



Austintown Junior Women's League February 2018 Newsletter



February Happenings:

Some of the topics we will be discussing at the February meeting –

- Heart Health – Do you know the warning signs of Heart Disease? Do you know what to do if you feel like you may be having a heart attack? What steps can you take to improve YOUR heart health? We will be discussing “The Heart Truth” – Women and heart disease. **Please wear RED in recognition of Heart Health Month**
- Bring your scissors to use in a conservation project immediately following the business meeting to fringe donated blankets to present to our Veterans.
- AJWL “A Taste of Austintown” is nearing! Tickets will be distributed soon – again the cost is \$30 per ticket with each member being admitted free of charge with their complimentary ticket. We anticipate being tight on tickets with our growing membership (a GREAT problem to have!), please request only the number of tickets you can truly sell.
- Thank you to Mark Cole for sponsoring the printing of our tickets once again this year!
- Donations for the Basket raffle are needed for the Taste. Please sign up with Janie Surman at the meeting or via email at jj92949@aol.com so she knows what you have coming! Everyone is asked to be responsible for obtaining at least ONE donation but the more we have, the more interest we have in the raffle which translates to higher ticket sales! We will have the “thank you” cards available at the February meeting for you to present to the donor at the time of pick up. These cards act as their evidence of a charitable contribution. It is easier to give at time of pick up than to play catch up later!

A sad good-bye

As we all know by now, we lost a true friend last month with the passing of Kathy Rusback. Kathy loved Austintown Junior Women's League as well as the ladies she met in area clubs as well as at the State and National levels. Her perpetual smile and spunky personality will be remembered fondly by all who called her a friend. Her impact on those around her was evident at her calling hours which were attended not only by AJWL members but by members of other clubs in our district as well as GFWC Ohio President Lisa Hedrick and GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Deidra Devore who both drove quite some distance to attend. Local GFWC Ohio leaders also in attendance – Linda Crish, President-elect; Esther Gartland, Director of Juniors-elect; and Yvonne Ford, Secretary.

Kathy's presence and leadership will be missed. May she rest in eternal peace.



Leadership Corner- by Peggy Bennett, Ohio LEADS Graduate 2017

What is Protocol?

Getting Started:

- *Dress appropriately. (Business casual, business, cocktail, and formal)
- *Be on time and prepared.
- *Making introductions: Introduce younger to older. Lower position to higher.

Business meetings:

- *Use your gavel only once. (to open the meeting)
- *Presenting guests: Guest presented in their highest position according to by-laws.
- *President to right of lectern. Parliamentarian to left.
- *Highest ranking GFWC officer or guest to the right of the president.
- *Presentation and seating of the head table: Introductions begin on the left and then the guests and officers on the right.
- *Vice President should preside in matters that personally concern the president or if the president wishes to speak in debate,
- *Please address the chair to gain recognition.

General Courtesies:

- *Honor all deadlines.
- *Cellphones and electronics should be turned off or silenced.
- *Courtesy hours to call are 9a.m. to 9p.m.

Invocation/Prayers/Expressions of Thanks

- *God always comes before country.
- *National Anthem comes before Pledge. Stand with hand over heart for both.

If you would like a detailed handout on Protocol please ask Peggy for a copy.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to the scholarships awarded by Austintown Junior Women's League, there are scholarship opportunities available through GFWC Ohio. All require the rewardee to attend an Ohio college or university unless otherwise stated. Please see below for the details. Applications must be submitted to the club, approved by the board and then postmarked by March 1. Interested applicants should reach out to a member of the board ASAP for information as these scholarships have multiple forms involved.

- *Ethel Swanbeck Scholarship – to a graduating senior pursuing a course of study in an Allied Health field. May be used for a degree in nursing, pharmacy, x-ray tech, PT, lab tech, premed, prevet, etc. Must have GPA 3.0 or higher*
- *Elaine Weinman Memorial scholarship – to a graduting senior pursuing a course of study in communication Arts. May attend a college or technical school. Field of study may be speech, journalism, drama, radio, television, etc. Must have GPA 3.0 or higher*
- *Annette Phelps Lincoln scholarship – to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in teaching and/or library professions at an Ohio college or university.*
- *The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Art Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior enrolling in an accredited Ohio art school, college or university. Must have GPA 2.6 or greater.*
- *GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs "Clubwoman Scholarship" is available ONLY to a member of a per capita club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. It is for those Junior or General clubwomen who need additional education or training in order to join the work force or to help provide for themselves and/or their families OR for Juniores who are graduating high school seniors and have a GPA 3.0 or better*

The annual report is done and submitted! As a club we volunteered over 2300 hours in 2017! Let's keep up the great work. Awards will be presented in April at the GFWC Ohio Conference in Columbus.

Remember that we continue to collect pop tabs, box tops for education and manufacturers coupons including those expired in past 3 months

Have you seen our new website? You don't know what you are missing! 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. It is a quick and easy way to log your volunteer hours, complete a narrative or obtain a reimbursement form!

Be sure to also check out our Facebook page! See a picture you like??? Be sure to "like" it so we get credit for communication! Ruty does an amazing job of keeping this page up to date and we couldn't be prouder of the page!



Dates to Remember:

- February 7 - Taste subcommittee chair meeting 6pm at Eat-n-Park
- February 14 – General Club meeting
- February 28 – Board Meeting
- March 14 – General Club meeting
- March 15 – Basket assembly
- March 23 – Taste set up
- March 24 – A 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.

Did you bring a dish to our international cuisine night? Did you submit your recipe to Colleen? She is in need of several of the recipes from the January meeting deliciousness! Please bring your recipe or email it directly to Colleen at CMiller62@zoominternet.net



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/1st VP: Linda Jones

2nd VP: Marcia Denamen

Treasurer: Marye Kay Erickson

Corresponding Secretary: Eileen Frost

Recording Secretary: Jan Simmerman

Living the Volunteer Spirit