

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## President's Message



*Dear Ladies,*

*I can't believe how this year has flown right by. February is here and there is so much more that needs to be accomplished. The Nominating Committee has presented an exciting slate of officers, Research and Development has proposed two amazing project proposals, the Spring Benefit is starting to be planned for April, and Marketing and Recruitment has planned the New Members Tea at the Rosetta Stone on April 24th, 2008. Our ongoing done-in-a-day project with the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic's Woman to Woman House continues to be well supported by our members and greatly appreciated by the residents of the home.*

*February's General Membership Meeting at the Children's Museum of the Valley is also "Bring A Friend Night." If you know someone who would be a good addition to our Junior League, then invite them to the CMV where they can get a taste of what the JLY is all about. AJLI has researched why women join Junior Leagues. Most women responded to the question by saying, " my friend asked me to do so! " If you have a friend who can not make the meeting, then have them contact Barbara in the office for more information.*

*I would like to tell everyone to keep up the good work and that I am truly grateful for all that you do! We are an amazing group of women!!*

*Sincerely,  
Lynee*

## Mission Statement

*The Junior League of Youngstown is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

### The Junior League of Youngstown

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Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
10:00am - 2:00pm

### JLY Executive Board 2007-2008

President.....Lynee Aiad-Toss  
President-elect.....Liz Nohra  
Vice President.....Julie Scarsella  
Recording Secretary.....Michele Grant  
Treasurer.....Raquel Pacheco

Actives = 39  
Sustainers = 233  
Provisionals = 9

*Briefly Speaking* is published once a month from September through June for members of the Junior League of Youngstown. The deadline for each edition is the first of the month. Information should be submitted via email with an attached file to the JLY office at [info@jlyoungstown.org](mailto:info@jlyoungstown.org) or via fax 330-743-3284.

**Briefly** Deadline:  
The first of every month!

**The Junior League of Youngstown  
2007-2008 Committees and Projects**

Sustainer Rep .....	Suzyn Schwebel Epstein
Marketing & Recruitment .....	Julie Scarsella Tee Berlin
Provisional .....	Amy Banks
Research & Development.....	Danielle Battafarano
Training & Education.....	Joanne Nohra Wagner Stephanie Blaski
Sustainer Rep .....	Connie Knecht
Fund Development	
Sustainer Rep .....	Sue Berny
Nominating.....	Leilani Drake
Placement.....	
Yearbook.....	Michele Grant
Mother/Daughter Brunch .....	Renee Battafarano
Active Liaison.....	Michelle Parella
Angel Ball .....	Joyce Mistovich Patti Edwards
Pink Ribbon Tea.....	Annette Camacci Sue Berny
Active Liason .....	Barbara Banks
Endowment Fund .....	JoAnn Stock Elinor Zedaker

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Done in a Day Project** — Members please remember to bring the following items:

**Last name A—M ... Beauty products:** Small sizes of body lotion, shower gel, shampoo that can go into small gift bags when the women arrive at the boarding house.

**Last Name N—Z ... Craft supplies:** Card making, scrap book supplies. The Provisionals will collect these items to benefit the Neil Kennedy Center at the January 15th Neighborhood meetings. Thank you.

**WOMAN TO WOMAN CENTER MENTORING DATES & TOPICS:**  
All JLY members are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Danielle Battafarano: [battafaranod@aol.com](mailto:battafaranod@aol.com)

**Directions:** If you are coming from downtown the easiest way to get to the Clinic is to come straight up South Ave. At the traffic light after the Freeway you would turn right, the name of the Street is Emery. Go to the stop sign at the end of the street and turn right. You will be in our parking lot. I think it would be best to have the women park in our parking lot and walk up the steps to the house. We will have some greeters outside to direct the way.

**Weds., 3/12/08: Etiquette: Mingling 6:30pm-Program 7-8pm**

**Weds., 4/16/08: Dress for Success: Mingling 6:30pm-Program 7-8pm**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

For Month Ending October 31, 2007	
Beginning Cash	\$95,606.04
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Deposits	
Receipts	\$ 8,902.00
National City Bank	
<i>Oct 07 Interest</i>	\$ 12.85
Baird & Co.	\$ -
Community Foundation	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 8,914.85
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Program Expense:	\$ 553.92
Support Expense:	\$ 7,009.02
Project Expense:	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 7,562.94
Ending Cash October 31, 2007	
Baird & Co.	\$52,818.47
Community Foundation	\$17,893.69
National City Checking	\$26,195.79
Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Ending Cash October 31, 2007</b>	\$96,957.95

For Month Ending November 30, 2007	
Beginning Cash	\$96,957.95
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Deposits	
Receipts	\$ 5,608.40
National City Bank	
<i>Nov 07 Interest</i>	\$ 11.63
Baird & Co.	\$ -
Community Foundation	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 5,620.03
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Program Expense:	\$ 1,161.28
Support Expense:	\$ 6,472.04
Project Expense:	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 7,633.32
Ending Cash November 30, 2007	
Baird & Co.	\$52,818.47
Community Foundation	\$17,893.69
National City Checking	\$24,182.50
Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Ending Cash November 30, 2007</b>	\$94,944.66

## MINUTES

### Junior League of Youngstown

Junior League of Youngstown

JLY General Membership Meeting – Poland/Canfield/Boardman/Youngstown

Date: January 15, 2008

Time: 7:10 p.m. Place: **Poland**  
6:00 p.m. Place: **Canfield**  
7:15 p.m. Place: **Boardman**  
7:05 p.m. Place: **Youngstown**

Meetings Called to Order

The Neighborhood meetings were led by the following Executive Board Members:

**Poland** **Canfield**  
Lynee Aiad-Toss Raquel Pacheco

**Boardman** **Youngstown**  
Michele Grant Liz Nohra

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lynee Aiad-Toss

#### Birthdays

JLY January birthdays were acknowledged.

#### Update

Vice President Debra Warhol has medical issues that she needs to focus her full attention to at this time and submitted her leave of absence. She will resign at the end of the League year. In her absence, the Executive Committee will discuss plans for the Spring Benefit Event.

#### General Membership Meetings

Neighborhood meetings were held throughout the area and hosted by Sustainers: Tracy Prizant (Poland), Sue Brown (Canfield), Suzanne Fleming (Youngstown) and Joan Motheral (Boardman). The JLY Board and active members extend a warm "Thank you!" for hosting our meetings.

#### Community Advisor's Meeting

Suzyn Schwebel Epstein and Lynee Aiad-Toss will host the Community Advisor's scheduled at noon on January 22, 2008 at the JLY office. Lunch will be served. Members of the JLY Board are required to attend at least one Community Advisors meeting per year. RSVP to [info@jlyoungstown.org](mailto:info@jlyoungstown.org) no later than Tuesday, Jan. 17.

#### Angel Ball

Congratulations are extended to the 2007 JLY Angels and Honorees who attended the Angel Ball held on Saturday, December 29 at Stambaugh Hall. Congratulations are extended to Joyce Mistovich (Chair), Patty Edwards (Co-Chair) and their committee for a successful event.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Michele Grant

#### Year Books

The JLY Yearbooks were available at the neighborhood meetings and can be picked up at the JLY office.

### SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE – Suzyn Schwebel Epstein

#### Sustainer Ad-hoc Meetings

JLY Sustainers have been meeting since November to discuss various issues including membership retention and return. An interactive event for all JLY members is planned for May 3, 2008 at Barbara McCrudden's home.

Neighborhood Meetings for Sustainers throughout the year were also discussed along with strategies for involving Sustainers in procuring and inviting potential Provisional class members.

Committee will reconvene in February and throughout 2008. Contact Suzyn Schwebel Epstein (330) 759-7948 with comments or questions.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Leilani Drake

### 2008-2009 Slate of Officers

The Slate of Officers will be presented for vote at the February Board meeting. General Membership will vote on the slate in March.

The slate is:

President	Liz Nohra
President-Elect	Joanne Nohra Wagner
Vice-President	Danielle Batafarano
Treasurer	Robyn Gallitto
Nominating Chair	Lynee Aiad-Toss
Placement Chair	Amy Banks
Placement Committee	Joan Gallitto, Tee Berlin and Anna Aey

### IN-LEAGUE COMMUNICATION – Barbara Schuller (JLY Administrative Assistant)

#### Briefly

The deadline for the Briefly Speaking is the first of the month

### MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT - Julie Scarsella/Tee Berlin

#### Bring a Friend

The Children's Museum of the Valley will host the February General membership meeting on February 12. JLY Members are encouraged to bring a friend.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – Danielle Batafarano

#### Done in a Day Project – Neighborhood meetings

All Done- in-a-Day Project items collected tonight will benefit the Woman to Woman Project at the Neil Kennedy Center

#### Woman to Woman Center

All JLY members are encouraged to attend upcoming programs, which include: *Etiquette* to be held on 3/12/08 (social 6:30 p.m./program 7 – 8 p.m.) and *Dress for Success* to be held on 4/16/08 (social 6:30 p.m./program 7 -8 p.m.). For more information contact Danielle Batafarano: [batafaranod@aol.com](mailto:batafaranod@aol.com).

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION – Joanne Nohra Wagner/Stephanie Blaski

#### Neighborhood Meetings

The Training and Education Committee extends a warm "thank you" to the evening's hostesses.

#### February General Membership Meeting

Next month's General membership meeting will be held on February 12, 2008 at the Children's Museum of the Valley. Social will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Guest speaker will be Dr. Shayesteh who will address the topic of childhood obesity.

### PROVISIONALS – Amy Banks

#### Holiday Party

The Provisional Class held its class project, a holiday party for the women at the Neil Kennedy Center, in December. The Provisionals also served 85 meals at the St. John's Red Door Café Soup Kitchen. A "thank you" was extended to everyone who brought Done-in-a-Day project items to this evening's meeting.

### BYLAWS – Leilani Drake

A bylaw committee meeting will be held in January

Adjourned:

Time:	7:45 p.m.	7:05 p.m.
Place:	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Canfield</b>
	7:45 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
	<b>Boardman</b>	<b>Youngstown</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Place:	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Canfield</b>
	Melanie Koontz-Angiuli	Raquel Pacheco
	<b>Boardman</b>	<b>Youngstown</b>
	Michele Grant	Patty Edwards

**JLY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT 2008-2009**  
**PROJECT PROPOSAL #1**

**PROPOSAL:**

It is the recommendation of the Research & Development Committee of 2007-2008 that the Junior League of Youngstown partner with the Mahoning County W.I.C. Program which is part of the Mahoning - Youngstown Community Action Partnership (MYCAP) to expand the "Kids N The Kitchen" day long program. Partnering with W.I.C. will help narrow the League's target audience and give the League a start to expand upon the program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The "Kids N The Kitchen" program began in 2006 and engages kids in the preparation of healthy meals and educates them plus their families regarding nutrition and health choices. Junior Leagues in more than 255 locations provide lessons and demonstrations related to preparation of healthy meals and snacks in partnership with local community organizations, chefs and nutritionists.

"The goal of the Junior Leagues' "Kids N the Kitchen" initiative, which is supported by The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. and its member leagues, is to empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and help reverse the growth of childhood obesity and its associated health issues."

**JUNIOR LEAGUE YOUNGSTOWN INVOLVEMENT:**

- Help plan day-long event: All these would be broken down into sub-committees; Research & Development Committee would chair each of these sub-committees & report back to the Research & Development Chair.
  - Solicit chefs, nutritionists & other community organizations to donate their time for the event
  - Logistics for set-up of participates (pick venue)
  - Coordinate target audience with W.I.C. Program
- **Event Budget:** Over 50% of the Leagues that participate have a \$500 or less

**BENEFITS FOR INVOLVEMENT:**

- The goal of both programs is the same; to help youth live a healthy lifestyle.
- Already have done this program on a smaller scale.

**JLY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT 2008-2009**  
**PROJECT PROPOSAL #2**

**PROPOSAL:**

It is the recommendation of the Research & Development Committee of 2007-2008 that The Junior League of Youngstown partner with Judge Theresa Dellick/Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center to establish a "Teen Court."

**BACKGROUND:**

Also known as youth or peer courts, an alternative to juvenile justices and are considered a primary diversion option for young of-

fenders in the juvenile justice system. Offers a venue to which nonviolent and usually first time juvenile offenders are sentenced by their peers.

In 1994 there were 78 youth or teen courts operating. As of August 2002 over 900 youth court programs were operating in 46 states and the District Of Columbia. The teen court concept is generally used for younger juveniles (ages 10 to 15) those with no prior arrest records. Those charged with less serious law violations such as; shoplifting, vandalism and disorderly conduct.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF YOUNGSTOWN INVOLVEMENT:**

- Help with recruiting teens to serve on jury that are at least 16 years old (Youth Leadership Mahoning Valley, Service Clubs & National Honor Societies within school system)
- Assist with the strategic plan-timeline, how many times per month court will meet, number of service hours teens will be provided, budget (help with writing grants if need be) NOTE: Research & Development Committee along with JLY President will come up with
- Help with JJC Records office coordinate notices & send notices out, make sure everyone involved such as teen jury, magistrate or judge are notified as well of date of teen court & commit to being there the night of the court (All members of JLY will have to help the night of teen court once it's up & running; looking at Oct. of 2008)
- Representative from JLY attend Teen Court Association Meetings at least annually; travel expenses will be included in the budget.
- Assist in the hiring of a permanent Program Coordinator (Case Manager) when the time comes

**BUDGET:** Max. \$50,000 but start up will be a lot less. As of now, Judge Dellick's JJC has the funding to start Teen Court. JLY will have to come up with initial budget for such things as Paper, Envelopes, Postage, Copies, Program Coordinator, Docking and Security which is all included in the Max. amount which Judge Dellick will take care of the money. NOTE: Lynee Aiad-Toss agreed to act as Project Coordinator (Case Manager) to start the project up in running so initial budget will not include the expense of a project coordinator/case manager.

**BENEFIT FOR INVOLVEMENT:** Make Mahoning Valley history and set a precedent for Trumbull and Columbiana counties.



# FEBRUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Executive Board 6:00p.m. ----- Joint Board 7:00p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 BRING A FRIEND to General Membership Meeting at Children's Museum 6:30p.m. Social; 7:00p.m. Meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Deadline for membership status	

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Anna Aey	1-Feb	Linda Russell	17-Feb
Dorothy Blomstrom	1-Feb	Joanne Jordan	18-Feb
Jeanie Lou Fowler	6-Feb	Florence Shaffer	18-Feb
Gretchen Backus	8-Feb	Katherine Ricciuti	20-Feb
Louise Tallman	8-Feb	Edith Davidson	21-Feb
Kimberly Amendolara	9-Feb	Carolyn Stoneburner	21-Feb
Debbie Becherer	9-Feb	Carolynn Dietz	22-Feb
Kathy Myers	9-Feb	Frances Into	25-Feb
Evana Delon	10-Feb	Cathy Kajut	25-Feb
Susanne Blewitt	12-Feb	Dee Rich	25-Feb
JoAnn Creed	14-Feb	Martha Bushey	29-Feb

If we missed your February Birthday,  
Please call the Junior League office 330-743-3200.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

February's General Membership Meeting will take place at the Children's Museum of the Valley. The social will begin at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. This month, the league welcomes Dr. Shayesteh as our guest speaker. He will speak to us about the growing problem of childhood obesity in our society.

February is also "Bring a Friend Night."

## MEMBER NEWS



Our sympathy to Lynee Aiad-Toss. Her uncle,  
John Zagotti, died on January 8, 2008.

Please notify the League office,  
[info@jlyoungstown.org](mailto:info@jlyoungstown.org) of any significant  
events in the lives of our members.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

Feb. 12, 2008	The Children's Museum — "Bring a Friend" 139 E. Boardman St, Youngstown, OH Phone: 330.744.5914
Mar. 11, 2008	The Youngstown Club
Apr 8, 2008	Butler North Speaker: Dr. Lou Zona
May 13, 2008	Squaw Creek Country Club (Annual Dinner)

**A thank you note from Candy at Neil Kennedy for the items the league collected with the January "Done in a Day" (it was sponsored by the Provisional class).**

*Hi Susan,  
I was off for a few days only to return to work and find the wonderful donations from the Junior League. All of us here at NKRC are just thrilled and deeply grateful... It was like Christmas all over again. Thanks you so very much. The donations are perfect and will go a long way to providing needed supplies to our women. You guys are great!  
Sincerely,  
Candy*

**The Provisional class working at the St John's Red Door Cafe Soup Kitchen on January 13th.**



Tara Mady, Melissa D'Apolito, Amy Banks (Provisional Chair), Jennifer Roller, Anissa Modarelli, Katie Ensley (Provisional Committee), Shellie Sabel, Michele Merkel, Helene Sinnreich, Liz Skeels



**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF YOUNGSTOWN**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**February 12, 2008**

**“Bring a Friend” to the  
Children’s Museum**

**FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

**Deadline to change  
membership status  
(Active to Preferred  
Active or Sustainer)**

**March 15, 2008**

**Dues Notices Mailed**