

**Monthly Minutes**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Next General Meeting**

Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wickliffe Public Library

1713 Lincoln Rd

Wickliffe

Hostesses: Jennie Best, Sue Fatica

**Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

7214 Lancaster Ct. Concord

Hostesses: Karrie Shannon, Lydia Raser

Welcome to the New Year, WRJSL Members!

As we step into this exciting new year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible dedication and passion each of you brings to our community. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and we look forward to building on this momentum.

This year let’s continue to embrace our mission of enriching the community through service, growth, and high standards. Whether you’re a long-time member or new to our league, your contributions are invaluable. We encourage you to explore new opportunities, engage in our projects, and share your ideas to make this year even more impactful.

Here’s to a year of collaboration, innovation, and making a difference. Together, we can achieve great things!

Yours in service,

Pam Morse

**PRESIDENT’S report:**

As we bid farewell to another vibrant summer, it’s time to reflect on the activities, achievements, and community impact of the Western Reserve Junior Service League (WRJSL) over the past few months. This report highlights our key events, fundraising efforts, and volunteer contributions that have made this summer memorable.

Key Events:

1. Summer 2024: WRJSL members contributed and volunteered at:

a. The AWT student week by providing lunches (Mentor)

b. Volunteered at PCIC Party in the Park (Painesville)

c. Volunteered at Vintage OH at Lake Farm Parks (Kirtland)

d. Volunteered at Deepwood Foundation’s “Deepwood Idol” (Mentor Rocks Pavilion)

e. Our member, Deb Kennedy raised more than $2500 to give back to Lifeline of Lake &amp; Geauga

County and Signature Health Women’s Services by being a celebrity dancer for Dancing Under

the Stars 2024.

f. Ali Wilson graduated from Leadership Lake County Class of 2024

g. Volunteered with Salvation Army to pack the book bags for the Students of Lake County

Volunteer Contributions:

 More than 1200 Volunteer Hours

 Key Projects:

o Volunteering at community events

o Providing a scholarship to LEAF

o Supporting local non-profits by joining their boards and fundraising for them

o Outreach by telephone to remind non-profit of the WRJS: grants available

Achievements:

 Successfully launched the Instagram for WRJSL

 Giving more than $18,000 per grant cycle for 2024-2025

 Increased active membership by 10%

 Have the largest Provisional Class since before covid

 Our ending June 2024 WRJSL Heritage Endowment is over $232,800.00

 Strengthened partnerships with local businesses and organizations

The WRJSL has had a productive and impactful summer, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our

members. As we transition into fall, we look forward to continuing our mission of service and community

engagement. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our success this

summer. See photos in the attachments

# VICE PRESIDENT : *Sue Fatica*

# I’m excited to kick off the 2024-2025 year! I’ve already met our wonderful Provisional class and can’t wait to see what the new year holds for us all.

# SECRETARY: *Pam Fraser*

If you would like to add to the new volunteer opportunity and or event section or have additional opportunities in between minutes you can submit an email with the information to the President for committee approval and then I will send out to the membership. I will list you on the “From” line as the point of contact. When responding to one of these events please reach out directly to the point of contact listed in the email, to coordinate your volunteer service or donation. Thank you!

Condolence cards sent to Molly Bammerlin and Jeanette Cox

**ADMISSIONS:**  *Karrie Shannon & Cheryl Tambor*

Admissions committee met on August 17th to outline ways to recruit new members.

Important dates:

November 6th – El Rodeo at 630pm for National Nacho Night – Member bring a friend to

this mini open house.

April 16th – Open house time and location to be finalized still

**COMMUNITY RESEARCH:**  *Rita Antalovich & Heidi Landgraf*

The Community Research Committee held it’s first 2024/2024 Meeting on Tuesday, August 27th.  The committee reviewed 16 WRJSL Fall Grant requests.  Thirteen of the requests passed the initial auditing process.  Committee Members were assigned to each of the 13 requests for further review. The committee will come back together on September 10th, to discuss the member assessments and make a recommendation for each of the requests.  The value of available funds for the Fall Grant cycle is $18,318.

**TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Paula Gordos & Vickie McDonald*

Please see attached Treasurer and Finance Committee report and supporting documents.

**HISTORIAN -** *Michele Tyler-Johnson**& Tonya Busic*

We met with Carrie Lane to get the box of photos and zip drives with other photos. We were told to schedule a meeting with Pam Dean, the archivist, to see where things are in that process.

**MEETING MANAGEMENT:**  *Sue Fatica & Jennie Best*

We have volunteers signed up to host every Board meeting and would like to thank these ladies in advance for inviting us into their homes.

We have a great year planned for our General Meetings and hope that you can join us for each one. Please check your Pink Book for the details. Also check the Pink Book to see for which meeting you are helper or hostess. If you cannot serve at that meeting, please switch with someone else who can.

You will now be responsible for your own name tag. We will bring them to the meetings so you can get yours, but we will not collect them back. You can just keep it in a handy place and bring it to each meeting. No new name tags will be provided for current members. If you lose yours, you can purchase another. Just know we will always have sticky name tags available if you forget yours, lose yours, or just like the sticky ones better!

**Nominating Committee:***Vickie McDonald & Deb Kennedy*

No report at this time.

**OFFICE:** *Vicki LeVan & Rachelle Sundberg*

The Pink Book is complete and distribution has begun. The Provisionals received theirs during their first meeting on 9/4. They were available for pick up at the Board meeting on 9/5 and will be available at the next General Meeting as well.

A PDF of the Pink Book was sent to all WRJSL members.

There are some discrepancies between the printed Pink Book and the website information. This will be reviewed and resolved asap.

Thank you,

Vicki & Rachelle

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**PLACEMENT:** *Cheryl Kuonen & Cheryl Tambor*

It's hard to believe it's September already! Which means time for fall placement calls to all active members.

When your placement member contacts you, they will have a short survey to complete.  But more importantly, this is your opportunity to share your thoughts on Service League!  Expect calls and emails to start going out the end of September into October.

Included with the minutes is our annual 'What every member should know' document.  All members are asked to volunteer within the community.  We have a list of approved places on the member side of our website and all members are welcome to add to it by emailing placement.

Wishing everyone a great Fall!

Cheryl & Cheryl (Cheryl squared)

**POLICY & BY-LAWS:**  *Vickie McDonald & Susan Fatica*

No report at this time.

**PROVISIONALS***:* Carolyn Blackwell and Lydia Rasor

The Provisional year began with a fabulous Welcome at the home of Pam Fraser. Thank you,

Pam, for your warm hospitality. Members of the Committee and several Officers mingled with

our new members and we found them to be a lovely and spirited group of women. This year’s

class has 14 members.

The following week we enjoyed History Night at Andrews-Osborne Academy. A lavish meal was

hosted by Rachelle Sundburg and Vicki LeVan. Our speaker, Cathi Weber, spoke about the

history of Willoughby and then entertained us with some local ghost stories. What fun! Thank

you ladies for such a memorable meeting.

We look forward to getting to know our Provisionals better. Look for their autobiographies in the

November minutes. It should be a great read!

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/Web/Social Media:** *Cara Mia Duncan & Juliana Petti, and Becky Tuma ( website)*

The PR/Social Media Team is ready for a great 2024/2025 year!

**Potential Awards:**

We have noticed that it's been a while since WRJSL has been nominated for awards from some of the surrounding area organizations, such as Lake County NAACP, United Way of Lake County, Mentor Chamber of Commerce, .  If you are a member of a local organization that recognizes the great work we are doing, please consider nominating WRJSL or a member for recognition.

**Brand Guidelines**

We are asking that if anyone needs any flyers or marketing materials created, please reach out to Becky Tuma for assistance especially with having the materials fit our brand guidelines.

**Posts**

Please make sure that photos from events are sent to Cara Mia or Juliana for posting on social media streams with descriptions of the events.

Additional posts will be highlighting

- members to raise awareness of the members of WRJSL - watch for a small get to know you survey from Juliana.

- grant recipients

- open house information

- Scholarship recipients

- Funding posts

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Mia Duncan

Juliana Petti

**WAYS & MEANS:**  *Ali Wilson & Pam Fraser*

The first Ways and Means committee meeting for the year will be held Tuesday, September 24th @ 6pm at Pam Fraser's home. Committee members have been notified. Please let Ali Wilson or Pam Fraser know if you have any questions.

**ENDOWMENT:** *Janet McGee & Maureen Dolan*

Nothing to report at this time. Will be meeting with Ways and Means in a few weeks.

## EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER: *Maureen Dolan*

No report at this time.

## MENTOR AREA CHAMBER: *Michelle Tyler–Johnson & Diana Kokal*

As the board chair, it's hard for me to talk with members about WRJSL so Diana Kokal will likely take that role, though I will be present for most of the evening networking meetings. Coffee contacts are difficult for me to get to as I tend to need to be in the office early (no coverage). If there are any volunteers for the committee, that would be very helpful.

<https://mentorchamber.org/2024-rise-award-nominations-now-being-accepted/>

The RISE Awards are for Women in Business whose business is either located in Mentor or is a member of the Mentor Chamber. WRJSL is one of only five nonprofits selected to be the recipient of the $1000 grant, chosen by the RISE Awards winner. I would love to see some of our members nominated for the award.

**SUSTAINER TRUSTEES***: Pam Martin, Mary jo Miller, & Chris Price*

The Sustainer fall event will be Thursday, September 26, at Julia’s 1902 located in the Willoughby House at 6:00 pm.

You can build your own menu – just for you! Dinner choices will be in the invitation being emailed to all sustainers and transitionals. The cost is $45. Please RSVP and send a check made payable to Chris

Price by 9/19. You can also VENMO your reservation @Christine-Price-29.