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September General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Austintown Library
600 S. Raccoon Rd
Austintown, OH

Speaker:

Terri Nass Reeder, AJLI Representative

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...



Happy September to all! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer – it certainly flew by quickly for me.

I am so pleased that Anna Aey, Past President, was able to arrange for a representative from AJLI to be our guest speaker at the September 13 General Membership Meeting (GMM). Terri Nass Reeder, a member of the Akron Junior League and Vice Chair of the AJLI Nominating Committee, will present the new AJLI Strategic Roadmap to our members. The roadmap lays out an exciting new direction for the Leagues and introduces many new concepts for Leagues to consider in the next few years.

Terri will meet with some JLY Past Presidents on September 12, and with the current Board of Directors prior to the GMM, to hear what JLY's expectations are of AJLI in the years to come. Similar conversations will occur at the GMM. I encourage you to attend and to actively participate in the dialogue.

While most League members have the summer "off," your Executive Committee has been busy developing new draft policies based on recommendations from AJLI that I learned about at last May's Annual Conference. You can expect to read more about this in future issues of *Briefly*.

It certainly is a time of challenges and opportunities for JLY and AJLI. I hope everyone shares my high expectations about what the next nine months will bring for the JLY as we continue our journey to strengthen our ties with AJLI and reconnect with our mission of empowering women to become civic leaders.

Welcome!

Please welcome Kathleen Houck a transfer member from the Junior League of Akron. She will be joining our membership this league year.

Kathleen is married with twin boys and works as a Dietician at the Akron Children's Hospital Beeghly Campus.

Treasurer's Report

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
May	\$7,788	\$8,137	-\$349
June	\$36,978	\$2,726	\$34,252
July	\$1,248	\$3,203	-\$1,955

AJLI and Our Strategic Roadmap @ September's General Membership Meeting



Please join JLY at the first meeting of the year at the Austintown Public Library at 600 S. Raccoon Road on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker will be joining us from AJLI. Terri Nass Reeder is the Nominating Chair for AJLI and will be sharing the vision of our organization's "Strategic Roadmap" for the future when the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Terri Nass Reeder has been an Active member of the Junior League of Akron since 1995. A Past President (2006-2007), she has served in several Board, Chair and fundraising positions, and currently serves as Treasurer. Terri is known for her organizational and fundraising acumen, ability to analyze situations, formulate and implement plans and conduct post-event cost/benefits analyses.

Terri presently works with the Akron Symphony Orchestra, United Disability Services, Boy Scouts of America and March of Dimes. Terri is employed with Oldham Kramer as a defense lawyer in the area of toxic torts.



We look forward to meeting and learning about the exciting plans that AJLI has in store for the future!



Placement Committee Information

Training and Education (Kera)

Leah Wilson – Chair

Maggie Adams
Cathy Campana
Keisha Robinson
Jennifer Solomon
Roberta Yash
Liz Skeels

Provisional (Susan)

Deb Hartig – Chair

Anna Aey
Adrian Anderson
Beth Drennen
Susan Stewart
Kera Thompson

Marketing and Recruitment (Tara)

Kelly Kiraly – Chair

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Danielle Battafarano
Amanda Frost
Liz Stevens
Kim Urig
Jennifer Venrose

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(Kera)

Melissa D'Apolito – Chair

Amy Banks
Heather Elder
Karen Guerrieri
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Deborah Zitella
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Fund Development (Lisa)

Marian Dunham – Chair

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Nominating (Kera)

Anna Aey – Chair

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TBD – Chair

Shanna Laraway

Liaisons to Sustainer

Committees

Angel Ball – Amy Banks
Mother Daughter Brunch – Jessie Kinsley
Pink Ribbon Tea – Paula Jakubek
Hope House Bd Rep – Doris Bullock

Project Chairs

Done in a Day – Laura Rumble
Passports – Kelly Kiraly

Pink Ribbon Tea



The Pink Ribbon Tea is in its 17th year as the Junior League of Youngstown's gift to the breast cancer survivors in our valley. It remains an honor and a privilege for the sustaining members of our League host this unique event on Monday, September 26, 2011, at The Georgetown Banquet Center in Boardman. This year the focus of the event will be the vision that has become a reality for Dr. Rashid Abdu. With the help of our community, Humility of Mary Health Partners is going to establish one of the best comprehensive breast centers in the country. The goal is to be able to provide the very best care to women in the Mahoning Valley. The Joanie Abdu CBCC will be an opportunity to help and heal more women in the Mahoning Valley and most importantly save lives. We are again asking you to help support this event. Due to the generous support in the past years The Tea has remained free of charge for all survivors. To attend the Tea would cost a survivor \$20. Your gift will allow you to "Sponsor a Survivor" and provide her with an afternoon of hope, support and friendship. Your gift can be made in memory or in celebration of someone special. Each will be acknowledged in the program at the Tea. We can't think of a better way to serve our community than to support this event. Thank you for your past support and for continuing your support as we enjoy a day of survivorship with wonderful women in our community.

Please contact Annette Camacci or Susan Berny for more information.



One-on-One Sessions

Fall One-on-One Sessions

Active members were notified of their advisors with their placement letters over the summer. Members should RSVP their attendance to their advisor. Please note that all members are required to meet twice per year with their advisor.

If your advisor is **Anna Aey** or **Tara Mady**, your session will be on **Tuesday, October 18th** at the home of **Renee Gessner**.

If your advisor is **Cathy Campana** or **Michele Grant**, your session will be on **Monday, October 24th** at the home of **Phyllis Beard**.

Many, many, thanks to Renee and Phyllis for hosting our sessions! Their contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the JLY website.

If you have any questions please contact Sharon Schroeder.

2011-2012 JLY Advisor List

Cathy Campana

Lisa Damore
Beth Drennen
Shanna Laraway
Joanne Wagner
Michele Merkel
Mary Monroe
Sharon Schroeder
Jennifer Soloman

Michele Grant

Adrian Anderson
Heather Elder
Karen Guerrieri
Kelly Kiraly
Lois Koval
Susan Stewart
Kera Thompson
Amanda Frost
Leah Wilson
Kathleen Houck

Anna Aey

Paula Jakubek
Marit Aspenlieter
Danielle Battafarano
Jennifer Venrose
Kimberly Urig
Amy Banks
Deb Hartig
Doris Bullock
Roberta Yash
Deborah Zitella

Tara Mady

Maggie Adams
Melissa D'Apolito
Marion Dunham
Jessie Kinsley
Keisha Robinson
Laura Rumble
Liz Stevens
Mercia L. Stevens
Mercia M. Stevens
Liz Skeels

Kentucky Derby Update



On May 5, 2011, over a hundred JLY members, family and community supporters witnessed Animal Kingdom ride his good luck all the way to the winners circle in the 137th Kentucky Derby! The sun truly shined at the Youngstown Country Club as the evening raised \$12,000 and raffled \$8,000 worth of fabulous prizes! What fun our guests had in the hat contest whose winners won beautiful rose bouquets donated by The Dutch Tulip in Columbiana. A BIG thank you to those who donated their time and resources that contributed to our event's success. Also, thanks for the survey feedback as your opinions are always considered in future planning.



Congratulations to Marion Dunham and her committee for a job well done!

AJLI Email

Later this fall, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. will begin sending every Junior League member, with an email address, a quarterly email. These emails will help you keep up to date with exciting benefits and services the Association provides you, and will provide you with ideas and insights about programs and Junior League members across the Association.

Our Junior League leadership supports this effort as we all work together to benefit from the power of being part of an organization in four countries with 292 Leagues and 155,000 members. Each of you will be able to opt out of the All Member Emails, if you so choose.

Please add info@jlyoungstown.org to your address book.



Done-in-a-Day Project Information

MONTH	ORGANIZATION	WHY	OPPORTUNITY
September 2011	Harding Elementary	Caught Being good program initiated by JLY 2 years ago.	Donate school items for their Kindergarten program to be used as incentives
October 2011	Youngstown Peace Race	Great volunteer opportunity and awareness in the community	Help day of event with registrations, passing out water, etc.
November 2011	OWOW! Children's Museum	The original Children's Museum was started in 2004 by JLY	We will either volunteer as a docent or help with a program
December 2011	Art Outreach Gallery	Promoting Volunteerism also awareness of the JLY in Trumbull County	Volunteer at event
January 2012	Fleming House	Past done in a day last year as a volunteer opportunity. Continuing to help the center with donations. Columbiana County	Members will bring items to donate to the neighborhood meetings (list TBD)
February 2012	Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley	JA in a Day Taft Elementary	Members will pair up & teach 2 nd grade classes the JA "Our Community" program
March 2012	The Rich Center	Ties in with our general membership meeting	Volunteer in the classroom and/or special events for the month TBD
April 2012	Fellows Riverside Gardens	Promoting volunteerism in the Community	Volunteer at the gardens
April 2012	Trumbull Community Auction Program	Ties in with our general membership meeting, education and in Trumbull County	Donation of items - TBD
May 2012	Campbell Elementary book drive	Whether rich or poor, residents of the United States or China, illiterate or college graduates, parents who have books in the home increase the level of education their children will attain, according to a 20-year study led by Mariah Evans, University of Nevada, Reno associate professor of sociology and resource economics.	Members will donate books to start their own libraries at home



2011-2012 General Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Location
September 13	Austintown Library 600 S. Raccoon Rd Austintown, OH Speaker: AJLI Representative
October 11	OH WOW: The Roger and Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology 11 West Federal St Youngstown, OH Contact: Suzanne Barbati, Executive Director
November 8	Bella Women's Center 1192 North Rd Warren, OH Speaker: Tia Ciferno, Director
January 10	Annual Neighborhood Meetings, TBA
February 14	The Rich Center for Autism 1 University Plaza Youngstown, Oh Contact: Tricia Perry Speaker: Phyllis Ricchuiti
March 13	YWCA of Youngstown 25 West Rayen Ave Youngstown, OH Speaker: Leah Brooks, Director of Development
March 22	Make-Up Meeting Opportunity: JLY Bylaws Training Boardman Public Library 7680 Glenwood Ave. Boardman, OH Trainer: Debra Liptak, Sustainer
April 10	Trumbull Community Action Program's Head Start (T.C.A.P.) The Warren West Community Center 1230 Palmyra Rd. Warren, OH Contact: Janet Diegan, Head Start Assoc. Director Speaker: Educational Coordinator (TBA)
May 8	Annual Dinner, TBA

Passport to Prizes



The Passport to Prizes booklets are in! If you were not able to attend the Sustainer Summer Social, please contact Kelly Kiraly at kjk1482@yahoo.com or 330.307.2169 to arrange for pickup. We will be distributing by neighborhoods or the location that is most convenient for you.

We have some wonderful packages this year and all of the sponsors are listed on our website. We will also be adding the option to purchase via PayPal soon!

Make sure you share the booklets at all of your back-to-school events and Labor Day picnics. Entries will be collected at the September and October General Membership Meetings or can be returned to the League office. They will all be due by Tuesday, October 18th, with the drawing party on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at Cassese's MVR.



May's Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes

The Junior League of Youngstown
Annual Dinner
Meeting Minutes 05/10/11
The Lake Club

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome and Introduction of Speaker	Anna Aey welcomed everyone to the annual dinner. She asked Kera Thompson to the podium to introduce the speaker, Mayor Jay Williams. The topic of his speech was "The Future of Youngstown and the Role of the JLY". Following Mayor Williams' speech, Marilyn Wagmiller, Sustainer Rep, gave the blessing of dinner.
Year in Review	Following dinner, Anna called the business meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. She asked Susan Stewart if a quorum was present and the answer was yes. Anna then gave a Year in Review which included a slideshow.
Approval of April General Membership Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the April General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Anna Aey moved that the minutes be approved. Susan Stewart 2 nd the motion and the motion passed.
Budget Vote	Michele Merkel noted that copies of the budget were at each seat and appeared in Briefly. Michele moved that the budget be approved. Susan Stewart 2 nd the motion and the budget was approved.
Done in a Day Projects Vote	Melissa D'Apolito thanked her committee for their hard work in planning the Done in a Day Projects for 2011-2012. A copy of the projects was at each seat. Melissa moved that the Done in a Day Projects for 2011-2012 be approved. Susan Stewart 2 nd the motion and the projects were approved.
Introduction of New Actives	Sharon Schroeder called the Provisional Committee to the front and thanked them. She noted that 12 of the 14 provisional class members were present. Sharon asked Adrian Anderson and Laura Rumble forward to talk about the class project. The two co-chairs gave an overview of the project and showed their project video. Sharon then presented the rest of the provisional class: Marit Aspenleiter, Beth Drennen, Heather Elder, Karen Guerrieri, Jessie Kinsley, Mary Monroe, Elizabeth Stevens, Mercia L. Stevens, Mercia M. Stevens, and Kimberly Urig. Each member was presented with a JL tote and gift. Sharon noted that new members Crystal Boggs and Jennifer Venrose were unable to attend. The provisional class then presented Sharon and Deb Hartig with flowers as a thank you.
Introduction of Sustainers and Perfect Attendance Awards	Keisha Robinson introduced seven women who are becoming sustainer members: Barbara Banks, Tee Berlin, Fran Curd, Leilani Drake, Joan Gallitto, Robyn Gallitto, and Stephanie Seikel. She thanked them for their years of service and each were presented with a gift. Keisha then awarded the following members with a rose for perfect attendance: Anna Aey, Cathy Campana, Deb Hartig, Kelly Kiraly, Katie Libecco, Tara Mady, Susan Stewart, Sharon Schroeder, Kera Thompson, Leah Wilson, and Keisha Robinson.
JLY Past Presidents Recognition and Emeritus Honor Bestowed to Jody Olson	Kera Thompson recognized Past JLY Presidents in attendance by asking them to stand. Kera then recognized Jody Olson as an Emeritus Member.
Introduction of 2011-12 President	Anna noted that active member Lois Koval has been nominated for the Athena award. She then introduced Susan Stewart as incoming President.
Introduction of 2011-12 Board	Susan Stewart introduced the incoming board for the 2011-2012 league year.
Closing Remarks	Kelly Kiraly announced the winner of the raffle drawing, Carmella Williams. Anna Aey then thanked The Lake Club, the Training and Education committee, and Barbara Schuller who was acknowledged with a gift. Anna thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Respectively submitted:
Tara Mady
May 11, 2011





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Done in a Day...September 13, 2011

The Junior League of Youngstown will be collecting items for Harding Elementary School. The items donated will be given to grade school students for their "Caught Being Good" program. This is the third year for the program that Nancy Williamson started. Please bring your donations to the September Membership meeting. See the list below for suggested items to donate based on your last name.



A to M-- crayons (64 Pack), tablets (small), erasers (fancy), stickers, markers, hair barrettes, clips, ribbons, etc., inexpensive jewelry (bracelets)

N to Z-- novelty pencils, coloring books, match box cars, coupons for free ice cream or French fries (McDonald's), folders with Disney characters, Super Heroes)

**Keep in mind that these items are rewards for good behavior. Try to find items that are special or fancier than the day to day supplies they may already have. **

