



# Austintown Junior Women's League

## March 2018 Newsletter



### March Happenings:

#### On the Agenda –

- A Taste of Austintown – In countdown mode!! – Here are just some of the things we will be discussing and finalizing at the meeting
  - Tickets – Payment for the tickets sold should be given to Colleen and Sandy at this meeting if you have not already paid. **NO MONEY IS TO BE TURNED IN DURING THE EVENT.** We still have tickets available for the event.
  - If you are not able to attend the basket assembly meeting on March 15, please bring the items you have secured for the basket raffle to this meeting and give to Janie. Be sure that you have attached a note indicating from whom you received the donation so proper acknowledgement can be made. Remember that everyone is to secure at least one item for the raffle.
  - Jobs – EVERY member is to work one hour at one of the stations. If you are a chair for one of the subcommittees, you still need to sign up. This is an “everyone on deck” event.

#### Taste Contact Info you may need –

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Here are some pictures from the GFWC Ohio Washington DC trip including the White House, GFWC Headquarters and our current GFWC President Sheila Shea. We had a wonderful bonding with sisters from across the state.



## Leadership Corner- by Peggy Bennett, Ohio LEADS Graduate 2017

**S** *It's a SIGN...that something ain't right. What is the something? Is there something you can do about it?*

**T** *TAKE TIME to breathe. When you feel stressed you tend to hold your breath.*

**R** *You have RESOURCES! Mentors, Guidelines, Manuals, Bylaws, Standing Rules*

**E** *Do you have unreasonable EXPECTATIONS? Of yourself, your Board, your club?*

**S** *What SMELLS good? Do a little aroma therapy. Lavender, Peppermint, baked bread, chocolate chip cookies.*

**S** *SET GOALS and share them with those close to you. They will understand your agenda and your enthusiasm.*

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## Fundraising Mistakes

- \*Don't get distracted with details.
- \*Don't bite off more than you can chew.
- \*Learn from your mistakes- make them teaching moments.
- \*Don't run from a challenge- meet it head on.
- \*Don't over extend yourself. You can say no!
- \*Don't forget to say "Thank you"!
- \*Listen to your coworkers and learn to appreciate them.
- \*Be careful not to burnout your members
- \*Don't forget that it should and can be fun!

## REPORTING – WHY?

**Why do we report?** There are several reasons. GFWC gives awards to States in each Special Program/CSP/Advancement Area for the best entries. There are two awards given. One is the State Award entry detailing 10 specific programs that have made the most impact in a community or club. The other award is the Club Creativity Award entry detailing one single club project that is the most creative in the State.

Another reason for reporting what a club does for projects, is that GFWC wants to know what successes clubs have and what programs they are utilizing. GFWC "partners" with other organizations in the various Community Service programs that are offered for clubs to use when planning their meetings, These "partners" are ready and willing to help plan interesting club meetings.

## WHEN?

Local clubs in OHIO submit by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> then they go to district chairman by Feb. 17/to district president then district winners go to State chairman then by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to Dean of Community Service Programs then by March 15<sup>th</sup> onto GFWC chairman for national judging. A great deal of work is done in a short period of time. District Awards are presented at Legislation day on April 7, 2018 by District chairman and District President and State chairman present awards at GFWC OHIO Convention the end of April and national awards are presented at the convention in St. Louis in June 2018.

## HOW?

**How do we prepare this report?** Each report contains information about projects a club has done during the year. The forms needed for reporting are in the Club Manual, under "Statistical and Award Entry Forms." The Club Manual will always be found on the GFWC Website at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org).

**Additional helpful information:** When planning activities for the club year, look at what Community Service Programs are listed in the club manual. Try to have programs from as many categories as possible. Have a chairman that keeps track of what has been done in the Program. At the end of the year, there will be information readily available to put into the club report. This procedure has been found to be very helpful when reporting time arrives as guess-work is eliminated.

Awards are presented at the District Legislation Meeting and at the State Convention in April.

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

Do you have volunteer hours to log? A narrative to be completed? A quick and easy way to get it documented is to visit the "members only" portion of our website and submit this vital information. [www.austintownjuniorwomensleague.org](http://www.austintownjuniorwomensleague.org). This is also where you can print a reimbursement form for APPROVED expenses to be reimbursed.

Keep checking 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:

- March 14 – General Club meeting
- March 15 – Basket assembly
- March 23 – Taste set up
- March 24 – A Taste of Austintown
- March 28 – AJWL Board Meeting
- April 7 – District Legislation Day
- April 11 – General Meeting/Elections
- April 25 – AJWL Board Meeting
- May 9 - General Meeting/Installation of New Officers – Location TBA



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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](http://www.GFWC.org).

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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/1<sup>st</sup> VP: Linda Jones**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Marcia Denamen**

**Treasurer: Marye Kay Erickson**

**Corresponding Secretary: Eileen Frost**

**Recording Secretary: Jan Simmerman**

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Websites of interest –

[www.austintownjuniorwomensleague.org](http://www.austintownjuniorwomensleague.org)

[www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

[www.gfwcoho.com](http://www.gfwcoho.com)

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