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**Come Celebrate Fall with Us!
JUNIOR LEAGUE REVERSE RAFFLE
Thursday, November 6th
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

We can't think of a better way to celebrate the fall season than by combining two Stark County passions – NFL football and philanthropy!

The Fundraising Committee has planned an exciting fundraiser with the goal of raising \$5000 for The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc. We hope you will join us on **Thursday, November 6, 2014**, at the Lake Cable Clubhouse (5725 Fulton Drive NW) for a reverse raffle with over \$2000 in prizes.

The cost for admission to the raffle is only \$30 and includes event admission for one person, one entry into the grand prize drawing for \$1500, appetizers and a large buffet including chicken sandwiches from the Winking Lizard, Taggarts sundae bar for dessert, lemonade and draft beer, and a "Sure Bet" giving tree. Our giving tree will have approximately 70-90 envelopes attached. The cost to pull an envelope from the tree is only \$10, and each envelope will have a number enclosed to a corresponding prize valued between \$10 and \$50.

Tickets will be drawn from a barrel one at a time for the Reverse Raffle. The final four numbers pulled will have the option of splitting the \$1500 pot. \$100 will be awarded to numbers pulled at 1 and 100. \$50 will be awarded to numbers pulled at 25, 50, 75, 125, 150, and 175. The dress code for the event is casual, but football team attire is encouraged. Attendees are also invited to join us for the Cleveland Browns vs. Cincinnati Bengals game at the Winking Lizard after the event.

ONLY THE FIRST 200 REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, so don't wait! Payment may be made at any upcoming GMM, at the Junior League office or by mailing payment to: *The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc.*, Attention: Faith Barbato/Reverse Raffle, 4450 Belden Village Street NW, Suite 106, Canton, OH 44718.

Winner need not be present, but please consider a proxy to indicate your preference should your number be one of the final four.

We are also seeking items for our "Sure Bet" giving tree valued between \$10-\$50. Those can be dropped off at the Junior League office at any time before the event.

We hope to see you on November 6th!

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HEADQUARTERS reminders

- Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 12 pm and 12 pm until 2 pm, by appointment only.
- Office will be closed the following days:

Thanksgiving 11-26-14 to 12-1-14
Christmas 12-22-14 to 1-2-15
MLK Jr. Day 1-19-15
Presidents' Day 2-16-15
Spring Break 3-30-15 to 4-3-15

mission

The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc. 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.

vision

The Junior League: Women around the world as catalysts for lasting community change.

President's Perspective



Cara Beisert
President

"It's time to cheer on girls and women who want to sit at the table." -- Sheryl Sandberg

Happy fall!

Initially intended as an attempt at starting a conversation about gender bias and the lack of female leadership in the workplace, Sheryl Sandberg's wildly successful book "Lean In – Women, Work, and the Will to Lead" has become a cultural phenomenon. Having spent the last 73 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller list, "Lean In" tells readers what we, as Junior League members, have always known: In order to make a significant impact in our jobs, our families, and our communities, we must believe in our own abilities and take risks.

To that end, members have certainly been "leaning in" this league year. There has been activity across League aimed at recruiting new members, formulating fundraising efforts, planning Done In A Day projects, scheduling engaging speakers and activities for upcoming membership meetings, and what is perhaps tops on everyone's mind: Researching and narrowing the field for our next large, multi-year project to begin in 2015, while simultaneously evaluating the process by which we select future projects. We have been busy!

In addition, the Executive Board, and specifically Grant Coordinator Megan Pellegrino, has conceptualized and will soon roll out JLSC's new grant fund for young women called the "Junior Leaders Community Service Grant", which is intended to promote voluntarism, and develop the potential of women by providing the means for girls in Stark County to pursue an interest in community service through a project of their choosing. Grants of up to \$2500 will be awarded yearly to two girls in grades Kindergarten through 12. Additional information about the application process and how members may submit to serve on the selection committee will be forthcoming.

Throughout this newsletter, at committee and General Membership Meetings, on the website at www.jlstarkcounty.org, and on social media, you will find many opportunities to "lean in". As we approach our 78th anniversary in early 2015, I encourage you to find what speaks to you, and get involved. We have a rich tradition of service in Stark County, and in order for that tradition to continue, your help is needed now, more than ever. As Ms. Sandberg says: "We hold ourselves back in ways both big and small by lacking self-confidence, by not raising our hands, and by pulling back when we should be leaning in."

Thanks for all you do. I look forward to working with you this year!

All my best,

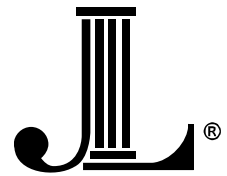
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara".



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MEMBER UPDATES

As we kick off the new League year, we find ourselves 47 Active members and 176 Sustainer members strong! Among those Sustainers are 7 who are Emeritus status, 10 Honorary, and 20 Emeritus/Honorary. We are excited to announce that we have 17 Provisionals who will be working with Sarah Lambos and the Admissions/Provisional Committee to learn what League is all about.

In remembrance: The members of The Junior League of Stark County wish to express their sympathy to the families and friends of Marilyn Williamson (s), and Jeanne Cullen (s), who have recently passed away. In honor of Marilyn and Jeanne, a donation was made to JLSC's Endowment Fund at the Stark Community Foundation.

The Junior League of Stark County also wishes to express their sympathy and condolences to Evrim Fulmer on the passing of her mother and Janet Cecconi on the passing of her mother.

JLSC would like to thank Ed and Louise Mahoney for their generous donation to the Endowment Fund in honor of Evrim Fulmer's mother, Zerrin Yurdunguzeli.



Past President's Luncheon on September 20, 2014, at the Dragonfly Tea Room

Pictured — Nancy Baker, Sandy Turner, Candy Wallace, Barb Cockroft, Judy Lattavo, Teresa Fout, Cara Beisert and Megan Pellegrino

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Done in a Day

In lieu of a Major Project for 2014-2015, members elected to focus their efforts on several Done In A Day projects. The first project, held on October 25th, was in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Members worked to design and create a reading room intended to help occupy children whose parent(s) are in the building working through homeowner classes and attending meetings. Junior League members painted and provided shelving, books, games, puzzles, and cozy seating. Habitat for Humanity staff is now able to provide a fun, safe environment for kids and is excited to soon offer this resource to its partner families.



Another project, planned for spring, is a reboot of the successful Girls Empowered and Motivated (GEM) Project first executed by the 2011 Provisional Class. More details of this one day event, focused on "girl power" and topics such as anti-bullying, healthy bodies, and good citizenship, will be forthcoming.



At October's General Membership Meeting, members heard four additional proposals and indicated their preferences in order to select the remaining two projects for this year. The two projects that came out on top were a Soldiers' Breakfast with Santa and a Night at the Museum. Scheduled for mid-December, the Soldiers' Breakfast provides the next opportunity for member engagement. Help will be needed both ahead of time and the day of. Logistical details and project needs are being determined now and will be announced as soon as possible.

The final project being planned for this year is Night at the (Canton Art) Museum. This event will feature a scavenger hunt through the museum, art project(s), snacks, and a fun time for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience art in this way. There is a possibility that Night at the Museum may become (Over) Night at the Museum, necessitating twice as many members in order to be successful. Again, please stay tuned.

Thank you for your patience as we evaluate our process for project selection, and as we move forward in selection of our next Major Project!

Junior League of Stark County's Leadership Team 2014-2015

President
President Elect
Secretary

Cara Beisert*
Teresa Fout*
Megan Seeley*

Community Council:
Community Council VP
Major Project Chair
Strategic Planning Chair

Stephanie Helline*
Jen Barone
Amanda Clark

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Sustainer Council VP
Women of the Year Chair
Women of the Year Chair Elect

Megan Pellegrino (s)*
Nichole Cardinale (s)
Sandy Turner (s)

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Fundraising Chair Elect
Treasurer
Treasurer Elect

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Megan Seeley
Tara Beachy*
Deanna Parks*

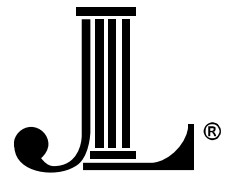
Training and Development Council:
Training and Development Council VP
Admissions / Provisional Chair
Admissions / Provisional Chair Elect
Leadership Placement Chair
Membership Meetings & Training Chair

Jenn Campbell*
Sarah Lambos
Elyse Ramirez
Kari Willoughby
Lisa Lynch

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Cindy Fisher



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Helping Hands

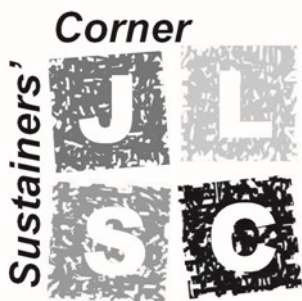
There are countless benefits to being a member of the Junior League of Stark County Inc., but one that should be on the forefront is Helping Hands. Helping Hands was established to help members and their families during times of illness, the birth or arrival of a new child, or perhaps during a season of your life when you may need a little extra help! Kari Willoughby, chair of Leadership Placement, organizes Helping Hands and is seeking members who can lend assistance by making a meal, running an errand, or perhaps offering child care. If you are willing to help, please email Kari at kari@willoughbys.org. You are not committed to help with each and every situation, only when it works with your schedule. Also, please contact Kari if you become aware of a member in need. Thank you!

Provisional News

Welcome 2014-2015 Provisional Class!

This year's group consists of a diverse array of women, many of whom are native to Stark County, and some who are new to the area. The membership consists of stay at home moms, young career women, and working professionals. In fact, two of our members are even due to have babies soon!

What brings all of these women together is their passion for bettering the community in which we live. They all have different interests and bring a wide skill set to the table. We had a fantastic Super Saturday and are looking forward to seeing the Provisional Class come together and the difference they will make.



Sustainer Service Opportunities

Sustainers will be working at the Stark County Hunger Task Force unloading food trucks and sorting items for the Backpack Program several times throughout the coming months. This is a great way to help an organization that The Junior League has a long history with as well as an opportunity to visit with fellow Sustainers. Come for the entire allotted time, or stop in as your schedule allows. Please let Megan Pellegrino know if you plan to attend (MeganLPellegrino@gmail.com).

Tuesday, November 4th from 11:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, November 18th from 11:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday, November 17th from 9:30am-11:00am

Stark County Hunger Task Force,
(located within the Goodwill Community Campus in downtown Canton)
408-9th Street SW, Suite 1637, Canton OH 44707



Sustainers Run for Elected Office

Depending on where you live, you might see two familiar names on the ballot this November 4th. Junior League of Stark County Sustainers Kristin Farmer and Connie Rubin are running for elected office. They were gracious enough to answer a few questions about the election, how their experiences in The Junior League of Stark County have helped them become civically engaged, and to offer some advice to fellow members.



Kristin Farmer

JLSC: In December 2012, you were appointed as judge on the Stark County Court of Common Pleas by Governor Kasich to serve the remainder of Judge Brown's term. What has the experience been like and what makes you want to run for election?

KF: Because I was appointed to serve the remainder of Judge Charles E. Brown Jr.'s term, I must run this year to be elected to serve a full six year term. It has always been my aspiration to commit my professional life to the enrichment and betterment of my community and becoming a Judge in the Stark County Court of Common Pleas has been an ultimate fulfillment of that desire. Although the job of being a Judge comes with challenges, the impact that a Judge can make upon the community more than makes up for them.

JLSC: What advice would you give to women interested in a career in law and possibly becoming a judge?

KF: The best advice I could give to women who have an interest in the law and possibly becoming a Judge would be to get involved in their community and professional organizations, such as local Bar Associations. Professional organizations help develop connections within the legal community and develop skills necessary for being an effective lawyer. Involvement within community organizations, on the other hand, develops the desire to serve and lead.

JLSC: Do you feel that your experience in League played a part in your development as a civic leader? If so, how?

KF: Without a doubt, my involvement in The Junior League of Stark County played an important part in my development as a civic leader. League gave me exposure to the needs of our community and an interest in being able to use my profession to address those needs. Additionally, my position as Secretary in League helped me to develop skills necessary for being an effective leader-both within the Court and within the community.



Connie Rubin

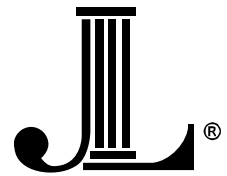
JLSC: You are running against incumbent Scott Oelslager to serve as the State Senator of the 29th District, which represents much of Stark County. What sparked your interest in politics?

CR: My mother-in-law was President of the League of Women Voters of Ohio when I came to Canton. She took me to my first local LWV meeting and after a rousing discussion of the pros and cons of public financing for Presidential elections, I was hooked! I've been interested in politics and studying political policies ever since.

JLSC: What experience do you have that makes you a good candidate?

CR: I have experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. I've served in leadership positions at the local and state levels of the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood. I worked in local government and with state government agencies during 16 years as the grant writer/public relations coordinator of the Stark County Park District. I served as chair of the North Canton Charter Review Commission, graduated from the Stark County Government Leadership Academy, and have served my community as a member of a variety of non-profit organizations. I've moderated candidate forums and explained complex ballot issues to voters.

Last but certainly not least, I am a woman. I successfully juggled the care of two children, housework, paid employment, and community volunteer leadership. My election would be historic, as I would be the first Stark County woman ever elected to represent our area in the State Senate.



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JLSC: Did League play a part in developing your skills a civic leader? If so, how?

CR: The Junior League gave me a wonderful opportunity and hands-on experience leading a community coalition to complete a multi-year project, the Adolescent Pregnancy Child Watch (APCW), which was recognized by JLI as a "Model Project." APCW brought together 13 community organizations, including Planned Parenthood and Right to Life, to study the issue of teen pregnancy. Ultimately, all of the organizations involved recognized that they have important roles to play to prevent teen pregnancies.

JLSC: What is your platform? What do you feel are the key issues?

CR: The last four years have been economically challenging. Instead of focusing "like a laser" on jobs, my opponent and his colleagues wasted time trying to repeal 20th century advances in workers' rights, voting rights, and women's health care and weakened the middle class with tax policies that balanced the state budget on the backs of public school children, seniors, and local communities.

Good jobs make all things possible, for families and for governments. As your State Senator I will work hard to improve our state's economic climate, to provide more funding for public education, to make college more affordable, to strengthen oversight of for-profit charter schools, to increase the minimum wage, to promote pay equity for women, to invest in infrastructure, to restore state revenue sharing with local governments, and to protect our natural resources.

JLSC: Any advice for young women interested in the political process?

CR: We need you, and you are qualified! Women are half of this world; we deserve seats at the tables of power! To improve your chances of being elected, get involved with your local political party, help another candidate get elected, recruit a good campaign manager and learn together. Practice public speaking skills every chance you get, and learn to ask for donations for your favorite charities. Continue to expand the variety of your civic involvements. All the skills you learn in League and the contacts you make can be used to help you get elected. Working within government is an effective way to make our community, country, and world a better place.

SUSTAINER DECEMBER SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon with friends old and new! Junior League has reserved 20 tickets to a weekday matinee performance of A Christmas Carol- the Musical presented by the Players Guild. Tickets are only \$5 (a \$20 savings!) and reservations have been made for lunch at Basil Asian Bistro prior to the performance. These tickets will go fast, so be sure to RSVP to headquarters as soon as possible to reserve your spot. A positive RSVP will hold you responsible for payment. As mentioned, there are only 20 tickets reserved for Sustainers, so respond quickly to ensure your participation in a fun and *relaxing* afternoon in the midst of the holiday craziness!

Details:

Wednesday, December 10th

11:00 lunch at Basil Asian Bistro in Downtown Canton

1:00 performance of A Christmas Carol - the Musical
Players Guild Theatre, Canton Civic Center



Tickets to the musical are only \$5 (collected at the event) and lunch will be on individual checks. If you have any questions, please contact Sustainer Council VP Megan Pellegrino at MeganLPellegrino@gmail.com or [330-495-7636](tel:330-495-7636). RSVP to headquarters at admin@jlstarkcounty.org or [330-491-4552](tel:330-491-4552).

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WELCOME! *New Provisional Class*



Name: Mindy Beitler
Hometown: Canton, Ohio
Family: Husband - Tim, children Nick (24) and Anthony (22)
Occupation: Senior Steel Finance Analyst at Timken Steel
Other volunteer activities: United Way and Habitat
Hobbies/Interests: Sporting events, spending time with family, walking and yoga
How did you hear about League? Ashley Monroe
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Friendship and volunteering



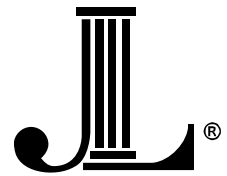
Name: Nicole Bencik
Hometown: Laguna Beach, California
Family: Husband - James, children Cole (5), Payton (3) and Caroline (8 months)
Occupation: Mom
Other volunteer activities: None currently but in the past Director of MDA, volunteer Director for Ronald McDonald Camp Good Times
Hobbies/Interests: travel, reading books, fun with friends, being active
How did you hear about League? Lora Harley
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Meet new friends, make a difference in the community; be a good example for my kids



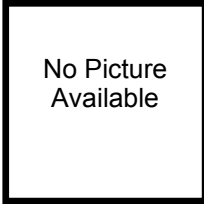
Name: Sarah Chilson
Hometown: Newark, New York
Family: Husband - David J. Plante, children Cameron "Cam" (2) and Oliver "Ollie" (7 months)
Occupation: Full time stay at home mom; Part time VP Sales & Marketing at LOC Derby
Other volunteer activities: Regional Food Bank with Akron MOMS Club
Hobbies/Interests: Event planning, book club and professional & community theatre productions
How did you hear about League? A friend back home is a member of her local chapter. I saw her many Facebook posts about the events they did and community service projects they organized. It sounded like something that I would enjoy being a part of so I looked up the local chapter information.
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? I am most looking forward to getting involved with the local community and learning more about the needs of the area. We move often for my husband's job and it is difficult to establish a sense of community; I hope working on projects with the League will help me to set down some roots. I also really want to meet like-minded women, make friends and work with them on meaningful projects that have the potential to change the lives of those in our county and beyond.



Name: Stephanie Dominick
Hometown: Massillon, Ohio
Occupation: Assistant for Enrollment Technology/Communications Coordinator, University of Mount Union
Other volunteer activities: 7th grade PSR teacher, St. Barbara's Church in Massillon
Hobbies/Interests: Fitness, nutrition and book club
How did you hear about League? I volunteered for a grant review committee and was placed in a group with Cara Beisert.
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Community involvement and professional development/training



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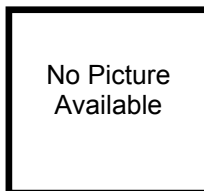
Name: Laura Gluszk-Kuchmaner
Hometown: North Canton, Ohio
Family: Husband - Ryan
Occupation: School Psychologist
Hobbies/Interests: Anything physically active
How did you hear about League? Evrim Fulmer and Sarah Lambos
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Opportunities to help others and make new friendships



Name: Stephanie Hand-Cannane
Hometown: Massillon, Ohio
Occupation: Attorney
Other volunteer activities: Coach Trial Team at The University of Akron School of Law
Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, photography, reading and tennis
How did you hear about League? Through my friend, Abby Schock
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Become more involved with the community and participate in more volunteer opportunities



Name: Zakiya Harris
Hometown: Canton, Ohio
Family: Partner - DeAndre McCoy, children Mason (3 ½) and Maliah (2)
Occupation: Owner-So Fresh & So Clean (commercial cleaning service)
Other volunteer activities: Summertime Kids Committee
Hobbies/Interests: Sports, fitness, shopping, family fun and community service
How did you hear about League? Cara Beisert at Summertime Kids Grants
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Community Service and involvement; networking and relationships



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Name: Alisha Leytem
Hometown: Hartville, Ohio
Family: Husband - Michael Leytem
Occupation: Head Coach-Girls on the Run
Other volunteer activities: Cooking, yoga, reading and writing
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Become involved in the community and meet like minded women



Name: Melanie Meldrum
Hometown: Massillon, Ohio
Family: Children Samantha (25), Josh (16) and Natalie (14)
Occupation: Pricing Specialist, Timken Steel
Other volunteer activities: United Way and Blessings in a Backpack
Hobbies/Interests: Movies, running and reading
How did you hear about League? Friend and co-worker, Ashley Monroe
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? More involvement in volunteering and meeting new people

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Name: Ashley Rich
Hometown: Canton, Ohio
Family: Husband - Anthony
Occupation: Deputy Clerk in Canton Municipal Court
Other volunteer activities: Humane Society
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, renovating our home, watching football and playing with our dogs and cats
How did you hear about League? A friend from work referred me
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? I am excited to meet new people and help make a positive impact on our community!



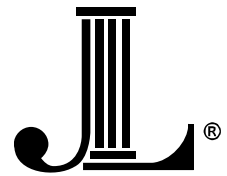
Name: Laura Rich
Hometown: Massillon, Ohio
Family: Husband - Peter, Beagles Lucy & Eggo
Occupation: Marketing Manager
Other volunteer activities: American Marketing Association
Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, traveling and wine tasting
How did you hear about League? I learned about Junior League a few years ago through some work contacts but at the time I was unable to participate.
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? I hope to be able to volunteer and better assist Stark County while getting to know more women in the community.



Name: Britney Sage
Hometown: Fairlawn, Ohio
Occupation: Senior Communications Specialist at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Other volunteer activities: Publicity Chair of STEM Career Day initiative, member of Women's Initiatives in Leadership interest group.
Hobbies/Interests: My hobbies include reading for pleasure (when there's time) and perfecting my hand at Pinterest-inspired recipes and crafting projects. Spare time is spent learning to speak French and (attempting) to stay consistent with a fitness plan. Interests include traveling to new places, both at home and abroad, and fostering new friendships.
How did you hear about League? I learned about the League from Elyse Ramirez, who is a current member of the organization.
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? I hope to gain experience serving in the community while forging new friendships.



Name: Morgan R. Singer
Hometown: Ville Platte, Louisiana
Family: Husband – Scott, son Alex (5)
Occupation: Health Coach
Other volunteer activities: St. Michael's School
Hobbies/Interests: Yoga, barre, running, reading
How did you hear about League? Through my child's classmate's mother
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Involvement in the community, friendship



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Name: Katie Wernow
Hometown: Louisville, Ohio
Family - Howard, children Chase (9) and baby peanut due January 2015
Occupation: Senior Registered Client Associate at Merrill Lynch
Other volunteer activities: Temple Israel-Next Dor
Hobbies/Interests: Tennis, college football, boating and skiing
How did you hear about League? Friends and family
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? To become more involved in the local community



Name: Kara Williams
Hometown: Winfield, West Virginia
Family: Husband - James Sandy, baby due November 11th
Occupation: Attorney
Other volunteer activities: Board Member for Charter School System, Young Professionals of Akron
Hobbies/Interests: I am an avid reader. My husband and I are working our way through the Top 100.
How did you hear about League? A co worker who is a Sustaining member
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? I would like to meet other professionals and like-minded women.

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Name: Manddy Williams
Hometown: Canton, Ohio
Family: Daughter Niya (8)
Occupation: Radiation Therapist
Other volunteer activities: Church
Hobbies/Interests: Being a mom, reading and anything outdoors
How did you hear about League? League members
What do you hope to gain from joining JLSC? Friendship and being active in the community. I would like to give back to a community I grew up in.



Provisional Members at Super Saturday

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Meet your Executive Board



Name: Cara Beisert
Position: President
Family: Husband - Ryan, children Reese (11) and Ruby (9), 2 dogs and 8 chickens
Occupation: Volunteer Coordinator, Stark County Park District
Something I would like to learn: Photography
If I had \$100 and a free day, I would: Grab a toasted almond iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts and head to the Habitat ReStore in search of something to upcycle
My favorite quote: "Nothing is going to come easy. To be an impactful person in your community, to be a champion, to be the best, you have to work hard. The minute you become complacent, you can't get better." – Jim Tressel



Name: Teresa Fout
Position: President Elect
Family: Husband – Roger, children Kavi (3) and Sophia (1)
Occupation: Attorney
My favorite childhood memory: Organizing the neighborhood kids to direct traffic on a detour through our neighborhood to get around an auto accident.
I am: positive, motivated, organized, busy, happy
My favorite volunteer project: setting up the chairs for the Hall of Fame parade several years ago. It was horribly difficult, but we had a lot of fun together.



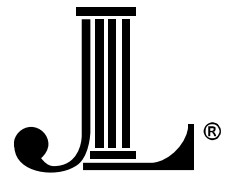
Name: Megan Seeley
Position: Secretary
Family: Husband - Chris, children Kendra (4) and Graham (2)
Occupation: Kindergarten Teacher
Something I could teach others: I am good with technology and can use google docs like a pro.
My favorite childhood memory: My dad's bedtime stories he would make up for my sister and me
The music I like to listen to: Country
If I had \$100 and a free day, I would: Buy a new pair of shoes



Name: Tara Beachy
Position: Treasurer
Occupation: Director of Accounting & Administration at ANS
Something I would like to learn: The "ins and outs" of Stark County and surrounding areas
Something I could teach others: How to grocery shop with Celiac disease
My favorite childhood memory: Weekend retreats with my extended family
The music I like to listen to: Pandora
My favorite quote: "If it doesn't make the world better – don't do it." – Robby Novak



Name: Deanna Parks
Position: Treasurer Elect
Family: Husband - Jim, sons Jacob (12), Caleb (9) and Christian (9)
Occupation: Mom, Collaborative Pianist at Malone University
Something I could teach others: How to play the piano
My favorite childhood memory: Christmas with my 5 brothers and sisters
My favorite quote: With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26



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Name: Stephanie Helline
Position: Community Council VP
Family: Husband – Ryan

Occupation: Engineer at TimkenSteel Corporation

Something I would like to learn: I'd like to learn about canning... I have had a "small" garden the last few years and seem to waste a lot of good stuff at the end of the season. I would also like to learn about and become better at delegating.

My favorite childhood memory: Many of our family vacations with our family of 7 – including going to the Atlanta Olympics or the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

The music I like to listen to: Anything upbeat – musicals or pop



Name: Melissa Lombardi

Position: Finance Council VP

Family: Husband - Mike, children Isabel (6), Gabrielle (4) and Michael (2)

Occupation: Physical Therapist

If I had \$100 and a free day, I would: Take my husband and children out for a family fun day I am... ambitious, organized, determined, efficient, caring

My favorite quote: "To laugh often and much, to win respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Name: Megan Pellegrino

Position: Sustainer Council Vice President

Family: Husband - Jerry, children Lauren (8), Allison (7) and Nolan (6)

Occupation: Curator and Academic Coordinator, Hoover Historical Center/Walsh University
Something I could teach others: How to edit photographs.

My favorite childhood memory: Spending time with my mom, running errands or just hanging out at home. She died almost 25 years ago when she was just 38-years-old. Don't take for granted the time you have with your family and friends!

My favorite quote: "Don't worry, be happy!" Hate the song, love the sentiment!



Name: Jennifer Campbell

Position: Training and Development Council Vice President

Family: Husband - Greg, children Gregory (10) and Victoria (8)

Occupation: Financial Advisor

Something I would like to learn: How to play the piano

Something I could teach others: How to can tomatoes and peppers

My favorite childhood memory: Days at the lake. We would boat, ski, tube and have hours of fun with family and friends. We taught my grandma to water ski when she was in her 60's.

My favorite volunteer project: The GEM project as a provisional member

Volunteering Counts!

The most important hour of your week may be the one you give away.

2014-2015 Executive Board, Committee Chairs and Committee Members

*Executive Board Member

** Member serving on more than one committee

*** Ex-officio committee member

President –Cara Beisert*
President Elect – Teresa Fout*
Secretary – Megan Seeley*

Community Council

Stephanie Helline* Vice President

Major Project Committee

Jen Barone Chair

Mihaela Ciupitu

Stacey Leath

Nicole Miller

Ashley Cookson

Dani McGuinness

Meagan Sayre-Piegols

April Criss

Strategic Planning

Amanda Clark Chair

Lynn Kelley

Stephanie Jackson**

Kathryn Siegfried

Teresa Fout***

Finance Council

Melissa Lombardi* Vice President

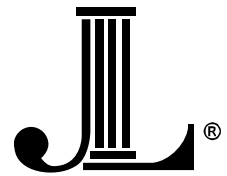
Tara Beachy* Treasurer

Deanna Parks* Treasurer Elect

Fundraising

Lora Harley Chair

Megan Seeley* Chair Elect



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Faith Barbato	Sara Ehret	Abby Schock
Decia Beck	Nikki Ferruccio-Steffek	Nicole Spain (s)
Sarah Callison	Stephanie Harding	Melinda Willard
Tricia Dever (s)	Stephanie Jackson**	Becca Abbott

Training and Development Council

Jenn Campbell* Vice President

Admissions/Provisional

Sarah LambosChair
Elyse Ramirez..... Chair Elect

Susan Shearer	Jessica Holden	Ashley Monroe
Rosanna Fierro**	Evrin Fulmer	

Leadership Placement

Kari WilloughbyChair

Rosanna Fierro**	Lisa Lynch**	Chrissy Rice
Kim Hinderegger		

Membership Meetings and Training

Lisa Lynch**Chair

Kathy Mihalik	Whitney Gonidakis	Jenifer Hill
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Sustainer Council

Megan Pellegrino* (s) Vice President

Women of the Year

Nichole Cardinale (s)Chair
Sandy Turner (s)..... Chair Elect

etcetera

CODE Day

On Saturday, September 27th, members of JLSC travelled to Youngstown for the Ohio Leagues' annual CODE (Connect Ohio Develop Educate) Day. Hosted by The Junior League of Youngstown, and featuring AJLI's Director of Learning, JuWon Choi, members from across Ohio came together to discuss topics important to all Leagues, such as combatting declining membership numbers, quantifying community impact, making League relevant in the 21st century, and advocating for Ohio's children.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for training and fellowship amongst like-minded women.

Next year, JL Akron plays host and will undoubtedly offer an equally enlightening and thought-provoking day.

Plan to attend!



2014-2015 Advisors/Advisees

An advisor is defined as a person who gives advice, typically someone who is an expert in a particular field, and that is what you'll find with the members of Leadership Placement who are serving as advisors for the 2014-2015 league year. Rosanna Fierro, Kim Hinderegger, Lisa Lynch, Chrissy Rice and Kari Willoughby are excited to advise and help members in any way! The committee members have served countless roles in JLSC over the years including Past President, Vice President of all three councils, and committee chairs. Please feel free to contact your advisor with questions, comments, praises and even criticisms. They are available to help guide you as you look to your future with League and possible leadership opportunities.

Rosanna Fierro

Mihela Ciupitu
Ashley Cookson
Sarah Lambos
Elyse Ramirez
Evrin Fulmer
Bridget McConnell-Zagst
Ashley Monroe
Susan Shearer

Kim Hinderegger

Dani McGuinness
Nicole Miller
Meagan Sayre-Piegols
Tara Beachy
Deanna Parks
Lora Harley
Jenn Campbell

Lisa Lynch

Jen Barone
Stacey Leath
Nikki Ferruccio
Stephanie Harding
Kathy Mihalik
Whitney Gonidakis
Jenn Hill
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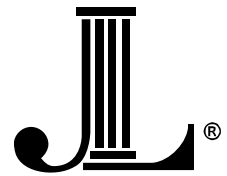
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JLSC Membership Requirements

According to the bylaws of The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc., Active members are asked to meet the following requirements:

- **Membership and participation on at least one League committee:** Active members are required to participate on at least one League committee unless taking a leave of absence.
- **Attendance at General Membership Meetings:** Every Active member is expected to attend all General Membership Meetings (unless taking a leave of absence). Up to three (3) absences will be permitted.
- **Support any Major Project and Major Fundraiser Committee event approved by the membership as defined in the AMPs:** Participation in some facet with any Major Project and Major Fundraiser Committee event is required.



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Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a group of twelve members (6 Sustaining members of League and 6 community members) that provide input on community needs. This year, the CAC will provide input on benefits and challenges of the two potential future projects the Strategic Planning committee has been researching throughout the summer as well as suggested partners that we can collaborate with. Additionally, this spring community members will assist with selecting League's annual Women of the Year honorees.

The Junior League would like to welcome new members for 2014:

Suzanne Halm, JLSC Sustainer

Judy Scheurer, JLSC Sustainer

Sarah Buell – Stark County Park District, Community Representative

Lada Gibson-Shreve – Stark State College, Community Representative



Junior Leaders Community Service Grant

Members asked for more money to be directed to community needs and the Executive Board listened! The Junior League of Stark County is proud to announce the creation of the Junior Leaders Community Service Grant! This unique program will allow school-aged girls (with an adult co-applicant) to seek funding for a service project that positively impacts the Stark County community.

The grant is available in two age categories; Kindergarten through 5th grade and 6th grade through seniors in high school. Interested girls need to apply and go through a selection process. There will be one winner in each of the two categories. Winners for the 2014-2015 league year will each receive up to \$2,500 for a community service project that improves the Stark County community. Grant guidelines and requirements, as well as application materials, may be obtained by visiting The Junior League of Stark County's website at www.jlstarkcounty.org and selecting the "In Action" tab and choosing the Junior Leaders Service Grant link. Applications must be post-marked by January 31st, 2015 and mailed to JLSC headquarters. Winners will be notified no later than March 15th, 2015 and the project must be completed by May 31st, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Grant Coordinator, Megan Pellegrino at MeganLPellegrino@gmail.com. Please also contact Megan Pellegrino if you are an Active or Sustaining member who is interested in serving on the Selection Team. It will be the responsibility of the Selection Team to choose the winners in each category.



Junior Leaders Service Grant Requirements and Guidelines

1. Applicants must be female
2. Applicants must have an adult co-applicant
3. Applicants must live in Stark County, Ohio
4. Applicants must be enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade
5. Applicants may not have received a Junior Leaders Service Grant before
6. Service projects must benefit Stark County
7. Applications must be postmarked by January 31th, 2015 and mailed to:

The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc.
Attn: Junior Leaders Service Grant
4450 Belden Village Street NW, Suite 106
Canton Ohio 44718

8. Applicants may request up to \$2,500
9. Winners will be notified no later than March 15th, 2015
10. Projects must be completed by May 31st, 2015
11. Up to half of the awarded monies may be requested in advance
12. The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio reserves the right to withhold monies if a Recipient demonstrates they are unable/unwilling to use the monies to benefit the community, or to follow the Guidelines and Requirements of the Grant, as determined by the Executive Board
13. All receipts must be turned into The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio by May 15th, 2015 in order to be reimbursed
14. Recipients are also obligated to provide a written summary and evaluation of the completed project along with photo documentation
15. Recipients may be asked to attend a Junior League meeting to update membership on their project

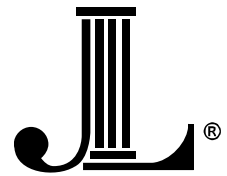
I understand the requirements and guidelines of the Junior Leaders Service Grant as stated above and I agree that I will follow all such guidelines and requirements.

Applicant

Date

Co-Applicant

Date



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Junior Leaders Community Service Grant Application

Application materials must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2015. Mail materials to: The Junior League of Stark County Attn: Junior Leaders Service Grant, 4450 Belden Village Street NW, Suite 106, Canton, Ohio 44718. Any questions should be directed to Megan Pellegrino, Grant Coordinator, at MeganLPellegrino@gmail.com. Grant recipients will be notified no later than March 15, 2015.

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant:

Street Address:

Phone Number:

Age and Grade:

School and School District:

Name of Adult Co-Applicant:

Co-Applicant Email Address:

Co-Applicant Phone Number:

Co-Applicant's Relationship to Applicant:

As much as possible, in the student's words, please attach to this form the following information on three or less double-spaced, typed pages:

1. Project Goals and Description (tell us your plans for the service project, who the project will serve/benefit, what will you do, how will it make a difference in Stark County)
2. Collaborating Agencies/Organizations (if this project requires the participation of any groups or organizations, who are they and have they agreed to participate if you receive funding)
3. Budget Outline (how much money are you requesting and how you plan to spend the money-remember, you can only request up to \$2,500)

2015 Major Fundraiser Donation Contract

The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc. appreciates your support of our annual fundraiser, which will be held on February 28, 2015, at the Barrette Center at Walsh University. Please return this contract along with your donation. The contract serves as your receipt; therefore, please retain a copy for your records. Acknowledgement of your contribution will be included in the event program. **Your contract must be received by January 31, 2015 in order for your donation to appear in our program.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sponsor Information (Please Print or Type)

Name _____ Title _____
Company Name _____
Address _____
State _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone # _____ Fax # _____ E-mail _____

Donation Information (Please Print or Type)

Please see reverse for Sponsorship Levels

- Cash Donation:** Please accept my cash donation in the amount of \$ _____.
- Gala Auction Item/Service:** *(Please be as specific as possible.)* Write a detailed description of item or service including size, color, and any restrictions that may apply. Your verbiage will be quoted in our program. Please include any supporting marketing materials for this donation (i.e. brochures, pictures, etc.)

Expiration Date: _____ Estimated Value \$ _____

Is a gift certificate required? Yes No

Is a gift certificate enclosed? Yes No

Will you be delivering the item? Yes No

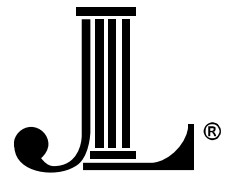
Date of delivery _____

- Junior League member should pick up item. Item will be available on or after _____

Acknowledgment (Please Print or Type)

Please list name and/or company exactly as it should appear in the program *(Please include a business card).*

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____



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Sponsorship Levels for the 2015 Red Carpet Gala

Oscar - \$1,500 or more

*Four Gala Tickets
Advertisement in Junior League Newsletter
Advertisement on Junior League Website
Program Listing as Oscar Sponsor*

Lifetime Achievement—\$500 to \$1,499

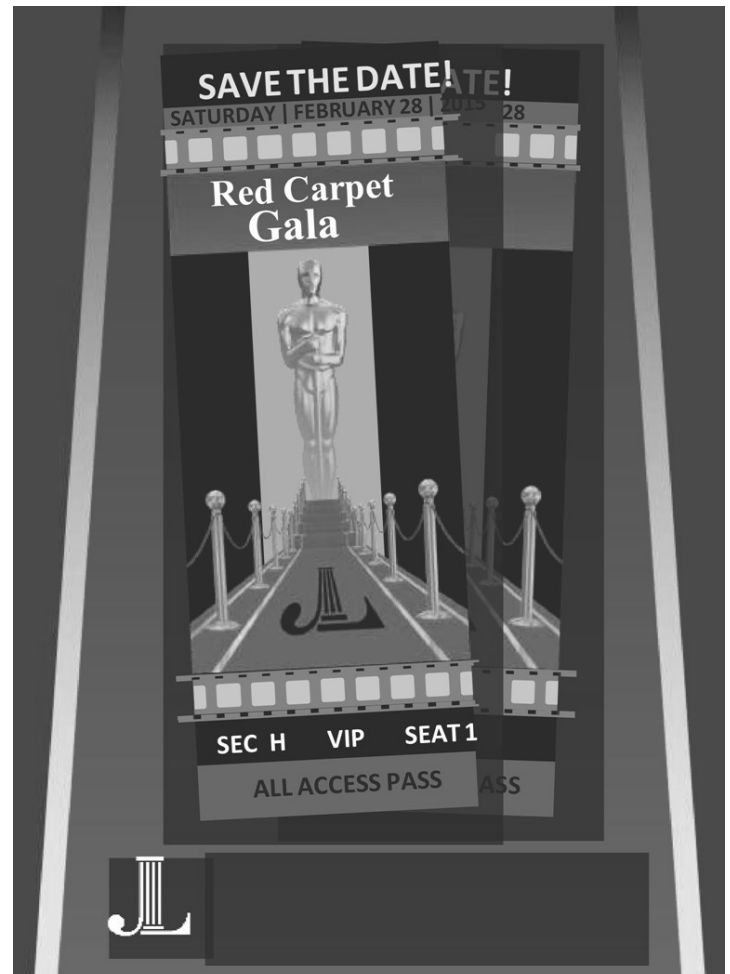
*Two Gala Tickets
Advertisement in Junior League Newsletter
Advertisement on Junior League Website
Program Listing as Lifetime Achievement*

Best Leading Actor—\$250 to \$499

*Advertisement in Junior League Newsletter
Program Listing as Best Leading Actor*

Best Supporting Actor— under \$250

Program Listing as Best Supporting Actor



September Shining Stars

Congratulations to September's Shining Stars, Jennifer Barone and Amanda Clark!

Twice this summer, Leadership Placement found itself with holes to fill on the Leadership Team. Both vacancies were in integral positions that, due to our aggressive schedule, could not go empty for any length of time without negatively impacting other areas of the organization. As it were, there were solid candidates on each committee, two of whom agreed to step up immediately. That both women possess great ideas, are extremely smart, positive, pleasant, and ambitious is a bonus. We thank them many times over for their grace, confidence, and willingness to serve.

Thank you Jen and Amanda!



Jennifer Barone



Amanda Clark





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upcoming events

- November 6 Reverse Raffle 6-8:30 pm Lake Cable Clubhouse
- November 11 General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Meeting
- November 16 2014 Leadership Retreat 1:30-4 pm Stark County District Library, Main Branch
- December 2 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm Cara Beisert Hosting (HQ)
- December (TBD) Winter Social 6:00 pm (TBD)
- December 30 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm Deanna Parks' Home
- January 13 Cottage Meetings 6:00 pm (TBD)
- January 27 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm Stephanie Helline's Home
- February 10 General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Meeting
- February 24 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm Melissa Lombardi's Home
- February 28 Gala (TBD) Walsh University, Barrett Center
- March 10 General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Meeting
- March 31 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm Megan Seeley's Home
- April 14 General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Meeting
- April 28 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm TBD