

**Monthly Minutes**

 **March 2025**

**Next General Meeting**

**Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**

**Hope Ridge Church**

9870 Johnnycake Ridge Rd

Mentor

**Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Home of Maureen Dolan**

10930 Bradley Ct

Concord

Hostesses: Carolyn Blackwell and Heidi Landgraf

**President’s February message**

As we step into March 2025, I am filled with excitement and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead. This month marks a time of renewal and growth, and I am thrilled to welcome each of you to another month of our journey together as we round the final 3 active months of 2025.

Our league has always been a beacon of service, dedication, and community spirit. As we continue to uphold these values, I encourage each of you to embrace the new initiatives and projects we have planned. Supporting our new Bubbly Brunch, our newest provisional class or connecting with a sustainer to welcome them back to the WRJSL. Whether it's through volunteering, fundraising, or community outreach, your contributions make a significant impact.

March is also a time to celebrate our achievements and reflect on the progress we've made. I am proud of the strides we've taken and the lives we've touched. Let us continue to build on this foundation, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion. Together, we can achieve great things and make a lasting difference in our communities.

Yours in Service,

Pam Morse

President’s report:

We met virtually with our web provider, Josh Yager. Reviewed several sections and the back side of the website. Josh is looking at adding on the “tickets” side to the WRJSL website. There will be another virtual meeting within 1-2 weeks. The contract allows for 1 hour of tech service a month, he allows us to bank/roll 3 hours/months plus the current month to use for consultation and edits. We spoke of a virtual notebook for chairs and their information, tickets/events, pictures on the website and text, annual renewal of payments, and financial /bookkeeping information. If you need questions answered or web edits, please send questions to our secretary Pam Fraser.

Our first “Bubbly Brunch” fund raiser is kicking off for May 18, 2025. Their guest speaker is Katie Spotz, a graduate from Lake Catholic, and the youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic. Tickets will be available online.

Look for a survey to come out to assist Ways and Means with their ballot for next month.

Thank you to Women in History for the wonderful performance by Robin Echols-Cooper as Mary Fields “Stagecoach Mary” at our February meeting, 25 ladies present and 6 virtual.



**Committee reports :**

# 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!

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

-Open House is planned for April 9, 2025 at Lake Erie College, College Hall, Social Parlor from 530-730.  If you have someone interested in membership please let Charyl Tambor or Karrie Shannon know.

-Tasks have been delegated to committee members to assist with open house

-We are looking for a sustainer, an active, and a transitional to talk at the open house.  If interested, please contact Cheryl or Karrie.

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

We will have voting for the spring 2025 grant cycle at the up coming general meeting.

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

Attached is Feb Treasurer report for the March mtg

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

No update at this time

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

There are only 3 general meetings left for this year, and they will be busy ones! In March, we will get to know each other a little better before we head into lots of voting: bylaws changes, grant funding, etc. In April, we will celebrate with our grant recipients and get to hear a little bit more about each one. In May, we will celebrate our year's work at a wonderful dinner meeting. Woo hoo!!

Hope to see everyone at each meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:***Vickie McDonald & Deb Kennedy*

The voting members will select the officers for the 2025-26 season at the April General Meeting.  **Please try to attend this meeting either in person or via Zoom**(an electronic ballot will be available).  The election slate will be presented at the March General Meeting, at which time additional names can be considered for the election ballot. A candidate’s prior consent is necessary before their name can be added as a “write in”. If you wish to have your name added for consideration for either President, Vice President or Secretary positions, and have not already communicated your interest with the Placement Committee, there is still time to get your name on the ballot!  Please contact Deb or Vickie for more information.

**OFFICE:** Vick**i** *LeVan & Rachelle Sundberg*

If anyone needs help setting up a zoom email or text us.

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

1. E-Vites have gone out for Provisional Spring Placement Brunch which is, Saturday, April 12th

2. We will be attending Nominating Night, Monday, March 10th

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

Policy and Bylaws has been working diligently to update our documents. At our March meeting we will be voting on recommended changes to our Bylaws. Some are editorial, some reflect the way we have been doing things, and some change a past practice. Please read the attached document carefully so you are able to make an informed decision at the meeting.

Procedures will also be updated but do not need to be voted upon. We will have all procedures updated and posted on the web before the May dinner.

Thanks for all the input from chairs and members alike!

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

For part one of the Provisional project the ladies fed 50 people, spaghetti, hearty meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, green beans, brownies and goodie bags. Part two will include a tour of the facility and a restock of the pantry. This will be toward the end of March. They are still collecting donations. If anyone wants to contribute or Venmo- they can. Joyce Wittman’s Venmo account QR code is attached.

The Provisionals have been overwhelmed by the generous support our members have already given.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/Web/Social Media**: Cara Mia Duncan &amp; Juliana Petti

Sustainer Advisors: Robin Baum & Carrie Lane

 Our Committee recently met to go over the website functionality with Josh

 Working on advertising for Spring Open House for the admissions committee

 Working on advertising for the Spring Fundraiser &quot;Bubbly Brunch&quot;

 Laketran WRJSL Bus Advertisement—Thanks, Pam Morse, for leading thecharge on this! Thank you to Robin Baum and Carrie Lane for their input

 The February WRJSL Newsletter went out—Attached are newsletter analyticsfrom MailChimp.

 LinkedIn— In addition, we’ve started posting on our LinkedIn account again. Weare hoping to grow our audience. Please like and follow our LinkedIn page and add it to your professional LinkedIn account under your “organizations.” Here is our LinkedIn page: https://www.linkedin.com/company/western-reserve-junior-service-League/?viewAsMember=true

Let’s work to get 100 followers We’re at 97!!

Please remember to send pictures/information/highlights/celebrations/needs etc. to the committee.

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

The Ways & Means Committee met on March 5th to discuss fundraising ideas for 2025/2026 year. The committee wants to get feedback from the general membership on their preferences and ideas for the 2025/2026 year, so they created a survey for the membership to complete. **Please share your feedback via the survey by Sunday, March 23rd.** The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/R3FeiC8A7QnHJ1sC9>

**\*\*\* FUNDRAISER UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*** *Mary jo Miller & Maureen Dolan*

Our wonderful committee is hard at work promoting this event, “The Bubbly Brunch” which will be held on May 18, 2025, at Stonewater Golf Club, Highland Heights, Ohio 44143.

Tickets are $50/person. Not only will there be an amazing brunch, but we are also very fortunate to have acquired an amazing speaker, Katie Spotz, an adventurer, athlete and ambassador of goodwill in the world and local communities. We are also assembling an exciting auction of fantastic experiences and other items donated by generous members and friends of WRJSL. Bill Brown of WR Brown Jewelers is working his artistry on a gorgeous “bubbly” ring and or Pendant laden with diamonds and set in gold. Tickets will be available online and we will make an announcement when the sale begins in April. Help us spread the word to your family, friends and the community and let’s earn the funds we need to support our community.

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

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We are kicking around a few ideas to grow the WRJSL Heritage Endowment Fund. We

are trying to think outside the box and not compete with our major fundraiser events.

We are open for your ideas!

 How about a Dine to Donate night at Panera? This would be 1 night in early April

from 4-8 and all we would need to do is spread the word (and the official flyer)

and get our friends and family to eat at Panera. We could earn 20-25% of the

amount spent.

 How about a Rummage Sale/Barn Sale over the summer? We could host

something in mid to late July and tap into the back to school crowd. It might be a

lot of work so we would need strong support from the group to secure a venue,

get items donated, set it up, and manage the sale.

The 12/31/24 statement balance in the Fund was $235,072.17 after distributing

$18,318 to Community Research in November. The latest published value at 1/31/25

was $240,696.11 after receiving donations totaling $1891.56 and earning

$3,732.38 on our investments.

Who wants to join the Founding 50? Anyone who donates $1,000 or more will be

added to the club! It doesn’t have to be all in one payment. Make the commitment now

and pay over time. Copy the link below and paste into your browser to donate online.

You can also still donate for WRJSL’s 62nd anniversary – any amount would be

appreciated. Some of us did $62 or $162 or even $19.62 for the year we were founded!

https://www.iphiview.com/tcf/GiveNow/SearchFunds/tabid/833/dispatch/givingopportunit

ies/Default.aspx#dispatch=GivingOpportunities

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McGee &amp; Maureen Dolan

Endowment Committee Co-Chairs

## EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER: *Maureen Dolan*

 Nothing new at this time.

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

First Women in Business networking event was last week.  Over 80 women attended, including Diana and myself.

**WESTERN WILLOUGHBY LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER MINUTES -** Cheryl Tambor

 I will be attending their new member orientation / chamber refresher event on Friday, March 21st

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 26 “Trivia Tonight” Spring Sustainer Event

May 15 May Dinner

May 18 “Bubbly Brunch”

Looking forward to seeing all of you at these special events!

The Sustainer Trustees have suggested some changes to Policy & By-laws which will be presented to members for a vote at the March General Meeting. Be sure to read the Minutes for updates.

We are moving forward with the Ad Hoc Committee. We will be reaching out for members soon. The meeting(s) will take place in May or June. Thanks in advance to those who will participate.

But wait-there’s more! Coming soon – the annual Sustainer Spring Survey is on the way! Be thinking about what committee you would like to be a Sustainer Advisor for and what committees/fundraisers you are willing to help with during the 2025-2026 WRJSL year.

As always, thank you and we appreciate you!