

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING



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## President's Message



First off, I would like to welcome everyone back! I hope that everyone had a fun, relaxing and enjoyable summer. As always, the summer flew by very quick! I hope that everyone has some of that summer energy left to use toward a new League year. I have been very impressed and inspired by the enthusiastic work of our new committee chairman. They have been hard at work this summer laying out the groundwork for this years upcoming events.

The Junior League of Youngstown's Provisional class mural, "Here in Youngstown" was unveiled this past July, in the Bliss Hall gallery on the Youngstown State University campus during the Summer Festival of the Arts. This was a great collaborative effort with the Junior League of Youngstown, Bob Barko, 24 area high school students, local business and organizational sponsors. If you have not seen this amazing piece of artwork, Bob Barko has plans to display this mural at the Canfield Fair and the Octoberfest in Boardman Park this coming October.

The Sustainer's Garden Party was held at the home of Phyllis Ricchutti and was very well attended. I would like to thank Phyllis for planning a beautiful event. The new Provisionals had a chance to meet some of our Sustainers. I am very excited because some of these Sustainers have volunteered to be mentors for our new Provisionals.

This fall, Passport to Prizes raffle books will be the start of the first fundraiser of the League year. The Passport committee has been working very hard on this years campaign which will get underway at the September General membership meeting. Members started selling their passports at the beginning of September when they were delivered to their houses. The committee solicited ten fabulous prize packages that should make these booklets a quick sell. The books are \$10.00 each. We need every members support of this fundraiser that will guarantee the Junior League's tradition of making a powerful statement in our community.

September is the start of a new project for the upcoming League year. The Junior League of Youngstown has partnered with the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic on the Women to Women House. Our members will have the opportunity to make their marks on these women who need our help by offering them one hour of mentoring programs. The various programs that will be discussed in this months Briefly.

I am very excited to be working with a talented and amazing group of women! The Junior League has so much to offer, not only to the community but also to women in the League. I challenge each and everyone of you to take advantage of these opportunities that are offered by the League. Just remember, what you put into the League is what you get out of it!

Fondly,  
Lynee Aiad-Toss

## 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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### JLY Executive Board

2007-2008

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

Actives = 39

Sustainers = 233

Provisionals = 10

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

## Welcome New Community Advisors

We would like to extend a welcome and thank you to two new JLY Community Advisors. Their term will begin this League year and will extend through May 2010 (3 years). This is a tremendous commitment from our community members so if you see them during the course of the year, be sure to extend them a warm welcome and thank you.

Dr. Phil Ginnetti, Dean of Beeghly College of Education, holds a Ph. D. in Education and has a special interest in literacy issues. He currently serves on the boards of The Rich Center of Autism, Children's Museum of the Valley and the Struthers Schools Foundation.

Mr. John Chahine, Wealth Management Advisor for Merrill Lynch, holds a BSBA from Youngstown State University. He resides in Canfield with his wife and 3 children.

Thank you to both of our new advisors.

Next Community Advisors meeting is Sept. 18th at noon at the Junior League of Youngstown's office.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 11, 2007	The Youngstown Club
Tuesday, October, 9, 2007	TBA
November 13, 2007	Warren Municipal Justice Bldg.
January 15, 2008	Neighborhood Meetings (more info to follow)
February 12, 2008	The Children's Museum of the Valley
March 11, 2008	The Youngstown Club
April 8, 2008	The Youngstown Playhouse
May 13, 2008	Squaw Creek Country Club (Annual Dinner)

# SUSTAINER GARDEN PARTY IS A SUMMER ‘SUCCESS STORY’!!

Phyllis Ricchiuti graciously opened her home, once again, to host the Sustainers’ Garden Party on Thursday evening, August 30th. This season, the JLY set a precedent: that of inviting the new Provisional Class members to the event! The Provisionals were able to meet the Sustainers and learn of how League functioned some years in the past. This afforded an opportunity for Provisionals and Sustainers alike, to put names to faces and have some personal interaction within the two distinct levels of membership.

Sustainer Representative, Suzyn Schwebel Epstein, welcomed everyone and introduced the present Provisional members. She invited Sustainers to consider becoming Mentors to not only Provisionals, but Active members as well. Suzyn then introduced President Lynee Aiad-Toss, President-elect, Elizabeth (“Liz”) Nohra and Provisional Chair, Amy Banks to the members. President Lynee Aiad-Toss informed those in attendance about the League’s vision and plans for the new season.

From our President’s report, there promises to be much activity within the Community and the League. Currently, the League is focused on Community projects such as women who are being treated for substance abuse at the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic. The JLY mural, last year’s Provisional Project, is being publicly displayed within the Mahoning Valley and serves as a good “marketing tool”.

Sustainer Representative Suzyn Schwebel Epstein then asked Annette Camacci to speak about the Sustainers’ Breast Cancer Survivors’ Tea, Renee Battafarano, who is hosting the Mother-Daughter Brunch in November, Joyce Mistovich, and Ingrid Lundquist who addressed Angel Ball, which will be held in December 2007.

All members at the party were reminded of the importance of contributions to the Sustainers’ Special Committee: the Endowment Fund, and its purpose. Sustainer Suzyn Schwebel Epstein wanted to remind Sustainers that they are needed to provide desserts at the General membership meeting. Contact Suzyn 330.759.7948 or the League office if you can bring a dessert.

The food and camaraderie that night was a sight to behold and the evening was ‘savored’ by all! Keep reading the Briefly Speaking for more Sustainer “news” in the months ahead!!

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## SAVE THE DATE



### Angel Ball

Saturday  
December 29, 2007

Stambaugh  
Auditorium

*Potential angels and honorees have received information via mail. If your daughter/  
granddaughter/son/grandson has not received information and is eligible to partici-  
pate,*

*please contact  
Joyce Mistovich*

**330-758-3539**



**STREETSCAPE – May 2007**

## JLY Mural of Youngstown Update



What started as a vision from the provisional class of 2006/2007 evolved into a vision for the whole Junior League of Youngstown. The unveiling of the “Past, Present and Future of Youngstown” took place at the Youngstown State University’s Arts Festival, Saturday, July 7, 2007 @ noon. Channel 21 was there to cover the unveiling and interviewed Lynee Aiad-Toss, myself as well as the master mind behind the mural, Bob Barko, Jr. The Junior League of Youngstown has granted Bob Barko, Jr. custody of the mural meaning he will house the mural as well as handle scheduling for the mural to be shown at various events. Bob has graciously agreed to promote The Junior League of Youngstown along with his business, Steel Town Studios at these events. This is another way The Junior League of Youngstown is reminding the valley of what we stand for that is reflected in our mission, volunteerism, children, and education.

Danielle Battafarano  
Provisional Class 2006/2007 Member

# Pink Ribbon Tea

*Plans are well under way for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual PINK RIBBON TEA, which will take place at the Holiday Inn Metroplex on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our speaker this year is Christine Clifford Beckwith. Christine is the President of The Cancer Club®, an organization that specializes in marketing humorous and helpful products internationally to help people with cancer. She is the author of four best selling books. After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994, Christine recognized that laughter provided a necessary release from the tension and even promoted recovery. So she decided to do something about it!*

*If you haven't donated to "Sponsor a Survivor" to attend, it's not too late. You can complete this donation form and mail it along with your check to the League office by September 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Chinese Auction and Goodie Bag have become a very important part of the Tea. Our guests seem to really enjoy taking a chance on the beautiful gifts at the auction table and look forward to what might be in the goodie bag this year. On that note, if you would like to donate a basket or item for the Chinese Auction it would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have a company that would like to donate 300 pieces of a give-away item (i.e. pens, chip clips, samples), we would be happy to add them to the bags. Please contact Susan Berny, Annette Camacci, or Anna Marie Newman if you are interested.*

*Since this is a Junior League event, it is very important that we honor Junior League members who are breast cancer survivors. If you are a survivor or if your mother, sister, family member or friend is a survivor, please call Barb in the League office for an invitation. We would love to have you join us in this celebration of life.*

*There's still time...*

*Please consider sponsoring a survivor*

Name _____
_____ Sponsorship(s)    Amount Enclosed _____
I would like to make my sponsorship(s):
In Memory Of _____
In Celebration Of _____
I would like my honorees listed in the program at the Tea: ___ Yes ___ No
Please make check payable to the Junior League of Youngstown and mail to the League office. To be included in the program, we must receive your donation by September 10th. Thank you!

## NOMINATING/PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Ladies, the following list is your assigned Nominating/Placement Advisor who will be meeting with you for your one-on-one interviews at the end of September and October.

### AMY BANKS

Lynne Aiad-Toss  
Stephani Blaski  
Leilani Drake  
Paula Grenga  
Melanie Koontz  
Rae Lackner  
Carrie Velasquez

### VALORIE ZURAWICK

Allison Gatta  
Jackie Gordon  
Paula Jacubeck  
Michelle Jones  
Dorothy Kijowski  
Michelle Parella  
Marcie Patzak-Vendetti

### LEILANI DRAKE

Anna Aey  
Amy Banks  
Barbara Banks  
Tee Berlin  
Elizabeth Nohra  
Rachel Pacheco  
Judy Robinson  
Deb Warhol

The following is the 2007-2008 Junior League Committee list:

### President

Lynne Aiad-Toss

### President Elect

Liz Nohra

### Vice President

Deb Warhol

### Treasurer

Raquel Pacheco

### Assistant Treasurer

### Secretary

Michele Grant

### Nominating/

### Placement Chair

Leilani Drake

Amy Banks  
Julie Scarcella  
Valorie Zurawick  
Paula Jakubek

### Training & Education

Chair

Joanne Nohra Wagner

Co-Chair

Stephani Blaski  
Barbara Banks  
Carrie Velasquez - PA  
Marcie Patzak Vendetti

Sustainer Rep.

Connie Knecht

## Research & Development

Chair

Danielle Battafrano  
Deb Hartig  
Holly Bezon  
Jackie Gordon - PA

## Marketing & Recruitment

Chair

Julie Scarcella  
Tee Berlin  
Deb Hartig  
Catherine Campana  
Paula Grenga  
Kathy Ensley

Co-Chair

## Provisional

Chair

Amy Banks  
Allison Gatta  
Melanie Koontz  
Janet Detwiler

Sustainer Rep.

## Fund Development

Chair

Debra Warhol  
Stephanie Ouzounian  
Robyn Gallitto  
Joan Gallitto  
Susan Berny

Co-Chair

Sustainer Rep.

## In League Communication

### Yearbook

Chair

Michele Grant  
Dorothy Kijowski

## Race for the Cure/

### Survivor's Tea

Chairs

Annette Camacci  
Susan Berny  
Barbara Banks

Active Liason

## Mother-Daughter Brunch

Chair

Renee Battafarano  
Michelle Parella  
Joyce Mistovich  
Pattie Edwards

Active Liason

## Angel Ball

## Passport to Prizes

Chair

Deb Warhol  
Liz Nohra  
Joanne Nohra Wagner  
Anna Aey  
Julie Scarcella

## Spring Benefit/

### Fashion Show

Chair

Stephanie Ouzounian

Co-Chair

Judy Kata Robinson  
Rae Lackner  
Nina Claymen  
Stephanie Hunter  
Michelle Jones  
Rose Knight



# MINUTES

## Junior League of Youngstown

Junior League of Youngstown  
JLY Annual Dinner  
Date: May 8, 2007  
Time: 8:04 p.m.  
Place: The Youngstown Club

Meeting Called to Order By: JoAnn Stock

### **PRESIDENT: JOANN STOCK**

#### **Cookbook Basket**

A drawing was held for cookbook baskets. Winners were JoAnne Wagner and Julie Scarsella.

#### **Mini Grant Recipients**

Mini Grant Awards were presented by Julie Scarsella and the R&D Committee to Boys and Girls Club, Children's Museum of the Valley, D&E Counseling Center, Help Hotline, Hope House, Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance Twigs Program, SIDS Program, Turning Point Counseling Service, United Methodist Community Center, Upward Bound, and Youngstown Hearing and Speech.

#### **Minutes**

A motion was made by R. Pacheco to approve the minutes of the April General Membership Meeting. T Kinnick 2nd. Minutes were approved as written,

#### **Award**

The Volunteer Service Agency awarded JLY an award on April 16, 2007 in recognition of volunteer service

#### **Kids in the Kitchen and Jewels of the Valley**

JoAnn thanked all who participated for their work on the events. JLY received many publicity opportunities with these events that promoted the events as well as membership in JLY.

### **PRESIDENT ELECT: LYNEE AIAD-TOSS**

No report

### **COMMUNITY VP: DEBRA WARHOL**

#### **Kids in the Kitchen Update**

Event was at Children's Museum on April 28 and was successful. 17 volunteers from JLY as well as community sponsors participated.

#### **Advisors**

Only one community advisor will need to be replaced at the close of this year. They did a great job.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY: KIM BERRY**

#### **Perfect attendance**

Attendance awards were presented to Lynee Aiad-Toss, Amy Banks, Barbara Banks, Leilani Drake, Joan Gallitto, Debbie Groubert, Debbie Hartig, Raquel Pacheco, JoAnn Stock, Illa Willis, Val Zurawick, Stephanie Ouzounian, and Danielle Battafarano.

### **TREASURER: RAQUEL PACHECO**

#### **Financial Report**

Motion by R. Pacheco to accept the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2007. 2nd by K.Schuler. Report accepted as submitted.

### **BY LAWS: PAT GREENE**

#### **Vote**

Bylaws revision began one year ago. Absentee ballots sent out in March and vote of actives in attendance will be taken. Motion by PGreene to take vote of bylaw revision. T.Kinnick 2nd. Motion approved.

### **COOKBOOK: SHARON VELASQUEZ**

#### **Update**

Sold over 2000 copies. 3000 covers and combs left at the printer. Cookbook committee will be condensed in to Marketing committee next year. Sharon thanked the committee and wished Lisa Muehlenbein well on her move to South Carolina.

### **JEWELS OF THE VALLEY: REBECCA GERSON**

#### **Update**

Rebecca thanked all who attended. Event was successful and well received. Conservative figure will be about \$9000-10,000 profit. DVD made for the event was played.

### **PINK RIBBON TEA; SUE BERNY/ANNETTE CAMACCI**

#### **Update**

13th Annual Event will be October 1, 2007 at Holiday Inn Metroplex. Christine Clifford Beckwith will be the featured speaker. Any sustainers who would like to join committee contact Sue or Annette. Asking League members to sponsor survivors to the tea. Race for the Cure is September 15, 2007 in Cleveland. Money returned to area is dependant on our area's need.

### **ANGEL BALL: INGRID LUNDQUIST**

#### **Update**

Event will be December 29, 2007 at Stambaugh Auditorium. Angels or Honorees must be a Junior or Senior in High School or Freshman in College. JLY has 34 eligible, and 18 are boys. Any interest in helping on the committee let Ingrid know.

### **NOMINATING: MICHELLE PARELLA**

#### **Vote**

31 Voted for the bylaw change, 9 against. Bylaw changes approved.

# MINUTES

## Junior League of Youngstown

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### PLACEMENT

Assignments will be printed in Briefly.

### FUND DEVELOPMENT: TINA KINNICK

No report

### IN LEAGUE: MICHELLE GRANT

#### Update

Must submit by Thursday to be included in the Briefly. Michelle thanked committee and wished well to next years' committee.

### MARKETING: ALLISON GATTA

#### Update

Allison thanked the committee for their work this year. Thursday May 24 will be the Provisional picnic. Committee is planning a summer and fall class.

### PROVISIONAL: DEBBIE GROUBERT/TEE BERLIN

#### Activation

7 ladies are becoming active: Danielle Battafarano, Lori Crofford, Melanie Koontz, Stephanie Ouzounian, Stacy Sheppard, Katie Ensley, Holly Bezon.

#### Project

Class project was a traveling art mural. 6 - 4x8 panels are being made. Being sketched by Bob Barko. Mural will be unveiled at Streetscapes and at the Festival of the Arts.

### R&D: JULIE SCARSELLA

#### Vote

Need to vote on the proposal for an RFP project with Neil Kennedy. Motion by J.Scarsella to vote on the proposal of an RFP project with Neil Kennedy's Woman to Woman program. 2nd L Aiad Toss. Motion approved. RFP project passed 32 for, 2 against.

### TRAINING: LIZ NOHRA/MARCIE PATZAK VENDETTI

#### Prizes

Prizes awarded to members in attendance. Committee planned a great year of training and revisiting past projects. Liz presented gifts to her committee.

### SUSTAINER REP: HELEN PAES

#### Sustainers

Helen introduced current sustainers and gave an overview of the role of a sustainer. New sustainers are: JoAnn Stock, Ellen Bennett, Kim Berry, Pat Greene, Debbie Groubert, Tina Kinnick, Lisa Kohler, Karen Naffah, Kelley Schuler, Deb Suffolk, Sharon Velasquez. All were presented with JLY Beach Bags.

### PRESIDENT: JOANN STOCK

#### Outgoing remarks

JoAnn touched on all of the highlights of the year and thanked everyone for their efforts and passed the gavel to Lynee Aiad-Toss.

### PRESIDENT ELECT: LYNEE AIAD-TOSS

#### Incoming remarks

Lynee thanked JoAnn and touched on the areas that will be focused on during the coming year. Lynee also introduced the 2007-2008 Leadership Team.

### Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.

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**2007 Susan G. Komen for the Cure Northeast Ohio  
Race for the Cure®  
5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday, September 15, 2007**

**\*\*New Location\*\* Malls B & C in  
Downtown Cleveland**

Presented by  
University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center

**Run. Walk.**

**Get inspired. Get involved.**

**Make a new friend.**

**Make a difference.**

**Take the first step.**

**Join the Race.**

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We are happy to announce that Raquel Pacheco, a wonderful and talented woman, is the Junior League of Youngstown's nomination for the MVP's 40 Under 40 Award. Good luck, Raquel!

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# SEPTEMBER

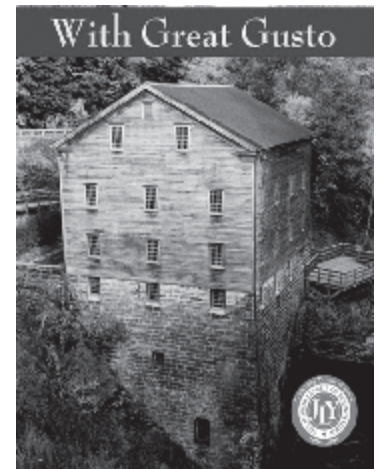
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Flower - Aster

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 <i>Labor Day!</i>	4 Executive Board at 6:00 p.m. ----- Joint Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 General Membership at Youngstown Club 6:30 p.m. - Social 7:00 p.m. - Meeting	12	13	14	15 Race for the Cure in Cleveland
16	17	18 Community Advisors meeting at Junior League office at NOON and lunch is provided	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

### Swapped Cookbooks Available

Anyone interested in purchasing one of our "swapped" cookbooks should contact Susan Berny at 330.726.0208. The cookbook committee is selling swapped cookbooks from all around Ohio, as well as across the country. The cost is \$20 per book, which includes tax.



### Apple Streusel Pizza

Pie dough (enough for 2 pie crusts)  
7 good-size MacIntosh (or other tart) apples, peeled and sliced into 1/4-inch thick slices  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
**Streusel Topping:**  
1/2 cup sugar  
3/4 cup flour  
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Fit pie dough into 12 or 14-inch pizza pie pan, turning up edge and fluting to make a rim. Place apples on dough, slightly overlapping in circles, moving from rim to center. Combine 1/2 cup sugar and spices and sprinkle over apples. For topping, mix 1/2 cup sugar and flour. Cut in butter until coarse mixture forms. Sprinkle over apples. Bake, uncovered, at 450 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until crust is golden brown and apples are tender. Cut into "pizza slices" to serve.

Yields 8 servings.  
*Patricia A. Moran*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending April 30,2007

Beginning Cash \$ 93,283.89

**Receipts:**

Deposits

Receipts \$ 18,947.44

\*Less Transfer to  
National City  
from Baird of:  
\$10,000.00

National City Bank *Apr 07 Interest* \$ 10.66

Baird & Co \$ 203.04

Community Foundation \$ -

**Total Receipts:** \$ 19,161.14

**Expenses:**

Program Expense: \$ 1,003.19

Support Expense: \$ 9,692.54

Project Expense: \$ 1,500.00

**Total Expenses:** \$ 12,195.73

Ending Cash March 31, 2007

\*Less Transfer to  
National City  
from Baird of:  
\$10,000.00

Baird & Co. \$ 51,868.52

Community Foundation \$ 16,846.81

National City Checking \$ 31,483.97

Petty Cash \$ 50.00

Total Ending Cash April 30, 2007 \$100,249.30

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For Month Ending May 31,2007

Beginning Cash \$100,249.30

**Receipts:**

Deposits

Receipts \$ 13,149.00

National City Bank *May 07 Interest* \$ 14.13

Baird & Co \$ -

Community Foundation \$ -

**Total Receipts** \$ 13,163.13

**Expenses:**

Program Expense: \$ 1,493.98

Support Expense: \$ 6,506.54

Project Expense: \$ 5,659.00

**Total Expenses:** \$ 13,659.52

Ending Cash March 31, 2007

Baird & Co. \$ 51,868.52

Community Foundation \$ 16,846.81

National City Checking \$ 50.00

Total Ending Cash May 31, 2007 \$ 99,752.91



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<p><b>Monday, October 1st</b> Pink Ribbon Tea Holiday Inn Metroplex</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 24</b> Mother/Daughter Luncheon The Youngstown Club</p>	<p><b>Saturday, December 29</b> Angel Ball Stambaugh Auditorium</p>
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