



## Austintown Junior Women's League March 2018 Newsletter



### April Happenings:

Opportunity to donate: Nonperishable food items for donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank and the AMS account with Second Harvest. Bring items to the April meeting!

### OFWC Annual Convention

Photography Contest Deadline 9 am April 27<sup>th</sup>

Categories Include – “The World in Pictures” (Living Things, Scenes and Still Life), “GFWC Volunteers in Action” and “A Year in Pictures”. In addition there is an Ohio only Contest – “Thanks for the Memories – Favorite Ohio Attraction”.

Submit an old or new photograph of a place or an attraction in Ohio. Details and rules will be available at the April meeting. Those of us attending would LOVE to take your entry! Check out the Ohio website and the GFWC website for details



### Ronald McDonald Charities

CEO and Executive Director for Ronald McDonald House Charities will be speaking at the Ohio GFWC Annual Convention later this month. Each club has been asked to participate in a service project to support their efforts. Donations of items on their wish list would be greatly appreciated. Some items that will be easy for those attending to bring down are

1. 13 gallon trash bags
2. Paper towels
3. Foil steam pans (half sized)
4. Sandwich sized Ziploc bags
5. Postage stamps

These items are then distributed to the 6 Ohio Ronald McDonald Houses in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo.

Additional upcoming activities -

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We will be assembling blue pinwheels at our meeting to place in Austintown Township Park to show our support in the efforts to stop Child Abuse. Please help to “plant” our pinwheels at the park later in the week – details will be discussed at the meeting.

Ryanne will be speaking to us at the April meeting about a wonderful program she is involved with at YSU that pairs college students with students in Youngstown Schools as pen pals. Remember when you were young and thought college aged people were the bomb?! Well they are – what a wonderful way to connect with the students.

Quaker Steak and Lube “Bike Nites” will resume on Thursday evenings beginning in May. Our first date is May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to get our club name out in the community and to raise some additional funds at the same time. Please see Eileen to sign up to work the May date. Other dates to be announced!

New officer installation will be held at the May meeting. We will be inviting officers from the District and State level to attend. Be sure to introduce yourself as they LOVE to meet club members and hear the stories of our events and activities!

And finally – a HUGE thank you to everyone who made our Annual Taste of Austintown such an enormous success! As usual, everyone in attendance complimented us on a wonderful event. We hope you all had a wonderful time!

*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 effortless 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:

- April 11 – General Meeting/Elections
- April 25 – AJWL Board Meeting
- April 27 – 29 – GFWC Ohio 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Columbus
- May 9 - General Meeting/Installation of New Officers – Location TBA
- May 24 – First Quaker Steak and Lube fundraising date of 2018



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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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