



**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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HEADQUARTERS reminders

- Summer office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am until 12 pm and 12 pm until 2 pm, by appointment only. Please call prior to arrival to ensure that someone is present
- The office will be closed the week of July 25

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Spring 2016

The Junior League of Stark County hosts its 69th Annual Women of the Year Luncheon

The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc. will recognize two outstanding community volunteers - Natalie Weinsz and Renee Skinner - at its 69th annual Women of the Year Awards luncheon, Thursday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Glenmoor Country Club, located at 4191 Glenmoor Road NW in Canton. Keynote speaker will be popular media personality Robin Swoboda. Reservations at \$35 are available online at www.jlstarkcounty.org or by calling The Junior League office at 330.491.4552.

Natalie Weinsz, nominated by Habitat for Humanity, is the 2015 recipient of the Community Award for outstanding service across a broad spectrum of volunteer organizations. Her community involvement includes leadership roles with Habitat for Humanity, the Stark Community Foundation's Women Fund, Christ Presbyterian Church, Congress Lake Women's Golf Association, Green Middle School and High School parent organizations, Central Catholic High School bookstore, Summit County Art Expo, Canton Country Day School, The Junior League of Stark County, YWCA, New Horizons Investment Club, Kappa Alpha Theta House Corporation, and Sitter Service Co-Operative.

Renee Skinner, nominated by Fairless High School, is the 2015 recipient of the President's Award for outstanding volunteerism in a concentrated area - in this case, education. Her volunteer career has included service on the Fairless Alumni Association Board, and she is a founding member of Fairless Helping Fairless. Through her efforts, thousands of dollars have been raised, and hundreds of hours given back to the community annually. The Back to School event at Fairless Elementary School - in which she also involves area businesses, clergy, and individuals - provides backpacks filled with school supplies to any student free of charge. The event includes free back-to-school haircuts, new shoes, clothing, food, and family fun.

Popular motivational speaker, Robin Swoboda will be the keynote speaker. Robin has served as a television news anchor, talk show host, and actress, best known for her career on all three network-affiliated television stations in Cleveland, as well as hosting national television programs. In addition, she has served as a radio personality on 95.5 FM "The Fish" and currently writes a bi-weekly humorous column for the Akron Beacon Journal.



Natalie Weinsz, 2015
Community Award Winner



Renee Skinner, 2015
President's Award Winner



Teresa Fout
President

President's Perspective

Junior League is such a unique organization because it actually makes you a better person. League members are some of the most generous people I have ever met: with their time, talents and treasure. I was initially drawn to join because I had recently moved here and didn't know anyone. Once I joined League, I met the most wonderful women, and now all of my closest friends are members. League is constantly teaching me new things: about our community, about how to motivate and organize a workforce, writing grant proposals, project management, local government, public relations and more. League makes me strive to do more for the community, because I am working alongside my friends, who are also dedicated to helping others. League members have also been there for me during some of the happiest, and some of the most difficult moments in my life.

I am so grateful that this organization exists, because my children get to see me building up other women, and volunteering to help our community. I want them to know how important it is to give back, and how important it is to look for the good in this world. As a lawyer and Guardian ad Litem, I often help people through some of their worst times. It can be difficult work, and sometimes the world seems pretty bleak at the end of the day. But I always get my inspiration back when I attend a GMM or attend a volunteer work day, and see all of the people who work to make the world a better place.

It has been a great honor to serve as President of the Junior League. I love Maya Angelou's quote, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, they'll forget what you did, but they'll never forget the way you made them feel." I have wonderful memories of volunteering over the years, but it's true that the specific conversations and details do fade over time. I have such a warm place in my heart for the members of Junior League, because they have been such good friends to me and I will never forget how they have made me feel.

Thank you all for all that you do for each other, and for our community.

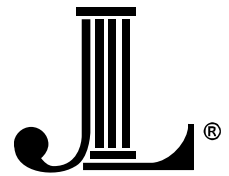
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President 2015-2016



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Gala

The Major Fundraiser committee was a very busy committee during the beginning months of the new year! This year's annual Gala was held on Friday, March 11th at the Cultural Center for The Arts. This year's theme was "Celebrate Canton".

The night began with a silent auction where each table was named in accordance to the theme. During the silent auction, guest were entertained by a DJ and enjoyed a meal catered by Joe Pileggi from Fisher's Catering. After the silent auction, an entertaining live auction took place. Guest bid on such items as a trip to Florida (donated by Sustainer Sally Bernard), an exercise bike, a trip from Buckeye Travel Biz, a fruit carving from Steve Baity and an overnight stay at Gervasi. At each table, guest were treated to chocolates from Honadle's Chocolates and entertained with rare facts about Canton, Ohio. The night was filled with many laughs and fun had by all the guest that were able to attend. This year's Gala, successfully raised \$33,000 to put into our major project and the mission of our league!

The entire Major Fundraiser committee is beyond thankful for all of the support and help that was received during the months leading up to Gala and the night of. We would like to thank everyone in JL, current members, sustainers, board members and Cindy Fisher for everything you did to help make this year another successful year for Gala!



Megan Seeley, Chair and
Melinda Willard, Chair Elect



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Community Impact

What a fun 1st year it has been! The 2015-2016 Community Impact Committee has had the privilege of planning, researching and implementing projects that contribute to our three year partnership with The Martin Center.

Active members, Provisionals and Sustainers have continued to provide and serve meals twice a month to the youth at TMC. Our hope and vision is that with the development of a high capacity kitchen, JLSC will be able to provide TMC with the ability to prepare meals on site and sustain their meal service. Proposals are being submitted for grant funding to assist with the kitchen and programming such as "Kids in the Kitchen". JLSC was able to purchase backpacks and thanks to great sustainer assistance, fill these backpacks and send them home with kids from TMC. In addition, in May we will once again be planting the community garden at TMC. We hope to have a wonderful turnout. Please watch for a sign up soon.

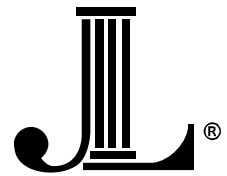
The Community Impact Committee toured Andre's House and met with Cliffie McDaniel-Thompson and immediately fell in love - both with Cliffie and her mission. Andre's House is an adult residential facility that provides non-medical care for persons aged 18-59 who are unable to be cared for at home and have a physical, developmental or mental handicap. We had a fantastic DIAD on Saturday January 23, 2016 planned and organized by Sara Ehret. With over 25 volunteers, we painted the main living area and changed the stark white walls to beautiful happy blue. The room was completed the following week with curtains, wall art, an entertainment center and flat screen TV. Thank you to all who supported Andre's House...our efforts were greatly appreciated.



In February, Stephanie Hand-Cannane implemented a fabulous spa night at The Pregnancy Support Center. GlenOak high school cosmetology students provided manicures, make up application, and fresh hairstyles. Moms were also treated to chair massages, sugar scrubs and swag bags. This event was greatly appreciated by the moms as well as the staff at PSC. The director of the PSC stated that this is an event that they have been envisioning for many years. The Community Impact Committee was proud to partner with PSC and assist them with achieving their dream.

Thank you to each one of you for supporting our projects and making 2015-2016 a fun year. Our committee is excited to forge ahead with further projects and events at TMC in the next two years, including researching and developing a literacy program, implementing the high capacity kitchen, and creating events that allow us to become more involved with the youth attending TMC.





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Winter Leadership Recap

The AJLI Winter Leadership Conference was held in Austin, Texas in January 2016. Deanna Parks and Stephanie Helline were both able to attend the conference to learn skills and best practices from other Leagues. 353 delegates from 198 Leagues were in attendance. It was a great experience to talk with other Leagues - both large and small - to exchange ideas. Most of the training we attended, was geared towards Leagues of similar size. We also heard from a panel of similarly sized Leagues in the Small Leagues Big Impact (SLBI) breakout session.

The weekend went quick, but we were able to attend various training sessions including Servant Leadership - Mission Driven, Member Focused, Strengthening Your League's Sustainability which encompasses both Financial sustainability and Programmatic sustainability, Engaging and Inspiring Members, and Building & Nurturing a Collaborative Culture & Shared Leadership. We also learned more about the wealth of information on the AJLI.org website including toolkits, webinars, widgets that can be added to our website, etc. We plan to introduce some of these resources to our members throughout the coming year.



We look forward to incorporating some of what was earned at the conference through board training, at Leadership days this summer, and continue to build in learning opportunities at GMMs throughout the year, as we have been doing.

Thank you so much for your continued commitment to league and to our community!

Provisional Project



The Provisional class has worked extraordinarily hard collaborating with The Martin Center. The center currently has a predominantly male attendance and wishes to bring in girls so they can enjoy the amenities as well. In order to do this, the Provisional class decided to provide a prom experience for a set of 15 carefully selected girls from McKinley High School who were seen as having a bright future and needed some financial help.

The girls were given the opportunity to pick out a prom dress, shoes, jewelry and a hand bag at no cost to them. A sit down dinner, corsage, photographer, make-up and nails were also offered at no expense.

This pre-prom party is taking place on April 30th and is bound to be full of laughs, love, and memories.



The Junior League of Stark County Ohio, Inc. 2016-2017 Leadership Team

President – Stephanie Helline*
President Elect – Deanna Parks*
Secretary – Stacey Leath*

Community Council:

Community Council Vice President Jen Barone*
Community Impact Co-Chair Stephanie Harding & Meagan Piegols
Community Impact Chair Elect Sara Ehret
Strategic Planning Chair Tara Beachy

Finance Council:

Finance Council Vice President Abby Schock*
Fundraising Chair Melinda Willard
Fundraising Chair Elect Jennifer Kling
Treasurer Jenn Campbell*
Treasurer Elect Stephanie Hand-Cannane*

Sustainer Council:

Sustainer Council Vice President Sally Bernard (Sustainer)*
Women of the Year Chair (Sustainer)
Women of the Year Chair Elect (Sustainer)

Training and Development Council:

Training and Development Council Vice President Sarah Lambos*
Recruiting & Admissions Chair Lynn Kelley
Recruiting & Admissions Chair Elect Stephanie Stuck
Leadership Placement Chair Teresa Fout
Membership Development Chair Amber Ollis

*Executive Board Member

Junior League of Stark County Endowment Fund

In 2004, The Junior League of Stark County established an Endowment Fund with the Stark Community Foundation. This fund assists us in our commitment to service throughout the community by ensuring that our charitable activities continue to strengthen community involvement by providing a trained volunteer resource base. The fund has grown substantially over the years thanks to donations made by our Sustaining members and friends of the League, it now totals over \$120,000. The Junior League of Stark County also makes a donation to the Fund in memory of Junior League of Stark County members that have passed away. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact our headquarters.

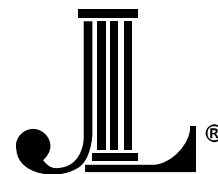


mission

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.



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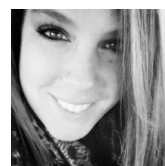
Shining Stars



November: Sarah Chilson went above the call of duty during the month of November. She enthusiastically took on the task of calling venues and caterers due to our change of location for Gala. She was also instrumental in the design of our Gala “Save the Date” and Invitations. Additionally, she assumed many of the computer tasks for the Reverse Raffle and Gala. She truly is our “behind the scenes, go to girl!” On top of all of this, she volunteered to update the JLSC website to allow for more specific tracking of volunteer hours, and updated the link for the payment of dues and other items.



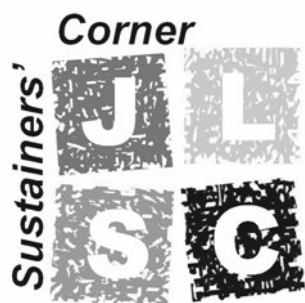
December: Chrissy Rice really stepped up and shined during the month of December. Although she had some trepidation about asking for donations, she really came out of her shell and discovered that it was actually a lot of fun! Chrissy and her family also provided the beautiful greenery for Gala. We appreciate Chrissy for all that she does in League, but especially for her help with Gala during the month of December.



February: Sara Ehret has been an integral part of the Community Impact Committee this year. From the Big, Big Toybox event to the meal service at TMC, to the awesome Done in a Day at Andre’s House, which she planned and executed flawlessly, Sara has been front and center, generously giving her time and talents to Junior League. Sara has also volunteered to serve as Community Impact Committee Chair-elect next year, so we congratulate her on that as well!



March: Megan Seeley served as Chairwoman of the Fundraising Committee this year, and did a tremendous job leading her committee and planning a gorgeous Gala at the Canton Cultural Center. Not only did she meet her fundraising goal, but she led by example, always going the extra mile to make sure everything came together and ran smoothly. Despite some special challenges this year with a change of venue and several committee members giving birth during the League year, Meg and her committee really came through for League and the community with a spectacular Gala.



Sustainers have been a busy group this year! In support of the JLSC's three-year commitment to The Martin Center, we have prepared and served nutritious meals to the young people there on a monthly basis. Many thanks to Sally Bernard, Susie Cook, Amy Goehring, Denise MacNealy, Amy Mast, Kathy Mihalik, Kathy Poporad, Sue Sokolowski, and Cheryl Stewart for their selflessness and generous giving of time, resources, and serious cooking skills!

At this writing, the Women of the Year Committee is putting the final touches on what is sure to be a memorable day. We are excited to honor two exceptional community volunteers: Natalie Weinsz, Community Award Recipient; and Renee Skinner, President's Award recipient. We are also looking forward to the warmth, wisdom, and

wit of our guest speaker, Robin Swoboda, made possible by Sirak Financial Services. Most of all, we are looking forward to seeing YOU there Thursday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. at Glenmoor Country Club. Make your reservation by calling headquarters or online at www.jlstarkcounty.org.

And finally... Please plan to join us for our Annual Sustainer Spring Luncheon, Saturday, May 28, 11:30 a.m. at the Dragonfly Tea Room, located at 116 Canal Street S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

Many thanks to Suzanne Halm for her assistance in planning this special day. Looking forward to celebrating spring, friendship, and a life of service with you all!

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FORM LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

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**NOW ACCEPTING
NEW MEMBERS!**

The Junior League of Stark County has partnered with The Martin Center for a three year project to help disadvantaged youth in Canton, Ohio.

The Martin Center is a safe haven for at risk teens to go to for a hot meal, learning, mentorship, and fun. The center has a basketball court, weight room, recording studio, game room, computer lab, cafe and a dance studio. They also offer ACT and jobs for life training to help help build relationships with teens and families. The center serves over 300 visitors a month.



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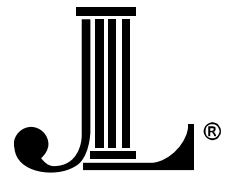


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Recruiting news

We are starting our 2016-2017 recruiting efforts and are preparing our first event! We will meet at The Barrel Room in North Canton on May 24th from 7-9 p.m.

Please reach out to friends and neighbors, relatives, at your place of worship, your book club, your gym, etc. We will be recruiting longer this year, and plan to build two classes, for both fall and spring.

In addition to our traditional provisional class, we are also hoping to recruit more experienced members in the community that are looking to get involved. We are hoping this will allow new classes to gel with current actives faster, yet leave room for training and project work.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of JLSC growth and service!

Motivational Speaker Vicki Clark is coming November 12th – Save the Date

Vicki is a favorite speaker at nearly every AJLI conference. She has devoted the past 30 years of her life to building capacity in organizations and inspiring community leaders.

Each year she speaks to thousands of community, business and government leaders, and has made presentations in 48 of the 50 United States. She has amazing insights into Junior League issues ranging from member engagement to community impact.

Vicki can be described as a cross between Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres. She is brilliant, insightful, funny, inspiring, and she LOVES Junior League. Anyone who has heard her speak loves her too. Please save the date to attend this special day with the Junior League of Stark County, Akron, and Youngstown.

You will leave feeling rejuvenated and inspired.



Junior League of Stark County's Leadership Team 2015 - 2016

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President Elect
Secretary

Teresa Fout*
Stephanie Helline*
Jenn Campbell*

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Community Council VP
Community Impact Chair
Community Impact Co-Chair Elect

Amanda Clark*
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Stephanie Harding and
Meagan Piegols
Elyse Ramirez
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Sustainer Council:
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Women of the Year Chair

Suzie Thomas (s)*
Sandy Turner (s)

Finance Council:

Interim Finance Council VP
Fundraising Chair
Fundraising Chair Elect
Treasurer
Treasurer Elect

Melissa Lombardi*
Megan Seeley
Melinda Willard
Deanna Parks*
Jenn Campbell*

Training and Development Council:

Training and Development Council VP
Leadership Placement Chair
Membership Meetings & Training Chair

Jenifer Hill*
Kim Hinderegger
Stacey Leath

JLSC Administrative Assistant

Cindy Fisher

* Executive Board Member

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2015-2016 GMM Recap

September 2015, Welcome Aboard League

To start off the 2015-2016 League year, Habitat for Humanity offered their facilities for our first meeting. Each meeting this year we offered a training opportunity and a Done in a Meeting project (DIAM). In September, we conducted a back to school supplies drive to benefit the members of The Martin Center (TMC). As members arrived to the GMM, a slideshow of pictures from previous years played, we got reacquainted with those we hadn't seen over the summer, and met our new provisional members. This was a great kick-off to a fantastic year to come.

October 2015, Fall in to League

In October, we met at TMC where we had the privilege to hear from one of the students that attends TMC and Terry Hunka, founder of TMC. Hearing about personal experiences and why TMC was started touched our hearts and reminded us why we joined JLSC. Rosanna Fierro presented a Jeopardy-style training incorporating Junior League facts. Members had fun with the trivia game and enjoyed the 100 Grand (candy) prizes!



November 2015, Thankful for League

November is the time of year we naturally recollect what we are thankful for. I recall looking around the room at the Goodwill Community Campus during the GMM and thinking how thankful I am to be part of JLSC.

This year we offered several meetings with a shortened agenda to allow time for individual committees to meet; November was the first opportunity for this. The DIAM was a collection of ornaments for the Christmas Tree to be decorated at the Hoover Historical Center. The tree, lights and ornaments were donated to a family in need in Stark County.

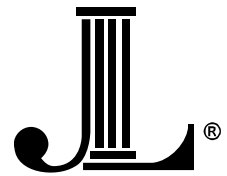
December 2015

In December we gathered for fun, food, spirits, gifts, and music at Deanna Parks' home.

The white elephant gift exchange brought a lot of laughter as we sat around the living room in our ugly Christmas sweaters.

To close the evening, Deanna played carols on the piano as we sang along in the best tune we could and watched the kids sing and dance!





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January 2016, Coming Together with League

Keeping with tradition, we met at Sustainers homes for Cottage Meetings in January. Members welcomed the opportunity for a smaller, more intimate setting to discuss where we are going and the potential to change our Reaching Out Statement.

Thank you Megan Pellegrino, Barbara Cockroft, Suzie Thomas and Linda DeHoff for welcoming us in to your homes.



February 2016, Love League

As members arrived at the Stark County Library, they gathered supplies to make Valentines to be donated to TMC. Melinda Willard and Stephanie Stuck had just returned from a weekend trip to Florida for ODI training and presented to the members about their experience. The 2016-2017 Executive Board was announced and congratulations were offered.



March 2016, Lucky for League

For the March GMM we met at the offices of DeHoff Realtors in North Canton.

Stephanie Stuck asked members to write down three things they like about being in JLSC. This is how the wordle (pictured right) was created.



Stephanie then conducted a training going into more detail about ODI. 2016-2017 Committee Chairs and Chair Elects were announced and we heard more about what to expect at Gala the following weekend.

April 2016, Spring in to League / May 2016

We will be having our April GMM at TMC. This meeting will include a storyboard activity, committee placement fair, and an opportunity to enter volunteer hours on the JLSC website.

Our May GMM will be hosted at Kozmo's in Massillon. We will present awards, have some voting matters, and will look back on the 2015 - 2016 League year. As this year rapidly comes to a close, I look ahead at the opportunities to come!



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upcoming events

- May 3 Actives serve dinner 6:30 pm The Martin Center
- May 10 General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Meeting
- May 12 Women of the Year Event 11:30 am Glenmoor Country Club
- May 24 Sustainers serve dinner 6:30 pm The Martin Center
- May 24 First Recruiting event 7:00 pm The Barrel Room
- May 28 Sustainer Spring luncheon 11:30 am Dragonfly Tea Room