



Austintown Junior Women's League November 2017 Newsletter



November updates:

Here are some of the topics we will be addressing at the November meeting –

- Christmas party/December meeting details! The location of our party this year is Tavola. Tavola participated in our Taste last year as we are happy to support their business as they supported us! The date is December 13 and will be our usual 6 pm social and 6:30 meeting times. The cost is \$22 per member with cash bar. RSVP to Lauren Wolfgang at the meeting or via email. Make checks payable to AJWL.
- We will be Santa's kitchen helpers at the Annual Tree Lighting on November 30th at the Wickliffe Fire Station. Please be sure to sign up at the November meeting for this annual event. Start time is 5:30 with the cookies and hot cocoa served at 7pm just after Santa arrives. This is a well-attended community event that is fun for all
- GFWC Ohio – Ohio United Campaign will be reviewed as we discuss our contribution to the restoration of the GFWC home in Washington DC
- *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, November 8th at the Austintown Senior Center. Social time begins at 6pm with call to order at 6:30.

Have you paid your 2017-2018 dues? A few still have not done so. Please be sure to see Marye Kay!

Still on the "TO DO" List -

1. Do you have a relationship with an area restaurant that would be a good fit for the Taste of Austintown? Let Janet or Eileen know so we can reach out to secure them for this awesome annual event.
2. If you have served as the chair for a Taste Committee and would like to do so again, please let Eileen or Marye Kay know ASAP. March is right around the corner!
3. Be sure to complete Judge suggestion forms at the November meeting as we reach out for judges for the 2018 Taste of Austintown
4. As suggested at the October meeting, prizes for the Senior Center Bingo games were purchased. We took advantage of the liquidation sale at Centre of Attention and made our \$100 turn into \$400 worth of items!

GFWC Advocacy Do's & Don'ts

Advocacy Do's and Don'ts As a nonpartisan 501©(3) organization, GFWC may advocate for or against specific issues, but by law cannot endorse or oppose candidates. You can certainly support candidates as an individual, but not on behalf of GFWC.

Do:

*Advocate for various bills, issues, and ballot measures.

* Take action by contacting elected officials through the Legislative Action Center

Only with a resolution on the books can GFWC advocate for or against an issue. Resolutions can be used as tools for advocating important issues at the local, state, and national levels. If a particular subject is not addressed by a resolution, members cannot use GFWC's support to advocate for or against the issue, but may advocate as concerned individuals.

- Volunteer and attend voter registration drives.
- Hold nonpartisan public education sessions about political issues.
- Sponsor candidate forums, ensuring that all candidates are formally invited to participate.
- Educate all candidates on GFWC Resolutions.

Don't:

- Endorse or oppose a candidate or political party
- Oppose GFWC Resolutions.*
- Use official club funds, facilities. In-kind donations, publications, or activities on behalf of a candidate or political party.
- Ask candidates to sign a pledge on any issue.
- Increase the volume or amount of incumbent criticism as election time approaches
- A state federation that has a differing opinion on any adopted resolutions may register a minority opinion with GFWC. If a State Federation takes legislative action on an issue that it has a minority opinion on, it must clearly state that its action represents the GFWC minority vote.

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Our Arts Community Service Committee is sponsoring a Sip-n-Paint for the Arts November 19th from 4-6 pm at Davidson's Restaurant. We will be painting a Christmas themed wine glass. The cost is only \$30 with proceeds going to Austintown Fitch High School Art Department. The class size is limited to 50 people and open to all so RSVP for yourself and a friend! The fee includes all supplies, appetizers and one drink ticket.



Our Home Life Committee is asking everyone to consider donating socks, hats, and/or gloves to be donated to The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley. There will be a basket at the November meeting for collection of these greatly needed items.



Have you seen our new website? You don't know what you are missing! It is an awesome project in the making. Danielle Chine got it up and running and with the help of our own Ruty Patterson it is growing each day. Be sure to stop over to see it at

www.austintownjuniorwomensleague.org.

We hope to make it easier to track volunteer hours, RSVP to events and keep everyone updated to our events, projects and programs. Check it out before the next meeting so you can compliment Danielle when you see her!

THANK YOU DANIELLE!!



Dates to Remember:

November 8 – General Meeting

November 19– Sip and Paint

November 30 – Christmas Tree lighting (5:30 cookie set up, 7pm Santa arrival)

December 8 – Dec meeting & Christmas party

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.



**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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