



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALBANY**  
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October General Membership Meeting  
Pruyn House  
October 11, 2011  
6:30 pm Social & 7:00 pm Meeting

**In attendance:** Carolyn Daggett, Karen Counes, Kelly Haseotes, Megan Kelly, Brianna Wattie, Caitlin Cooper, Robyn Matthias, Barbara Beauchamp, Colleen Corcoran, Andrea Cass, Benita Lewis, Michele Gruber, Natalia Kokalj, Sandra VanPelt, Sharon Lastique, Ginny Rosborough, Kirsten Kropp, Taryn Davila-Webster, Liz Tuttle, Lisa Thompson-Villa, Sandra Doellefeld, Eileen Smith, Robyn Eisen, Mary Kempton Moore, Janis Graziano, Dafney Rodriguez, Lakisha Rich, Candace Zlotnick, Lisa Cronlund, Alicia Surdyk, Naomi Shencavitz

- I. Call the meeting to Order - Carolyn Daggett called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda- There are no additions or changes to the agenda.
- I. **\* Motion to approve the September GMM Minutes- Motion made by Megan Kelly, seconded by Janis Graziano. All approve, motion approved.**
- II. Guest Speaker- The League was very pleased to welcome Pat Breux, Director of OMH's Suicide Prevention Center as the guest speaker. Pat discussed the history of the Center, as well as her role in helping to educate people regarding suicide prevention. She indicated that suicide is much more common than we think and it is also more preventable than we think. Pat stated that 15-25% of suicides are not reported as a suicide. She also reported that most people who are contemplating suicide want help. Pat discussed 'gatekeeper' trained and stated that medical professionals should be trained in suicide prevention. "Together we can save lives."
- III. President Report: Carolyn Daggett- The Tri-League will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Saratoga National. Delly Beekman, President of AJLI, will be the guest speaker. Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available. There will be a short meeting following the presentation. In addition, diapers will be collected for the diaper drive and wine will be collected for the Holiday Party wine wall. There may be a possible social following the event.
- IV. President Elect Report: Sandy Doellefeld
  - a. Bylaws Vote- The Code of Conduct changes were reviewed with the League

both at the September GMM and tonight.

**\*Motion to approve the changes in the Bylaws Code of Conduct as follows:**

**Amend the Code of Conduct Article II, Section 3 to read as follows:**

**"All Junior League of Albany members are expected to conduct themselves in a legal, ethical, moral, responsible and respectful manner at all activities and events, as well in internal and external communications related to the Junior League of Albany. This includes League-sponsored events, events sponsored by community partners of the Junior League of Albany and any activity and communications in which members represent the organization."**

**Add to the Code of Conduct Article II, Section 3 to read as follows:**

**"League members shall only speak on behalf of the league - in person or in any type of written or electronic format of any type currently in existence or developed in the future - when they are acting in the capacity of their League placement and with authorization of the League President or her designee."**

**Motion made by Sandy Doellefeld, seconded by Megan Kelly. All approve, motion approved.**

b. Redbooks- Please pick-up and your Redbook and be sure to sign to indicate that you have received it.

- V. President Elect-Elect- Lisa Cronlund
  - a. Placement- If you have not heard from your placement advisor, please let Carolyn Daggett know.
- VI. Treasurer Report: Mary Kempton Moore- The taxes have been filed and the August financials have gone out.
- VII. Secretary Report: Brianna Wattie Olsen- Nothing to report.
- VIII. Community Council Report: Kirsten Kropp
  - a. DIAD Events- There will be a Fall Festival on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hope Club from 1:00-4:00pm. Please contact Michele Gruber if you'd like to sign-up. Those who attended the Capital City Rescue Mission event indicated that the event was a success.
  - b. Dolly's Update- Nothing to report.
  - c. Huggies Every Little Bottom Campaign- Benita Lewis is the contact person for this drive. During the September GMM, we collected 137 pounds of baby products! Everything was delivered to the Regional Food Bank. We are 3 collapsible collection boxes. There was discussion of collecting through MIT bank, the Junior League of Troy, and possibly the Junior League of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties. The baby products can be any brand. Every little bit helps!
- IX. Nominating & Placement Council Report: Michele Melton

- a. Membership Requirements- The membership requirements were approved at the September GMM. There is a 'sliding scale' based on how many years you've been in the league. This helps to expose new members to various components of the league and aides in retention. Please contact Michele Melton with any questions.
- X. Membership Services Council Report
  - a. New Member Introduction: Karen Counes- Welcome Kelly Haseotes, transfer member.
  - b. Provisional update/ introduction- Natalia Kokalj- There are 12 confirmed provisionals. The provisionals participated in their first Super Saturday and it went great. The next provisional meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the meeting provisionals, Naomi Shencavitz and Alicia Surdyk.
  - c. Did You Know?- Did you know that Dolly's Imagination Library gave away 25 million books this year? In 2008, Dolly's Imagination Library became the JLA's signature project.
- XI. Communications Council Report: Barbara Beauchamp- The newsletter has been sent out. If you would like to contribute to the "It's My League" portion of the newsletter, please contact Barbara Beauchamp.
- XII. Fund Development Report: Caitlin Cooper- Find out if your company does gift matching. Also, if you are aware of any corporate grants that we can solicit, please contact Caitlin Cooper. Begin to think about asking companies you know to donate raffle items for the American Girl Fashion Show raffles. In addition, if you donate to the United Way Campaign, please be aware that you can override the suggested cause and put in JLA.
- XIII. Old Business- Nothing to report.
- XIV. New Business
  - a. Sustainer Haunted Capital Tour October 13<sup>th</sup>- Actives and provisionals are invited to attend. The tour begins at 5:15pm and will be followed by dinner at the Brown Derby. The cost is \$40.
  - b. Family Fun Day (Janis Graziano & Bridget Graber)- Family Fun Day will take place at the Crossings in Colonie on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30pm. There will be a face painter, balloon maker, and food. The location will be at the East Pavilion by the memory wall.
  - c. Holiday Party (Marna Redding)- The Holiday Party will be held on Monday December 12 at the Fort Orange Club from 6:00-9:00pm. There will be a wine wall and the League is asking for donations of minimum \$15 bottles of wine. We need to collect 50 bottles. The bottles will be placed in bags and can be purchased for \$20. You will not know what specific wine you are getting, just whether it is red or white. The League is also collecting items for the silent auction. Marna Redding has a form letter that can be used to request items from businesses. The committee is unsure if a 50-50 raffle will be held.

- d. American Girl (Carly Connors & Ginny Rosborough)- The American Girl Fashion Show will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be 4 shows. Tickets will be \$35. The pre-sale package will go on sale around Thanksgiving. For \$85 you can purchase 2 tickets and receive priority seating and additional goodies. There will also be a Girl Scout package and a Birthday package offered this year. Modeling will be open to those affiliated with the Junior League of Albany first and then opened to the public.
- e. Ann Taylor Event- You can receive 20% off your total purchase at Ann Taylor on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Crossgates. Thank you to Meghan Keating for arranging this shopping experience.
- f. Member of the Month- Member of the month was selecting from a drawing including those who participated in the diaper drive. Congratulations to Candace Zlotnick!

**XV. \*Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Megan Kelly, seconded by Sandra VanPelt. All approve, motion approved.**

**\*Voting Issue**

Respectfully submitted,  
Brianna Wattie, Recording Secretary