



**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
STARK COUNTY, OHIO, INC.**

*Women building better communities®*

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- Summer office hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-12. 12-2 by appointment.
- The office will be closed July 16-25.

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## 67th Annual Women of the Year Event

A gorgeous open air setting together with beautiful spring weather made this year's Women of the Year Celebration an amazing event! On May 28, 2014, 175 guest enjoyed a delicious lunch and music provided by a trio from the Canton Symphony Orchestra as we paid tribute to this year's honorees at Gervasi Vineyard pavilion.

Each year, The Junior League of Stark County presents two awards to outstanding female volunteers in Stark County. The Community Award recognizes a woman whose volunteer contributions have touched many areas of the Stark County community. The President's Award recognizes a woman whose volunteer contributions have focused on a specific area: education, health and welfare, the arts or with a specific nonprofit affiliation.

Vicky Sterling was honored with the Community Award for over 20 years of volunteer service to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival serving in many different roles including General Chairman. This annual event draws more than 700,000 people to Stark County and produces an economic impact of \$32 million for the Canton/Stark County Area. Vicky oversees 26 Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce committees. Her volunteer activities are not limited to the Hall of Fame. She is a graduate of Leadership Canton and serves on their Board of Directors. She is a long time member of the Women's Board of Aultman Hospital where she has served in various positions on the Women's Board including serving as President in the upcoming year. She has offered her leadership skills and her passion and enthusiasm to the J.R. Coleman Center, Trillium Family Solutions, Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 7490 and the Women in History Luncheon.

Vicky and her husband, Todd, own Pinnacle Press. They have two children and four grandchildren. Vicky's own quote sums up her commitment to her community "I live life to the fullest, I live by the golden rule and I share my passion with our community in all that I do". The Junior League of Stark County and the community at large are deeply grateful to Vicky and were honored to present her with the 2013 Community Award. (continued on page 14)



Barbara Fordyce



Vicky Sterling

## 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.



Cara Beisert  
President

## ***President's Perspective***

Wow! What a whirlwind year! I hope you are as proud as I am about what we have accomplished in this, our 77<sup>th</sup> year. Through our efforts to provide more frequent hands-on activities for our members, we were able to provide the services of trained volunteers to more than a dozen agencies and organizations. Considering our traditional projects, we saw 80% of Active and Provisional members give more than 310 hours of service for the Major Project at the Boys and Girls Club, the Provisional Project at the Alliance for Children and Families, and two Done In A Days which benefitted local schools. In addition, the outstanding work of the Fund Development/Major Fundraiser Committee, along with the generosity of our supporters, resulted in revenues far surpassing our goals.

Following the January Cottage Meetings and the associated small group discussions, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Executive Board were able to ascertain that in order to accommodate a changing membership dynamic, to make a larger impact in the community, and to increase member satisfaction, we need to adapt. As a result, the 2014-2015 league year has been informally designated as a planning year. Simply, the Major Project Committee will plan 4 smaller scale projects while Strategic Planning considers the logistics of a large scale, perhaps multi-year, project to begin in 2015. Furthermore, we will take a hard look at the current leadership structure and consider modifications to management and governance that would allow us to become less top-heavy and more efficient.

It should be evident that we have our work cut out for us in the coming year. As such, I would encourage you to take a bit of time to appreciate all we were able to accomplish this year, and then turn your attention to the future. Ask yourself what YOU can do to advance The Junior League's mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The membership of The Junior League of Stark County consists of smart, vibrant women whose collective skillset is beyond measure, and in order to make JLSC the best it can be, we need you.

THANK YOU for your hard work, dedication, and generosity. You are appreciated!

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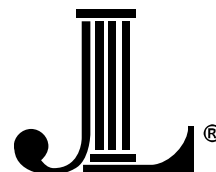


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## May GMM

Over thirty League members were in attendance for our final meeting of the year at Shady Hollow Country Club on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. President Cara Beisert summarized our amazing year in her President's report and Sustainer Nichole Cardinale shared with us details of the upcoming Women of the Year celebration. Rosanna Fierro, chair of Leadership Placement, spoke about committee placements for the 2014-2015 league year and out-going Major Project chair, Stephanie Helling shared with us the accomplishments of this year's project with the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon.

Many celebrations took place as well including introducing our Provisional members and welcoming them into active membership. We also thanked the Active members who are becoming Sustainers for their years of service to the Junior League of Stark County. President Beisert also introduced the 2014-2015 leadership team.

The Shooting Star Award was presented to new member Abby Schock. This award was established to honor a Provisional Member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Megan Pellegrino was given the Glimmer Award and was recognized as a member in a leadership role who went beyond her appointed leadership position and assisted and participated in various other League activities. The Sparkler Award recipient was Megan Seeley. Sparklers are active committee members who go that extra mile, are a positive influence, act as a trouble shooter and are enthusiastic and positive about their Junior League activities. Terry Horner Photography was also honored with the Friend of the Junior League Award. This is an honorarium which acknowledges those in the community who have been particularly influential and generous to the Junior League. Congratulations to all of our winners!



President Cara Beisert



Front row — Jenn Campbell, Kari Willoughby, Melissa Lombardi, Kristen Petrilla, Teresa Fout, Tara Beachy, Stephanie Helling and Elyse Ramirez de Fair  
Back row — Cara Beisert, Megan Pellegrino, Jen Barone, Deanna Parks, Megan Seeley, Lora Harley, Sarah Lambos and Lisa Lynch

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## *A Night in the Big Apple Gala*



A Night in the Big Apple was certainly a night to remember! This year's major fundraiser, held on March 1, 2014, was one of the most successful Galas we have had in recent years. Over 230 people enjoyed great food, numerous silent auction items, and an exciting live auction; after which they were entertained by casino style gambling. Our members and community came together and raised over \$64,000 to support The Junior League of Stark County's mission. It was an incredible night filled with fun, support, and enthusiasm for our community. Thank you all for your support of our great organization. We hope to see you there next year!



## *Summer Social*

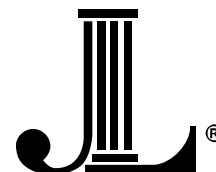
Please bring your families to Canal Park in Akron on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> as we cheer on the Akron RubberDucks to a victory over the Erie SeaWolves. First pitch is 7:05pm. All tickets are \$7 per person. This will be a fun, family event as there are many activities that evening including the Canal Park Main Street Festival which includes stilt-walkers, jugglers, inflatables, live music and more outside of the ballpark before the game! Be sure to stay after the game for a great fireworks display set to some of your favorite musical renditions of the Dave Matthews Band. An Evite will be sent soon! Payment is **REQUIRED** when a RSVP is made. Please plan on mailing in a check, calling in your payment to Cindy at HQ, or paying on the website. We hope to see you all there! Play ball!



## *Code Day*

Connect Ohio Develop Education (CODE) Day for the 2014-2015 league year will be hosted by The Junior League of Youngstown, and is planned for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for additional information regarding training sessions and details about how you can participate!





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**The Junior League of Stark County Ohio, Inc.  
2014-2015 Leadership Team**

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

**Community Council:**

Community Council Vice President ..... Stephanie Helline\*  
Major Project Chair ..... Kristen Petrilla  
Major Project Chair Elect ..... Jen Barone  
Strategic Planning Chair ..... Karen Stock (s)

**Finance Council:**

Finance Council Vice President ..... Melissa Lombardi\*  
Fundraising Chair ..... Lora Harley  
Fundraising Chair Elect ..... Megan Seeley  
Treasurer ..... Tara Beachy\*  
Treasurer Elect ..... Deanna Parks\*

**Sustainer Council:**

Sustainer Council Vice President ..... Megan Pellegrino (Sustainer)\*  
Women of the Year Chair ..... Nichole Cardinale (Sustainer)  
Women of the Year Chair Elect .....

**Training and Development Council:**

Training and Development Council Vice President ..... Jenn Campbell  
Admission/Provisional Chair ..... Sarah Lambos  
Admission/Provisional Chair Elect ..... Elyse Ramirez de Fair  
Leadership Placement Chair ..... Kari Willoughby  
Membership Meetings & Training Chair ..... Lisa Lynch

\*Executive Board Member

**Junior League of Stark County's Leadership Team 2013-2014**

President  
President Elect  
Secretary

Cara Beisert\*  
Pam Blackburn-Haggstrom\*

**Community Council:**

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

Sue Sokolowski\*  
Stephanie Helline  
Kristen Petrilla  
Teresa Fout

**Sustainer Council:**

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

Cheryl Stewart (s)\*  
Sally Bernard (s)  
Nichole Cardinale (s)

\* Executive Board Member

**Finance Council:**

Finance Council VP  
Fund Development Chair  
Fund Development Chair Elect  
Major Fundraiser Chair  
Major Fundraiser Chair Elect  
Treasurer  
Treasurer Elect

Lara Kimbell\*  
Nicole Miller  
Ashley Monroe  
Melissa Lombardi  
Lora Harley  
Corleon (CJ) Assent\*  
Tara Beachy\*

**Training and Development Council:**

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

Lisa Lynch\*  
Megan Pellegrino  
Sarah Lambos  
Rosanna Fierro  
Kari Willoughby

JLSC Administrative Assistant

Cindy Fisher

## ***Sparkler Award***

The Sparkler Award is given by the Executive Board to the “ultimate shining star” in League. The Sparkler Award is meant to honor an Active member who goes the extra mile, is a positive influence, acts as a trouble shooter, and is enthusiastic and positive about her Junior League activities. The person being honored as the 2013-2014 Sparkler was nominated by several members, each echoing the same sentiments. She has been described as someone who exhibits incredible dedication, and is a great example of volunteering with enthusiasm. She is deserving of the Sparkler Award because she is a wonderful cheerleader, a tireless worker, and a role model for other members.



Cara Beisert and Megan Seeley

This year, she served a double placement on both Fund Development and Leadership Placement, and members of both committees expressed gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with, and to get to know her better. When we became aware that representatives from the Boys and Girls Club would not be present at Gala, she offered to produce a video that would show the impact of our project. She spent hours upon hours working on signage and décor for Gala, as well as putting together the video used that night, as well as one with highlights of the year. In addition to being a Kindergarten teacher, a mom to two adorable children, and a wife to Chris, who is also heavily involved in community service efforts, she consistently goes above and beyond in her League responsibilities, proving time and again that she is someone who can be counted on. Congratulations to this year's Sparkler, Megan Seeley.

## ***Shooting Star Award***



The Shooting Star Award is presented to the Provisional member who has gone above and beyond that of the average new member. This person is someone who shows great potential to further the mission of League to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and to improve the Stark County community.

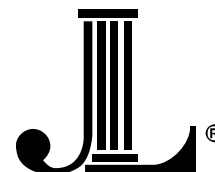
This year's Shooting Star Award winner is Abby Schock. Abby was elected by her class to serve as the Provisional Class President and gained their confidence as she led them through the process of organizing and completing an extremely successful Provisional Class Project at the Alliance for Children and Families.

She worked hard to make sure that everyone's voice was heard and that aspects of each research group's ideas were incorporated into the final project.

Because of her leadership skills and warm personality, the members of the Provisional Class of 2013-2014 selected Abby to receive this honor.



Megan Pellegrino, Abby Schock and Cara Beisert



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## ***Glimmer Award***

The Glimmer Award honors an Active member serving in a leadership role. These women have gone above and beyond their appointed leadership position, thereby assisting and participating in various other League activities. This year's award recipient is Megan Pellegrino.

Megan has been an Active member since 2004 and of her time with the League, she has spent 70% of that time in a leadership role, including serving as President of League from 2010-2011. Within her specific role this year, Megan has served as a great mentor and leader to our newest group of provisional members while chairing the Admission/Provisionals Committee.



Megan Pellegrino and Rosanna Fierro

Megan is always willing to help out whenever a need arises whether within or outside of her committee responsibilities and this year was no exception. Just a few examples of this include her role as the coordinator of the All-Ohio Food Drive with the other seven Ohio Leagues (for the second time), helping to proofread all League materials for the second half of this year when the need arose (a job typically done by our President Elect) and filling a spot on the Leadership Placement committee for the second half of the year.

She also helped lead members at the April general membership meeting through a storyboarding exercise in which members were solicited for their ideas on our greatest community needs. Given her great breadth of experience and knowledge of the League, Megan has also served as a sounding board and advisor to many members in League whenever needed. As she transitions to a Sustainer role next year, her involvement with League activities does not end there. Megan has continued her commitment to the League by accepting the 2014-15 Sustainer Council VP position. These are just a few examples of Megan's outstanding dedication to Junior League and of her outstanding leadership this year.

Thank you Megan for all that you have done and continue to do for The Junior League of Stark County and for always going above and beyond expectations!

## ***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 members and friends of the League. 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. This year, over \$9,000 in contributions have been added to the Endowment Fund. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact our headquarters.

## Shining Stars



Congratulations to December's Shining Star, Ashley Cookson! Ashley has been instrumental this year assisting with researching and planning Major Project work nights. She has spent many hours conducting research, planning the "What is an Entrepreneur?" discussion, and composing handouts. She has been described by the person who nominated her as showing a passion for working with and helping the students at the Boys and Girls Club. Way to go Ashley!



The Shining Star for the month of January was awarded to Jen Barone for her tireless participation on the Major Project Committee. From the very beginning of the year, starting with the Massillon Family Fun Fest, Jen has proven herself a valuable member, not afraid of sharing new ideas, adept at helping keep the committee on task, and always having The Junior League's mission at heart. Congratulations Jen!



In February, we awarded the Shining Star to Amanda Clark. Amanda, a first year Active, stepped in and planned an extraordinary winter social at Studio Arts and Glass, which was attended by many members. Amanda has been involved in our volunteer efforts, including Major Project work nights, done-in-a-day projects, and the Brace Against Hunger race, always with a smile on her face. In addition to her League responsibilities, Amanda is currently pursuing a doctorate in Political Science. Thank you, Amanda, for your service!

For the month of March, the Shining Star was awarded to the entire Fund Development/Major Fundraiser Committee for their outstanding teamwork and dedication that enabled them to plan and execute an extremely successful Major Fundraiser. Great job ladies!

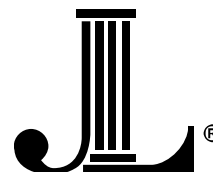


April's Shining Star is a truly dedicated member of The Junior League of Stark County. She leads by example and does everything with a smile on her face. Not only does she fulfill all Leadership Placement committee responsibilities, including but not limited to attending and actively participating in committee meetings and serving as a committed mentor to her advisees, but she often offers to help with committee activities before even having to be asked. Her dedication is further exemplified by her willingness to help fulfill the Membership Meetings and Training responsibilities when the need arose for the 2nd half of this year. For all of these reasons and so many more, the Shining Star for the month of April was awarded to Kari Willoughby!



Congratulations to May's Shining Star, Meagan Sayre-Piegols. First and foremost, Meagan is simply a joy to be around. She was chosen to be honored with the Shining Star Award because as a Provisional, not only did she attend each and every one of her committee meetings, she served as the Treasurer of the Provisional Class, attended the Major Fundraiser, pulled weeds at the most recent Done In A Day, participated in several social events, and attended 7 of 8 General Membership Meetings. Meagan has made it evident that she will be an asset to Active membership. Great job Meagan!





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## Annual Conference

The 92<sup>nd</sup> annual conference and business meeting of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) was held May 15-17 in St. Louis, MO, featuring keynote speaker Rebecca D. Costa, author of "The Watchmen's Rattle". At this conference, nearly 700 women, representing 220+ Leagues from four countries, participated in sessions on topics such as collaboration, Sustainer engagement, triple-purpose fundraisers, and turning League focus outward. In addition, staffers from the Association, including Director Susan Danish, as well as Chief Officer of Strategic Initiatives Anne Dalton, among others, shared that the Action Learning Teams (ALTs) had completed their research in two of three areas as called for in the Association's Strategic Road Map. With that data, AJLI has formulated two modules for Leagues, one concerning Issue Based Community Impact, and the other, steps for separating Governance and Management in Leagues. Technology and Marketing Director Laurie Dodge shared information about new functionalities coming soon to the members' side of the AJLI website ([ajli.org](http://ajli.org)) that would allow members from across the Association to better connect

## Provisional Project

On March 21, the Provisional Class put on a Family Fun Night at the Alliance for Children and Families in Alliance, Ohio as their 2013-2014 Provisional Class project. Twenty-five children and many of their parents attended the event.

The evening was a major success as the children enjoyed making fleece blankets, munching on healthy snacks, and watching the hit children's movie of the year, *Frozen*. While the children's ages spanned from newborn to 14 years old, the Provisional Class was able to accommodate everyone and ensured that each child felt special.

Members assisted the children in tying their fleece blankets and were able to get to know them at the same time. Everyone was then stunned when the kids ate almost all of the provided snacks - even the fruits and vegetables! While some kids were more interested in playing than watching the movie, the majority of those in attendance absolutely loved the movie and sat still through the entire showing, a major accomplishment with such a large group! The staff at The Alliance for Children and Families was extremely impressed with the entire project, from the planning stages, to the smooth execution of the event, to the way members interacted with the children and their families. After the event, the Provisional Class wrote a note to each child in attendance, as a way to further connect with them and make them feel special. The Provisional Class truly went above and beyond expectations to make the evening possible and to make a lasting impact on every child in attendance.



The event was an amazing success that highlighted the incredible women who made up this year's Provisional Class.

## Fall Projects

While you enjoy your summer the Major Project committee will be hard at work. This fall they will be working on the plans for two fantastic done-in-a-day projects. First, League volunteers will be heading to Habitat for Humanity to assist in the creation of a library and fun area for children of families that will be receiving homes. The second project will be the resurrection of the very successful GEM (Girls Empowered and Motivated) program. This program will be a one day event where we will work with young women from around the community to help them build leadership and positive decision making skills. The location of this event has yet to be determined, but will likely be in the downtown Canton area. The upcoming league year is going to be great with many opportunities for community involvement! If you have any questions or would like to help with the planning, please contact Major Project chair Kristen Petrilla at [kristenpetrilla@gmail.com](mailto:kristenpetrilla@gmail.com) or 330-348-1058.

## ***Welcome New Sustainers!***

At the May General Membership meeting Sustainer Council VP, Cheryl Stewart, welcomed new Sustainers, Lora Kimbell, Megan Pellegrino, Sue Sokolowski, Nicole Spain, Andrea Ziarko and Patty Hinnebusch.



Lara Kimbell's first year Active was in 2006. During her active years, Lora served in several leadership positions including serving as the Finance Council VP, Treasurer, and chair of the Major Fundraiser Committee. She also served on the Leadership Placement Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

One of her favorite Major Projects was the Moving Forward Project that focused on teaching life skills to kids aging out of foster care. She has said it was very eye opening to learn more about the foster care system. The biggest impact the League has had on Lara are the friendships she has made.

In the future Lara plans on getting more involved with her children's school especially with the PTO. We will continue to see Lara even though she is going Sustainer; she plans on continuing to support the League for many years to come.



Megan Pellegrino became an Active member of League in 2004. Having served on almost every committee in League, Megan has chaired the following committees: Cookbook, Leadership Placement and Admissions/Provisional. Her other leadership roles in League have included serving as the Training and Development Council VP, President Elect and President from 2010-2011.

Megan's favorite project was the construction of the Adapted Riding Course at Pegasus Farm. She says, "I love that we created something that will aid people in need for years to come!" Another of Megan's favorite projects was the Pathway Prom Project in which League members worked with foster teens to teach them life skills and allow them to experience the thrill of going to prom.

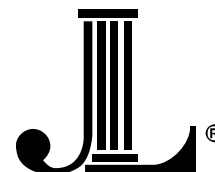
Megan credits her League experience with teaching her the skills of a civic leader, allowing her the opportunity to make a difference in her community, and making friendships that will last her a lifetime. Megan will be continuing to make a difference in the Stark County community by volunteering with the St. Baldrick's Foundation, her children's PTOs, League, and as a Board member of the North Canton Public Library.



Sue Sokolowski first became an Active member of the Junior League in 2007. She has served on many committees including the Cookbook, Admissions/Provisional, and Leadership Placement. Her leadership roles include chairing the Major Project Committee and serving as the Community Council VP.

One of her favorite projects was the YWCA Kids Connect project. As the chair of the committee that planned and executed this project, Sue credits her incredible committee for making the job a breeze.

Sue credits League with exposing her to dynamic and wonderful women who she now calls friends. Her plans beyond League will include her work on other not-for-profit Boards, staying active in the Bar Association and assisting with the Sustainer projects.



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Nicole Spain transferred to JLSC this year and immediately became involved with the Major Fundraiser Committee. Prior to her transfer she was a member of The Junior League of Detroit for three years and The Junior League of Milwaukee for six years. Her Detroit service included the Project Research and Development Committee and the Belle Isle Nature Zoo Committee. In Milwaukee Nicole was on the Connections Committee, the Community Program Planning Committee, the Holiday Boutique Committee and the Community Program Planning Committee.

Nicole's favorite project throughout her League experience has been participating in the Kids in the Kitchen initiative. She helped in the development and implementation of this project. It started out small in Detroit with just 15 kids participating in afterschool program. When she transferred to the JL of Milwaukee she was able to help their Kids in the Kitchen program grow from an afternoon program with 30 Girl Scouts to a family oriented day program at Whole Foods and finally into a multisession curriculum-based program at the YMCA of Milwaukee for elementary children and their families. The Junior League has been a great way for Nicole to combine her professional knowledge as a dietician with her Kids in the Kitchen work.

She has enjoyed being involved and giving back to her communities. In the coming years she hopes to continue to volunteer with the JL but she is looking forward to becoming active in other Stark County organizations.



Patty Hinnebusch became an Active member of The Junior League of El Paso Texas in 2001. She was quite active when in Texas, volunteering and participating on committees such as the Resource Development Committee and the Provisional Class Committee. She assumed the position of Music Therapy Chair. In fact one of her fondest memories of her time in Texas was working on the Music Therapy Major Project. Once she moved to Stark County and transferred her Junior League membership, she served on many committees and chaired the Major Fundraiser Committee.

Patty credits the Junior League with helping her develop and hone her fundraising skills and helping her build confidence.

Patty will not be idle. She has three children and has been and will continue to be very active with the parent group at her children's school.



Andrea Ziarko has been a League member since 2003. What she has gotten the most satisfaction from is from being a part of an organization that sincerely helps groups such as the youth and young mothers or soon-to-be mothers whose futures are uncertain and need support.

Now that Andrea's JL active years are behind her, she plans to concentrate more on her legal career as well as becoming more involved in her church.

She will definitely be on the lookout for another volunteer organization to join, although at this time she is uncertain where those efforts will lead. Junior League has introduced her to so many wonderful women who have the same philanthropical spirit, so she feels that personally she has made life-long friends and loves that she has been able to share many great memories with these new friends. It has also taught her a tremendous amount about how to run meetings, essential organizational skills, and basic networking skills needed in professional life. She owes Junior League a great deal, and she looks forward to supporting the League as a Sustainer in the future.

**Thank you ladies for all you have done for the  
League and for your community.**



## Major Project Update

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**



This year the Major Project was to partner with the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon to provide opportunities to develop and enhance skills youth need to secure long term sustainable futures. The goal of our project was to expose middle school and high school students to new experiences and opportunities.

League volunteers made an impact by helping to plan lessons, like talking about networking, creating a 30 second elevator pitch, or guiding students in exploring colleges, volunteer opportunities, or future careers. League volunteers also shared their stories about how they chose the career they are in, and offered guidance and tips to students. They talked about their careers, stories about school, and lessons learned along the way. We also brought in various speakers from outside of League to talk about other career opportunities. Some of the speakers included business owners Ernie Lehman of Ernie's Bike Shop, and Kim Wagler of Impulse Training. A military recruiter and a fireman also came to talk about their career path and give students an insight of their day to day tasks.

Students had a chance to learn about resume writing and interview skills, and even took part in mock interviews with league volunteers. They also learned about proper dress codes and what to wear to a job interview. The last session included a "what to wear / what not to wear" fashion show, and a trivia game to review each of the lessons we discussed this year.

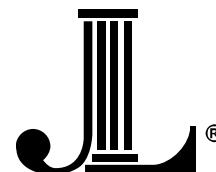
One of our challenges this year was maintaining attendance through each of our monthly events. Typical participation was 6-8 kids, with our last event having a participation of 20 students! Over the course of the program, we had the chance to touch the lives of 34 students from grades ranging from 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Boys & Girls Club plans to continue teaching the *BE GREAT: GRADUATE* program with their high school students and junior staff throughout the summer. They plan to purchase additional curriculum books, and League has provided a cabinet that they can store information for career planning. League has also purchased books to leave with the club to help research colleges, finding financial aid and scholarship support, and an ACT prep book with a CD of sample tests.

The Boys & Girls Club was very appreciative of our efforts and the time our volunteers put in to make this program successful. This was exemplified in the following feedback received from the Boys & Girls Club:

**"...every youth that participated gained valuable information and many even felt listened to, heard and respected with genuine interest by the volunteers from your organization. Thank you again for being ours for a year! It has been a great stepping stone toward additional services and programs we as a Club are striving to provide for our youth and community."**





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## ***Sustainer Springtime Luncheon***

On May 16, 2014 the Sustainers gathered at Brookside Country Club for a springtime luncheon. Eighteen Sustainers attended and shared stories and memories of past League years. The group was reminded of the upcoming Women of the Year festivities. This triggered more stories of past Women of the Year events and speakers.

Cindy Petitti from Petitti Garden Center gave a lively and informative presentation on organic container gardening. Her insights into growing healthy plants without chemicals and other environmentally harmful agents kept the group riveted. The Junior League of Stark County was thanked for hosting her on her weekly radio show which airs each Saturday morning on 95.9 FM at 8 am.

To compliment our topic for the day, Chef Ken from Brookside served a delectable lunch. For starters he served cucumber-cantaloupe shooters followed by a generous salad of baby kale and spinach with avocado, almonds, and oranges topped with organic chicken. Chef Ken's famous gluten free black bean brownie with mango sorbet ended the meal on a sweet note. Thank you to all of the Sustainers who were able to attend events this year.



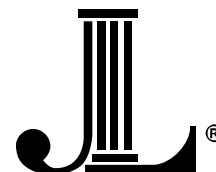
## ***WOMEN OF THE YEAR cont..***

Barb Fordyce, a Junior League Sustainer, was honored with the President's Award for her enormous contributions to the areas of health and welfare. Barb, a licensed psychologist, has blended her academic studies, her professional passions and her commitment to volunteerism to provide health educational programs through Aultman Hospital's health talks. She has been instrumental in developing parenting programs through the Stark County Family Court. She created the program "Working Together for Kids: Communication and Parenting Skills for the Never Married Parent", which offers practical suggestions and methods to parents so that they can parent effectively and their children can develop appropriately with the goal of being emotionally healthy and successful. This program has become a model for other family courts across the country. Barb's passion for and love of children is evident in her other areas of service. She serves on the Children's Hospital Medical Center's Medical Review Board, the Board of Planned Parenthood, and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Stark County.

Barb has given numerous talks in schools, churches, synagogues, parent organizations and support groups. She emphasizes resilience and positive mental health through her educational programs. As Chief Magistrate for Stark County Family Court, Sally Efremoff said "Barb donates her time and energy because there is a need. There is no agenda except making life better for those who are in need of help. Barb is an example of what a woman can and should be. We gratefully acknowledge Barb's numerous contributions to the health and welfare of our community. It was a privilege to present her with the 2013 President's Award.







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## Member Updates

### With Sympathy ....

Our condolences to Sustainer Carol Jenkins and her family in the passing of her daughter, Kimberly Cobb on October 12, 2013.

Our condolences to Sustainer Susan Bowling and her family in the passing of her husband, Bill Bowling, on August 14, 2013.

### Congratulations to ....

Congratulations to Sustainer Lucia Pileggi for being named a member of the YWCA Stark County Women's Hall of Fame 2014 class of inductees, in the area of business. Great job!

Congratulations to Sustainer Barb Fordyce for being named The Junior League of Stark County 2014 Women of the Year, President's Award recipient. Great job!

### Welcome Back....

Anne Coen (s) and Darlene Schuring who are returning to The Junior League of Stark County.

### Goodbye and Good Luck to ....

Pam Blackburn who will be moving out of the area.

CJ Assent who will be moving out of the area.

Sharyn Adelman (s) who is transferring to a Junior League in Columbus.

Shaina Wilkins who is transferring to a Junior League in Oklahoma.



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## **FRIEND OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AWARD**

The Friend of the Junior League Award is given each year to acknowledge those in the community who have been particularly influential and generous. This year's winner is a fixture in the city of North Canton. He began his career at age 18 by shooting wedding photos, and in the years since, he has built a successful family business that focuses primarily on family and senior portraits, as well as wedding photography.

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He was chosen to be honored with the Friend of the Junior League Award due not only to his generosity over the years with donations of various auction items, but more importantly, because for nearly a decade, he has provided his services to photograph our Presidents at no cost. In addition to making the entire process surprisingly painless, from making the appointment to walking out of the studio with an edited professional portrait on disk, his willingness to continue year after year has led to a continuity in the style and appearance of our photos, without worry of logistics, including budget.

## **Sustainer News**

On May 20th the YWCA held its 24<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Hall of Fame event at The University Center, Kent State Stark. Nine women were honored in the categories of: sports, human service, community service, education, arts, outstanding teen, make a difference, business and the President's Award. YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For 24 years the YWCA has honored Stark County women who exemplify this mission.



Junior League Sustainer Lucia Pileggi was honored for her field of business. Those who know Lucia will agree with the presenters that she is a woman with unassuming grace who is loyal to her family and to her heritage as a first generation Italian-American. She is self-motivated, hardworking and has a servant's heart. Her mother taught her to value education and to be modest, for the results will speak for themselves. She is committed to controlling only what she can control and she will not be defined by others but rather she will only be defined by herself. Many of Lucia's immediate and extended family members, as well as her colleagues, were present to honor her as she was inducted into the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Hall of Fame.

Junior League members who have also received this recognition are: 2004 Sally Efremoff, 2004 Cindy Lazor, 2005 Victoria Conley and 2012 Kathy Poporad.

Congratulations!

## **Dues Reminder**

By this time, all members should have received a dues notice. If you have not, contact headquarters ASAP. Please be certain to remit payment as soon as possible. Payments are considered late as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and will incur a \$10 late fee.

Please be advised if you wish to resign your membership in good standing, you must contact the Secretary by 4/1. Also, members who are currently on a Leave of Absence or plan to request such in the upcoming year are still required to pay dues as noted in Article XII, Section 10 of the JLSC bylaws.

If you are unable to pay or wish to set up a payment plan, please contact the Treasurer, Tara Beachy at tbeachy@yahoo.com or (614) 266-8208. All requests will be held in strict confidence.



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## upcoming events

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|----------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| • June 1       | Leadership Day             | 2-7 pm  | Glass Tower Conference Room |
| • June 24      | Executive Board Meeting    | 6:00 pm | Teresa Fout's home          |
| • July 29      | Executive Board Meeting    | 6:00 pm | Jenn Campbell's home        |
| • August 26    | Executive Board Meeting    | 6:00 pm | Deanna Parks' home          |
| • September 9  | General Membership Meeting | 6:00 pm | Social, 6:30 Meeting    TBD |
| • September 30 | Executive Board Meeting    | 6:00 pm | Megan Seeley's home         |