

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## President's Message



Dear JLY members,

As usual, this past month has been very busy for the Junior League of Youngstown. Our members have been selling their Passport to Prizes raffle books. Some of our Provisional and Active members helped out by volunteering at the Children's Museum of the Valley during the Halloween Spooktacular event and the Pink Ribbon Tea was well attended.

In November, we will be drawing the lucky winners of the seven prize packages that are being raffled off in our Passport to Prizes booklets. Good luck to everyone!

The other event that will be taking place in November is the Mother and Daughter Brunch. This event will be quite exciting because the Angels and the Male Honorees that are being honored at the Angel Ball will be announced.

I am truly impressed by the time, effort and hard work that our members are putting into the Junior League of Youngstown. You have helped out by participating in our current fundraiser, volunteering out in the community or helping out on the League's current project at the Women to Women Center. Still, I had some members of the JLY ask what can we do to further our mission and make the Junior League of Youngstown a better organization.

While there are many ways in which our members can make a real difference, here are a few suggestions:

**Recruit new members.** More volunteers will allow us to deploy more womenpower into the community, and new volunteers also bring new ideas, energy and financial resources to the Junior League of Youngstown.

**Make sure your idea's are heard.** Board members and committee chairs are always interested in new ideas, so please speak up if you have an idea for making this a better organization.

**Volunteer for leadership positions.** We are always looking for our active members to serve as committee chairs and be elected to positions on the executive board. We also love to see the Sustainer's who get involved on sustainer committees and serve on committees as sustainer representatives.

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## 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.*

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### JLY Executive Board 2007-2008

President.....Lynce Aiad-Toss  
President-elect.....Liz Nohra  
Vice President.....Debra Warhol  
Recording Secretary.....Michele Grant  
Treasurer.....Raquel Pacheco

Actives = 39  
Sustainers = 233  
Provisionals = 11

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

# MINUTES

## Junior League of Youngstown

Date: October 9, 2007 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Youngstown Public Library

Present:

34 Members in Attendance

Meeting Called to Order By: Lynee Aiad-Toss

Introduction of Speaker: J. Nohra Wagner

Speaker : Michele Jones (JLY Preferred Active) of The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley

Presentation: DSAV (The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley) provides resources, support and advocacy to families with DS who live in North-east Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. DSAV was established by Michele Jones (JLY Preferred Active) in the summer of 2007. Membership includes over 60 families beginning at two months old to 63 years in age. More information about DSAV can be found on their web site: [www.dsav.org](http://www.dsav.org).

Business Meeting: Approval of Minutes

President's Report: Lynee Aiad-Toss

### Meeting Desserts

Desserts for the meeting were provided by: Diane Armbrrecht, Nancy Beeghly, Annette Camacci, Patty Culcasi, Mary Johnson, Ingrid Lundquist, Rose Memo, Suzyn Schwebel Epstein and Marilyn Wagmiller. Each Sustainer gave a brief report on their most rewarding activity while in the League. The Sustainers were thanked and their generous efforts were very much appreciated.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes were extended to JLY members born in October.

### Births

Congratulations were extended to Katie Ensley on the birth of her son.

### Kids in the Kitchen

League will not be taking part in *Kids in the Kitchen* this year. The project will turned over to Research and Development.

D. Walhol was thanked for her efforts with Passport to Prizes. All members were encouraged to support the event and turn in money to the JLY office.

President-Elect Report: Liz Nohra — No Report.

Community Vice President Report: Debra Warhol—No Report

Secretary Report: Michele Grant

Photos still needed of individual Provisionals for the JLY Yearbook.

Treasurer's Report: Raquel Pacheco

Financial Statements were reviewed for months ending June, July and August. Financial were accepted as submitted.

Sustainer Rep Report: Suzyn Schwebel Epstein

Sustainers were thanked for their desserts and contributions to the meeting.

Passport to Prizes: Debra Warhol

D. Warhol thanked the League for selling Passports. Anna Aye is currently top seller.

Pink Ribbon Tea: Barbara Banks and Annette Camacci

Pink Ribbon Tea was a great success. At least 300 people attended. Invitation process was explained: Invitations are printed by JLY and are distributed to regional hospitals and groups. JLY never sees a mailing list unless someone contacts the League office and requests an invitation.

JoAnn Stock was congratulated for doing a great job on PR.

Angel Ball Report: Paula Jackovich

Angel Ball will take place on Saturday, December 29, 2007. Names of Angels and Honorees were reported in the October Briefly.

Marketing and Recruitment Report: No Report.

Provisional Committee Report: Amy Banks

Provisional class will begin final project.

Research and Development Report: Danielle Battafarano

Mentoring programs were presented: 10/10/07 *Nutrition*, 11/07/07 *Parenting*, 3/12/08 *Etiquette* and 4/16/08 *Dress for Success*. Members were encouraged to attend.

Training and Education Report: Stephanie Blaski

Sustainers were thanked for their lovely desserts. The November G.M. meeting will be held at the Warren Municipal Building. The next Briefly will list address and directions. Liz Nohra will assist with car pooling.

### NEW BUSINESS

Everyone was reminded of the Briefly deadlines (the first of each month) Ads for Briefly are \$25 per issue. Anyone with an Ad should contact B. Schuller at the office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

### President's Message...*continued*

**Increase the impact of your committee.** Although organizational changes can be quite challenging and take a long time to implement, you can develop quickly and implement changes at the committee level that make a real difference. For example, the Research and Development Committee has been finding ways in which League members can be mentors or volunteer at the Women to Women Center. The committee also asked community leaders to address the clients in the Women to Women Center on certain topics. The league members were also asked to participate in Done in A Day Projects that were needed at the center.

**Support the JLY fundraisers.** Selling our Passport to Prizes raffle booklets gets the JLY name out in the community. Attending our Spring Benefit will be a chance to have fun, meet new people and possibly recruit new members to the League. These events are an important source of income for the Junior League of Youngstown so that we can provide funding for future League projects.

**Let us know if you have contacts.** There are many ways in which other companies, non profits and people could work with us to improve our community. For example, we are always looking for new community partners and fundraising event sponsors and we are always open to new possible projects.

**Be an ambassador for the JLY.** Another way to help the Junior League of Youngstown out is by getting the word out about all of the wonderful projects that the League has accomplished in the past almost 80 years of service to the community. Although the JLY has good name recognition in the community, many people have no or little idea how much community service we do.

None of these ideas are novel and you are probably already doing some or most of them. But, imagine the cumulative impact that we could have on the the JLY and our community if each of us does some of the foregoing. The sky's the limit!!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynee Aiad-Toss

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending August 31, 2007

Beginning Cash \$ 96,453.95

**Receipts:** Deposits Receipts \$ 1,676.04

National City Bank *August 07 Interest* \$ 12.66

Baird & Co \$ -

Community Foundation \$ -

**Total Receipts** \$ **1,688.70**

**Expenses:**

Program Expense:

*Telephone (50%)* \$ 72.15

*Provisional* \$ 40.00

*Payroll Taxes (50%)* \$ 350.71

*Sales Tax - Cookbook* \$ 7.20

*Sales Tax - Calendar* \$ 309.44

*Salary (50%)* \$ 334.48

\$ **1,113.98**

Support Expense:

*Telephone (50%)* \$ 72.14

*Board Expense* \$ 91.44

*Rent* \$ 450.00

*Payroll Taxes (50%)* \$ 350.69

*Salary (50%)* \$ 334.47

*Youngstown Club* \$ 50.00

\$ **1,348.74**

Project Expense: *Pink Ribbon Tea* \$ 328.59

**Total Expenses:** \$ **2,791.31**

Baird & Co. \$ 52,244.23

Community Foundation \$ 17,406.75

National City Checking \$ 25,650.36

Petty Cash \$ 50.00

Total Ending Cash August 31, 2007 \$ **95,351.34**

**Pink Ribbon Tea**

**October 1, 2007**





## 2007 ANGEL BALL



**Alexa Lee Arndt**

Is the daughter of Ms. Lisa Lee Kohler and Mr. James Arndt. She will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. Alexa's interests include dance at Center Stage Dance Academy, speech team, choral program, student government and travel.



**Adrianna Carmen Ciotola**

Is the daughter of Bob and Joanne Ciotola. She will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. Adrianna's interest include cheer leading Canfield Varsity football and tennis.



**Joy Lynne Mistovich**

Is the daughter of Ron and Joyce Mistovich. She will graduate from Boardman High School in 2008. Joy's interests include reading, traveling, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, violinist in the Boardman High School Orchestra and St. Charles Youth Chamber Orchestra and columnist for the school newspaper.



**John William Stefanski**

Is the son of Kim and Paula Stefanski. He will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. John's interest includes swimming.

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**Marcus Kale Suffolk**

Is the son of Ted and Debra Suffolk. He will graduate from Canfield High School in 2008. Marcus's interests include varsity swim team, football team and tennis team.



**Anne Meredith Beauch**

Is the daughter of Timothy and Molly Beauch. She will graduate from Massillon Jackson High School in 2008. Anne's interest include varsity tennis, varsity lacrosse, skiing, reading, shopping and friends.



**James Steven Hunter**

Is the son of Timothy and Stephanie Hunter. He will graduate from Canfield High School in 2008. James's interests include Varsity Swim Team, National Honor Society Officer, and Class Officer.



**Mark Briton Motheral**

Is the son of Thomas and Joan Motheral. He is also the grandson of the late Virginia Walton Motheral. He will graduate from Boardman High School in 2008. Mark's interest include debate, tennis, Medical Careers Club, Latin Club, Science Club and Model UN.



**Elena Christine Svenson**

Is the daughter of Eric and Marcelle Svenson. She will graduate from Boardman High School in 2009. Elena's interests include debate, sailing, orchestra, Youngstown Youth Symphony, Key Club, Student Council, and Beatitude House volunteer.



**Bailey Ann Bennett**

Is the daughter of David and Ellen Bennett. She will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. Bailey's interests include Canfield High School Drama Club, One Octave Higher Ensemble, Key Club, Canfield Swim Team, Canfield Methodist Youth Council and Youth Group.



**Joy Olivia Jakubek**

Is the daughter of John and Paula Jakubek. She will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. Joy's interests include dancing 11 years at Jamie's Dance Force, and volunteering for Easter Seals and Angels for Animals.



**Patrick Joseph Sankovic**

Is the son of Danny and Carol Sankovic. He will graduate from Canfield High School in 2008. Patrick's interests include football, tennis, skiing and corn hole.



**Weston Robert Wagner**

Is the son of David and Tammy Wagner. He will graduate from Poland Seminary High School in 2009. Weston's interests include football, basketball, baseball, tennis, fishing and golf.



**Bradley James Bennett**

Is the son of Stephen and Cindy Bennett. He is also the grandson of JoAnn Griffith Olson. He will graduate from Canfield High School in 2009. Bradley's interest include Key Club, football and tennis.



**Morgan Isabel McCarty**

Is the daughter of Justin and Tracy McCarty. She is also the granddaughter of the late Samantha Todd Stainer. She will graduate from Cardinal Mooney High School in 2008. Morgan's interests include swimming, tennis, snow boarding, and spending time with friends and family.

*Picture Not Available*

**Katelyn Chatterton Stanier**

Is the daughter of Todd and Anne Stanier. She is also the granddaughter of the late Samantha Todd Stanier. She attends Stamford University and majors in International Finance. Katelyn's interests include Student Government Commentary at Stamford baseball games, volunteers for youth shelter, and plays collegiate golf.

*Picture Not Available*

**Caroline Morris Watson**

Is the daughter of William and Melissa Watson. She is also the granddaughter of Nancy Morris. She will graduate from Poland Seminary High School in 2008. Caroline's interests include swimming, traveling, life guarding and touring college campuses.



# November 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Election Day ----- Executive Board Meeting at 6pm ----- Joint Board Meeting at 7pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		General Membership Meeting at Warren Municipal Justice bldg— 6:30pm Social; 7pm meeting ----- 2007-2008 Yearbooks will be available for pickup at meeting.				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						<b>10am</b> Mother/Daughter Luncheon at the Youngstown Club
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## MEMBER NEWS

### November Birthdays

Suzanne Ray	1-Nov	Pat Butto	16-Nov
Joyce Mistovich	1-Nov	Carol Johnson	17-Nov
Michele Grant	2-Nov	Pamela Limbert	18-Nov
Cindy Bennett	4-Nov	Joan Motheral	19-Nov
Sandra Frost	4-Nov	Becky Olmi	23-Nov
Connie Rumberg	5-Nov	Sharyn Dunlap	23-Nov
Melinda Knight	10-Nov	Suzyn Schwebel-Epstein	24-Nov
Mary Wexler	12-Nov	Shirley Smith	25-Nov
Ruth Ann Miller	14-Nov	Karin Swegan	27-Nov
Rosalyn Gault	14-Nov	Rosalyn Miller	27-Nov
Sharman Simon	15-Nov	Judy Deibel	28-Nov
Deborah Liptak	15-Nov		



*Our sympathy to Sue Perry. Her Mother, Pearl Margaret Carlson, passed away July 10, 2007.*

*Our sympathy to Joan Gallitto on the loss of her brother, Richard Mesec, from Chesterland, OH who passed away on May 8, 2007.*

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

*Please notify the League office, [info@jyoungstown.org](mailto:info@jyoungstown.org) of any significant events in*

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

<b>Tues., Nov. 13</b>	Warren Municipal Justice Bldg. 141 South Street SE Warren, OH 44483 (Pine Ave SE & South St SE) 330-841-2549
<b>Jan. 15, 2008</b>	TBA
<b>Feb. 12, 2008</b>	The Children's Museum
<b>Mar. 11, 2008</b>	The Youngstown Club
<b>Apr 8, 2008</b>	Butler North Speaker: Dr. Lou Zona
<b>May 13, 2008</b>	Squaw Creek Country Club (Annual Dinner)

Correction from October 2007 Briefly Speaking: April 8, 2008 General membership meeting will NOT be held at the Youngstown Playhouse. See new schedule on left.

**Mayor Michael O'Brien of Warren is our guest speaker this month for our General Membership meeting. Mayor O'Brien is serving in his first term as Mayor. He has also served as a Warren Councilman and Trumbull County Commissioner. Mayor O'Brien is a graduate of Warren JFK High School and Youngstown State University. He is a lifelong resident of Warren and the Mahoning Valley.**

*Please note that it is Mayor O'Brien. NOT Mayor Williams. We meet w/him in April.*

#### Directions and Information for traveling to Warren:

Anyone interested in meeting to carpool/caravan to Warren can call Elizabeth Nohra at 330-503-5154. She is willing to meet anyone interested in following her to Warren at the Commerce Building at 6:00.

Directions to the Warren Municipal City Building: Take Route 422 (Youngstown-Warren Road) past the Eastwood Mall and come into the city of Warren. About six miles down from the mall, the Warren Municipal City Building will be on the right hand side of the street. It is on the corner of South Park Avenue and South Street (i.e. 422 in Warren).



**2007-2008 Yearbooks** will be available at the **November 13, 2007 General membership meeting**. Please call Barbara at the Junior League office 330-743-3200 to make arrangements to have them picked up if you can not attend the meeting.



**PROVISIONALS 2007-2008**

Bottom row (left to right): Helene Sinnreich, Susan Stewart, Liz Skeels.  
 Row two: Melissa D'Apolito, Shellie Sabel  
 Row three: Jennifer Roller, Tara Mady  
 Top row: Michele Merkel  
 Missing from this photo is: Lisa Mastoris, Anissa Modarelli and Casey Morgan.

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**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Michele Merkel  
 Hometown: Hubbard, Ohio. Currently live in Howland  
 Family: Husband – Eric, Daughter- Erica, son Ian, Dog- Murray  
 Occupation: President Junior Achievement, non-profit  
 Hobbies: planting flowers and cooking  
 JLY sponsor: Patti Edwards  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “Community involvement”  
 Email address: jamvmichele@onecom.com

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**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Jennifer Roller  
 Hometown: Youngstown  
 Family: Husband- Jason, son- Trey, daughter- Kendall  
 Occupation: Director, Upward Bound & SCOPE @ YSU  
 Hobbies: running, sewing  
 JLY sponsor: Melanie Koontz  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “Melanie spoke very highly of her experience and the League has a great reputation. Something I’d like to be a part of and contribute to.”  
 Email address: jeroller@ysu.edu

**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Shellie Sabel  
 Hometown: Boardman, Ohio  
 Family: Sister- Katie, Mom- Patty, Dad- Tom and Dog- Riley Renee  
 Occupation: Development Associate, Catholic Charities  
 Hobbies: Reading, walking, listening to music, spending time with friends and family  
 JLY sponsor: Katie Ensley  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “To learn about the area nonprofits, meet new people, and explore what Youngstown has to offer”  
 Email address: shelliesab@yahoo.com

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**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Helene Sinnreich  
 Hometown: North Brunswick, NJ  
 Family: parents and siblings  
 Occupation: Professor  
 Hobbies: travel, skiing, flea marketing, reading and writing  
 JLY sponsor: Suzyn Schwebel- Epstein  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “New to town”  
 Email address: hjsinnreich@ysu.edu

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**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Liz Skeels  
 Hometown: Akron  
 Family: Husband- Wes, Daughters Audra and Ashlee  
 Occupation: stylist  
 Hobbies: golf, reading  
 JLY sponsor: Judge Dellick  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “To give to the community and meet people”  
 Email address: wlskeels@sbcglobal.net

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**“Getting to Know You”**  
 2-minute interview

Name: Susan Stewart  
 Hometown: Bedford, Va.  
 Family: Husband- Bob, cat - Chrissy  
 Occupation: Healthcare marketing and public relations  
 Hobbies: reading, traveling, scuba diving  
 JLY sponsor: Suzanne Fleming  
 What brings you to the Junior League of Youngstown?  
 “The opportunity to meet women in the community and to be more involved with the community”




*An Elegant  
Junior League Tradition  
Mother-Daughter Brunch*

*Saturday, the twenty fourth day of November  
Two Thousand and Seven  
Ten o'clock in the morning  
The Youngstown Club  
201 East Commerce Street*

*Celebrate with family and friends as we  
introduce the Angels and their Mothers*

*Photos to remember the day  
Calendars and cookbooks available*

*Please join us as we begin our  
Holiday Season together*



## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Done in a Day items for Women to Women Center for all JLY General meetings is as follows: Books and other reading materials, board games, craft supplies such as yarn, paint, glue, glitter, colored markers, etc. and toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene supplies.

### **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., 10/10/07: Nutrition: Mingling 6:30pm-Program 7-8pm

Weds., 11/7/07: Parenting: Mingling 6:30pm-Program 7-8pm

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

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

## **Pink Ribbon Tea October 1, 2007**





Please consider making the Angel Ball part of your holiday plans. It will be Saturday evening, December 29th at the Stambaugh Hall. David Armstrong is catering a wonderful menu. Invitations will be issued to all members.

One of our most enjoyable traditions is the Angel Ball. It is both a celebration of our support for each other and the supporting role our families provide. Although the centerpiece of the program is the introduction of our sons and daughters, this elegant evening provides the social occasion where Actives and Sustainers can come together. Our organization is arguably the most deeply rooted organization in this community and our continuity of sustainer involvement and support both results from and enhances the effectiveness of our efforts. We are appealing equally to both actives and sustainers to take this opportunity to stay in touch with each other and maintain that very important sense of continuity that has been such an important strength of this organization.

In recent years the Angel Ball has been sparsely attended by anyone other than the families presenting children. We lose a sense of continuity and tradition as a result, which then negatively affects many other aspects of our effectiveness. We can't all go to every ball, but now that it is a biannual event, most of us could do better. Bring guests. Bring adult children, especially daughters and granddaughters who may join the League someday. If you are thinking of sponsoring a new member, this is a wonderful way of introducing the League. Come especially if you have a daughter or son who may soon be participating as an Angel or Honoree; it is nice to have a preview.

The Angel Ball has endured through every decade as one of the most memorable family occasions for participants and parents because it celebrates our pride in our families and our support for each other. We hope to see you on the 29th.

**The 2007 Angel Ball Committee**

**Dear Ladies,**

**Thank you for helping us to make the 2007 Halloween "Spooktacular" a smashing success. Just as last year, your expertise in event management and grace under pressure shined through to all of us at the Children's Museum as well as the 1,500 people who came through our doors! Thank you again for all you do for the Children's Museum!!!**

**Sincerely,**

**Liz Nohra, the Staff and Board of the Children's Museum**

**Think ahead for your Holiday gifts!!**

**We SHIP! \$2.50 per book**

**COOKBOOKS**

**Members = \$15.98 ea (includes tax) \$10.00 ea (includes tax)**

**Non-Members = \$21.30 ea (includes tax)**

**NOTE CARDS**





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Youngstown, OH 44503

*Women building better communities*

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, November 24**  
**Mother/Daughter Luncheon**  
**The Youngstown Club**

**Saturday, December 29**  
**Angel Ball**  
**Stambaugh Auditorium**

**Pink Ribbon Tea**



**October 1, 2007**

