahoning Valley Young Professional Club honors those under age 40 who have excelled in their careers and have demonstrated a commitment to community involvement.

The awards night, on Feb. 3, will recognize five of the 40 as MVP Award winners. A committee formed by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley selected the 40 and will narrow down to the top five.



## Introducing the Provisional Class - Part 2

### Julia Schnurrenberger



**Personal Background:** Julia was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. She moved to the Youngstown area in July 2011 with her husband David. Julia graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and graduated from Indiana School of Nursing in 2008 with a Masters in Nursing.

**Employment:** Julia is a Nurse Practitioner in Palliative Medicine for Humility of Mary Health Partners at St. Elizabeth's Health Center. She sees patients with chronic illness to provide emotional support to patient and family as well as pain and symptom management.

**Activities in the Community/Hobbies:** Julia enjoys reading, running, cooking, and traveling. She is looking forward to learning more about the Youngstown community and volunteer opportunities in the area.

### Roklyn DePerio Turner



**Personal Background:** Roklyn is a lifelong resident of Canfield. She has been married to Dan Turner Jr. for 10 years. They have two children, Rocco, 6 and Dante, 4. Roklyn attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and obtained a bachelor in Speech Communication. She attended Cleveland State University's Marshall College of Law and obtained her J.D.

**Employment:** Roklyn is a lawyer in Canfield. She has been practicing for 10 years as a solo practitioner. Her areas of practice include Criminal Law, DUI, family law and some probate/wills.

**Activities in the Community/Hobbies:** Roklyn enjoys golfing, shopping, cooking and spending time with family and friends.

### Jennifer Valentine-Sanek



**Personal Background:** Jen graduated from the University of Toledo and received her Master's of Business Administration from the University of Findlay. She received her Six Sigma Black Belt Certification from Villanova University. She is a native of north-east Ohio and has resided in the Canfield area for the past two years. Jennifer has been married to her husband, Scott Sanek, for two years.

**Employment:** Jen has made a career in the pharmaceutical industry. She has held multiple positions: sales, sales training and management. She is currently a Region

Director for Shive Pharmaceuticals.

**Activities in the Community/Hobbies:** Jen is a member of St. Michael Parish in Canfield. She enjoys reading, exercising and spending time with family and friends.

### Starr E. McClure



**Personal Background:** Starr is a graduate of Youngstown State University. She received a BA in Speech Communication/Theatre. Starr resides in Cornersburg with her mother and four cats. She is engaged to her loving fiancé, Jay.

**Employment:** Starr worked at the Youngstown Playhouse in numerous administrative capacities. She also worked as a tax preparer at H&R Block. Currently, she is serving as full-time caregiver for her mother.

**Activities in the Community/Hobbies:** Starr has been involved in over 100 shows (both onstage and backstage) at various local theatres. Most recently, she was involved in *Oliver!* at the Youngstown Playhouse and *A...My Name is Alice* at the Oakland Center for the Arts. She is also a past volunteer with Angels for Animals, Neighborhood Ministries tutoring, and First Night Youngstown.





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Thanks to our committee!  
 Kelly Kiraly & Shanna Laraway  
 (not pictured, Danielle Surko)

The final trip in our Passport to Prizes was worthy of any Travel Channel special. The drawing was held at Cassese's MVR with an incredible buffet and cash bar. Over 30 JLY members and friends attended the event. Thank you to project chair, Kelly Kiraly, for organizing this world class evening.

\$6,160 was raised and two of the ten winning entries were sold by JLY member Tara Mady. Congratulations to all who helped make this fundraiser a huge success!



## 2011-2012 Upcoming General Membership Meetings

Date	Location
November 8	<b>Bella Women's Center</b> 1192 North Rd Warren, OH Speaker: Tia Ciferno, Director
January 10	<b>Annual Neighborhood Meetings, TBA</b>
February 14	<b>The Rich Center for Autism</b> 1 University Plaza Youngstown, Oh Contact: Tricia Perry Speaker: Phyllis Ricchuiti
March 13	<b>YWCA of Youngstown</b> 25 West Rayen Ave Youngstown, OH Speaker: Leah Brooks, Director of Development
March 22	<b>Make-Up Meeting Opportunity: JLY Bylaws Training</b> Boardman Public Library 7680 Glenwood Ave. Boardman, OH Trainer: Debra Liptak, Sustainer



# October General Meeting Minutes

The Junior League of Youngstown  
 General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/11/11  
 OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome</b>	Susan Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and noted that a quorum was present.
<b>Neil Kennedy Hope Has a Home Award</b>	Suzanne Fleming presented the award to Susan and the members. She and a group of Sustainers received the award on behalf of the JLY at the September 13 event which honored the League for the creation of the Woman to Woman program as well as other projects.
<b>Introduction of "Bring a Friend" Guests</b>	Kelly Kiraly asked the members to introduce their guests. Seven friends were in attendance.
<b>Approval of September General Membership Minutes</b>	The minutes of the September General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Tara Mady moved that the minutes be approved. Suzanne Fleming 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Lisa Metzinger reported that income in August was \$4,522.39 and expenses in August were \$13,516.41. August net income was \$-8,994.02. She also noted that the financial report in Briefly will be changing to include graphs. Lisa Metzinger moved that the August financial report be approved. Suzanne Fleming 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
<b>Pink Ribbon Tea</b>	Paula Jakubek reported that the event was held on September 26 <sup>th</sup> at the Georgetown. There were 370 attendees. The keynote speakers included Dr. Rashid Abdu, Dr. Nancy Gantt, and Lisa Klenoshak. Overall, the event was very successful. Susan asked the members for a round of applause.
<b>Done in a Day</b>	Debbie Hartig gave the report for Laura Rumble. She noted that the next project is the Peace Race. The November project will be on November 15 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at OH WOW! Sign-up sheets were at the meeting.
<b>Passports to Prizes</b>	Kelly Kiraly reminded everyone that all sold passports are due October 18 and the drawing party will be October 27 at the MVR. Food will be provided with a cash bar. She circulated a sign-up sheet.
<b>Research and Development</b>	Kera Thompson gave the report for Melissa D'Apolito. She reviewed the vote process last year and discussed how the issue of School Readiness was agreed upon. The Research and Development committee has concluded that by narrowing this topic to Nutrition and Obesity as our Community Focus Impact Area, our league will be able to create a project that will make a difference in the community.
<b>Placement</b>	Sharon Schroeder reminded everyone of the upcoming One-on-Ones. A handout was passed out with the locations.
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Leah Wilson introduced Suzanne Barbati, Director of OH WOW! Following the meeting, Suzanne gave tours of the museum.
<b>Raffle Basket Drawing</b>	Marion Dunham asked Suzanne Barbati to pick the winner of the raffle basket, Starr McClure.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Susan thanked the Sustainers for providing the refreshments. Next meeting is November 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Bella Women's Center.

Respectively submitted: Tara Mady October 13, 2011





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**Done in a Day Update**



The Junior League of Youngstown volunteered at The 2011 Youngstown Peace Race 2 mile and 10K run.

Proceeds from the Youngstown Peace Race benefit several area charities, including the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley, YMCA's Partner in Youth Program, American Cancer Society – Relay for Life, Fairhaven School/Special Olympics and the Mindy Henning Scholarship Fund.

The JLY helped with registration & finish line activities.

November's **Done in a Day** is Tuesday, November 15, from 1:00 – 6:00 PM:



Children's Center for Science and Technology  
11 W. Federal St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Sign up at the November general membership meeting or contact Laura Rumble.

