



Austintown Junior Women's League October 2017 Newsletter



October updates:

The October meeting will be packed with action!

- The Home Life Committee asks that all members wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness.
- Wear comfy shoes as we will be doing an abbreviated St. Jude Run(Walk) to raise funds for St. Jude. We will walk laps around the Senior Center Building. Each member is asked for a \$5 donation as well as any donations you can solicit from friends and family for this worthy cause.
- Bring loose change to the October and November meetings to place in the UNICEF donation jar.
- The International Committee is asking members to purchase and donate feminine products to be provided to the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico
- Dana Heid from Junior Women's League of Canfield will be speaking to our group about their upcoming Silver Lining event to bring awareness to Breast Cancer
- Introduction of our new website! Thank you to our webmaster Danielle Chine for all of her hard and creative work!
- *Remember that we continue to collect pop tabs, box tops for education and manufacturers coupons including those expired in past 3 months*



Our Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at the Austintown Senior Center. Continue to invite any women that may be interested in joining our wonderful organization. Social time begins at 6pm with call to order at 6:30.

See the attached flyer inviting you to join in on a bus trip to Washington DC where a tour of GFWC Headquarters is on the schedule. A few members have already expressed interest in going – consider joining in the fun. RSVP due no later than October 15.

Still on the “TO DO” List -

1. Annual dues of \$35 are due ASAP
2. Plans are underway for the annual Christmas party. As always, dinner will be paid by each member which will be payable at the November meeting with your RSVP.
3. We will begin reaching out to area restaurants for our annual Taste of Austintown. Let us know if have a connection with a restaurant or business owner.
4. At the Nov. meeting we will be discussing plans for The Taste. Chairs for committees will be sought as well as volunteers to solicit donations for the Chinese Auction. It is NEVER too early to begin asking for donations

Update from the Great Lakes Region Conference (attended by member Peggy Bennett)

The Great Lakes Region Annual Conference was held in Oakbrook, Illinois September 15 -17, 2017. I was asked to speak as the representative for LEADS from Ohio. It was a wonderful and educational experience. Along with 11 other Ohio women we experienced a conference like no other. The theme was "Turning Disabilities to Abilities One Heartbeat at a time." The conference took on a nautical look as we were greeted by the U.S.S. GFWC Great Lakes Region Officers and crew. We were greeted with sailor hats and a terrific motivational speaker A'ric Jackson and later that evening entertainment provided by "The Inaugural Lip Sync Challenge." Eleven clubs took part in the entertaining including our group from Ohio. Saturday was filled with informative presentations and business along with entertaining and educational workshops. As we sail the night away under the stars of the Great Lakes the Jenni June awardees were recognized and applauded. We saved our last bit of cruise time for Sunday morning to enjoy an encore presentation of the "Partners on Parade" with GFWC Partners: "March of Dimes", "Shot of Life" and "USO." The conference was a great success. Next year's GLRC will be held in Indiana in October. Try to attend sometime! It is a rewarding experience. If you would like to read more about the Great Lakes Region look up "The GFWC GLR Communique" it's our regional newsletter (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin).



Leadership Corner – by Peggy Bennett, Ohio LEADS Graduate 2017

Why Volunteer?

To make a difference in other's lives is certainly the first answer we give. Volunteering does give you a chance to impact the lives of others and to become part of the solution. However, reasons to volunteer go beyond the desire to be altruistic

To support an organization, community or cause. Organizations rely on volunteers to fulfill their mission.

To learn something new. Volunteering offers a wide range of opportunities.

To develop personally or professionally. Volunteering provides new networking opportunities.

Friendship. To meet "like-minded" people and establish new friendships.

Health and Happiness. It is good for your brain. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose.



Dates to Remember:

October 11 – General Meeting

October 25 – Board Meeting

November 8 – General Meeting

March 24 – The Taste of Austintown



Federation of Women ~ GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service... with more than 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries.

GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit www.GFWC.org.



**Austintown Junior Women's League
Organized April 27, 1994**

The purpose of the AJWL shall be to provide a creative outlet for women interested in giving service in the areas of art, conservation, education, home life, international affairs and public affairs, with the view of rendering themselves helpful to each other and the community.

Theme – Together we can make a difference

Presidents Symbol: Helping Hands

Flower – Carnation

Colors: Red and Blue

Symbol: Joined Hands

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month August - May

President: Kathy Rusback

1st VP: Linda Jones

2nd VP: Marcia Denamen

Treasurer: Marye Kay Erickson

Corresponding Secretary: Eileen Frost

Recording Secretary: Jan Simmerman

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