

September 2010

Issue 63

## Important Dates

### Food Room

Third Tues. of month

7 p.m.

Sept. 14            Nov. 16

Oct. 19            Dec. 14

### Membership Programs

General Membership Mtg

Fourth Wed. of month

(except Nov. and Dec.)

7 p.m.

Sept. 22            Feb. 23

Oct. 27            March 23

Jan. 26            April 27

### Board Meetings

General Board Mtgs.

7 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Business Mtg.

Sept. 13

Nov. 8

Jan. 10

March 14

May 9

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 9

Juniors Clambake

Nov. 17

Social at Embellish

Dec. 3

All Aglow

Dec. 5

Holiday Home Tour

Jan. 12

Holiday Social

### Newsletter Submission

Articles due the third

Friday of the month:

Sept. 17 for Oct. issue

Oct. 15 for Nov. issue

Nov. 19 for Dec. issue

Dec. 17 for Jan. issue

Submit to Beth Van Horn:  
vanhorn@cox.net



## President's Message

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*"If you do things well, do them better. Be daring, be first, be different, be just."* — Anita Roddick

Welcome back members!

As I type this welcome I realize with a tired smile that many members did not take a break from Juniors at all this summer. There was plenty of action with our Sitting Pretty Bench Project, collecting backpacks, distributing back-to-school gift cards, working in the food room for RRAP, making meals for fellow members, and beginning work in board positions and on committees. I believe that our work this summer not only gets us off to a fabulous start for a fulfilling year with Juniors, but also gives prospective members a great picture of what RRJWC truly represents.

I would like to sincerely thank the Sitting Pretty Committee for their work on the return of this fabulous project. Committee members included **Megan Alexander, Ruth Beach, Jill Brandt, Ann Coyne, Kelly Dimacchia, Katie Farley, Maggie Gedeon, Nicole Hahn, Christa Medvin** and **Erin Voight**. Other Juniors who volunteered their time and talents to the project included **Dawn Blair, Kim Crane, Tracey Dimond, Sheila Gallagher, Kate Leslie, Leslie Massey, Beth McBride, Amy McDougal, Christina Mueller, Megan Rose** and **Kelly Schumacker**. And finally, to our dedicated "benchwarmers" who visited the beautiful benches throughout the summer and made sure they were well-kept: **Sherri Beuke, Cathy Bollin, Jill Brandt, Lisa George, Kate Leslie, Katie Pickard, Anita Robertson, Sarah Russell, Dana Soraczak** and **Erin Voight**. The project and auction event were a success because of the hard work, commitment, and creativity of these amazing women.

It is my hope that the quotation at the top of this letter by the amazing Anita Roddick, founder and creator of The Body Shop, respected author and activist, inspires us all to be daring this year in Juniors. It is when we step out of our comfort zones that we grow the most. So this year I urge you to make a new friend in Juniors, bring a neighbor or acquaintance to the Introductory Party on September 1<sup>st</sup>, try a new board or committee position, join a new fellowship activity, participate in a fundraiser that you have yet to volunteer for, or pack food in the food room for RRAP for the first time. Most importantly, I hope that we challenge ourselves to be the best organization that we can be, and that we support one another in all of our endeavors this year. Separately, each of us is a remarkable woman but together we are unstoppable!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Introductory Party on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Clifton Beach Club and at our first General Membership meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy the last bits of summer.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Home Tour

Kelly Dimacchia – (440) 623-9999 – [k.dimacchia@cox.net](mailto:k.dimacchia@cox.net)



**H**ello Juniors! It's that time of the year again — time to start planning for one of our major fundraisers. This year will be our last home tour for a few years. We would like you to help us go out with a BANG and make it a memorable one! The Home Tour will be held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with the hospitality suite at The Woods.

Each year Juniors requests that the members of this service and social club volunteer at least 6 hours of their time. The Holiday Home Tour is a great way to donate your time. There are several ways you could assist, depending on how much of your time you would be willing volunteer. We could use assistance with the *Homeowner Gift Baskets* and *Solicitations*. Jill Brandt has agreed to be the Solicitations Chair and she could use some help. The money raised by this group will be donated to Rocky River Challenge Days, scholarships to students from the local Rocky River High Schools, the library, Meals on Wheels and several other organizations. **Please** consider offering an hour or two of your time to help Jill raise as much money as possible. The Holiday Home Tour is our **ONLY** fundraiser that allows us to give back directly to our community. If you are looking to get more involved in the RRJWC, there is no better time than now!

## Carnation

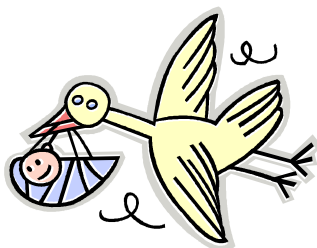
Jodi Des Rosiers – (440) 331-2217 – [jodi1374@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jodi1374@sbcglobal.net)

**RRJWC** recognizes in the newsletter those Juniors who are expecting and/or have given birth! We also provide a wonderful meal for our new moms or any member who is ill or undergoing special circumstances where a meal would be helpful to them or their families.



## Congratulations to our Summer Moms: Rose Seed, Kristen LaPorte & Erin Voight!

On May 12th, Rose Seed and hubby Dave welcomed twin girls. Amelia Mae weighed in at 5 lbs. 13 oz. and Summer Rose at 5 lbs. 10oz. Thanks goes out to the following Juniors who provided meals for the Seed Family as they adjusted to parenthood: **Megan Alexander, Cathy Bollin, Jill Brandt, Jodi Des Rosiers, Megan Kelly, Kate Leslie, Christina Mueller** and **Felicity White**.



On May 30th, Kristen and Brian LaPorte welcomed their newest baby girl: Isla Claire! She was 7 lbs. 1oz. and joins big sisters Sophia and Elise.

On June 12th, Erin and Jon Voight welcomed baby boy Evan Mitchell. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 9oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Erin reports that big sister Genevieve absolutely adores her new baby brother! **Amy McDougal** and **Christina Mueller** provided delicious meals for the family.

And a big thank you to the following ladies who provided meals to Candi Sweet after her accident: **Lindsey Walther, Liz Becker, Megan Alexander, Cathy Bolin, Laura Goldberg, Jodi DeRosiers, Amy McDougal, Kelly DiMacchia, Tracey Dimond, Laura Bonacci, Sheila Gallagher, Dawn Blair, Megan Rose, Beth Van Horn, Jen Miller** and **Ellen Ballas**.

Please contact me via e-mail if you are willing to make a meal for one of our new Moms or a member in need. If you are aware of any special circumstances, anticipated arrivals, or other info that I may have missed — please let me know. I appreciate your help!



## 2010-2011 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print your name as you would like it to appear in the membership directory.)

Please circle one of the following:    New Member    Returning Member    Past President

If you are a returning member, is all information current in last year's directory?     yes     no

Spouse's name, if married: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_                      E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_                      Are you expecting? Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Preference:    \_\_\_\_\_ Phone    \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

Newsletter Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail    \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

*(The RRJWC Newsletter is the primary means through which members hear about upcoming Club events, meetings and volunteer opportunities. In addition, bi-monthly e-mails are issued to keep members posted on activities and events.)*

If you are a returning member, would you be a buddy to new member?     yes     no

Is there a new member you would like to be paired with? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues are \$30.00**

**TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE  
DUE BY  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010.**

If membership forms are received after this date, member's names and contact information will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter.

**Please make your check payable to ROCKY RIVER JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB and mail to:**

RRJWC – Membership Chair

P.O. Box 16724

Rocky River, OH 44116

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received    \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number

*RRJWC is committed to our community. Volunteerism is vital to ensure the survival of our charitable programs and services. Members are asked to volunteer at least 6 hours throughout the year. Please indicate on the back of this form those areas where you would like to donate your time during the 2010 – 2009 year.*

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SIGN-UP

Please check any areas in which you have an interest.  
Committee members will follow-up as needed to confirm your participation.

## **ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)**

*Managing the RRAP is our **primary** civic service responsibility. The RRAP provides recipient families with one week of groceries every other month from the food distribution center located at Beach Education Center.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Packing (7-8 pm Tues. evening before distribution)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Pick-up (daytime as needed) \_\_\_\_\_ School Food Drives (daytime as needed)

## **HOLIDAY HOME TOUR (Sunday, December 5, 2010 12pm – 4:00pm)**

*The Tour is our largest event of the year. To ensure the continued success of the Tour, we ask ALL members to volunteer for the event in some way.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair (can co-chair with other member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Business Solicitation \_\_\_\_\_ Homeowner Gift Prep

\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess Day of Event (two hour shift - directing traffic flow inside tour homes)

## **SPRINT INTO SPRING**

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Timer / Course Helpers on Day of Event

## **CARNATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Willing to make dinner for a member/family in time of need (new baby, illness)  
(Committee Chair will contact when needed)

## **HOSPITALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Willing to bring appetizer/dessert for monthly meeting  
(Committee Chair will contact when needed)

## **SOCIAL / FELLOWSHIP**

*In addition to several social events, RRJWC also offers a variety of activities that meet regularly throughout the year. Please indicate your interest in any of the following groups:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Euchre \_\_\_\_\_ Potluck Club \_\_\_\_\_ Book Club \_\_\_\_\_ Knitting Club

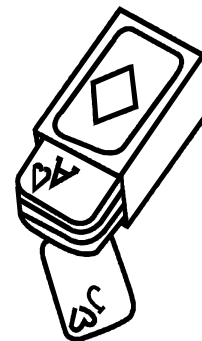
\_\_\_\_\_ Scrapbook Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis Club Other ideas? \_\_\_\_\_

## Fellowship

Kim Crane – (440) 356-2509 - kimberly\_crane@hotmail.com

### Euchre & Potluck Club

One of my favorites parts of Juniors from a social perspective are the potlucks/euchre nights! For those of you looking to meet some new people or reconnect with old — the Potlucks and Euchre nights are the way to go! Please sign up at the first meeting OR on your membership form indicate that you want to partake in either the potluck dinners or euchre nights OR email me. Be sure to sign up by OCTOBER 1st!



For those of you new to Juniors, there will be @ 4 couples paired up for Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer dinners. We will try to mix it up as best as possible so everyone hosts one potluck or euchre night at their home and is with different people each time (to the best of our ability!). If you plan on signing up, please plan on following thru and planning the event so that our nights are a success.

### Knitting Club

Jen Miller [jmiller13309@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmiller13309@sbcglobal.net).

Hope you had a fantastic summer and that you had some time to do some crafting. We kept the needles going this summer with many projects-scarves, hats, baby blankets, and more!

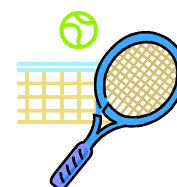


This September, to kick off the new knitting year, we are going to have our first knitting/crocheting get together at Birds of a Feather in Avon. We haven't chosen the class "theme" yet but are going to gear it towards knitters of all abilities. If you are new this would be a great place to "learn the ropes." I will have more information in the next week or so. If you are interested in joining us, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at [jmiller13309@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmiller13309@sbcglobal.net).

If you can't make Birds of a Feather, we usually meet once a month in the evenings throughout the year to work on whatever project is handy — there is always good food and good conversation! Happy stitching!

### Tennis Club

We're still looking for a chair for Tennis Club. If interested, please contact Kim Crane at kimberly\_crane@hotmail.com.



### Intro Party

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Sarah Lang – (440) 799-4061 – rslang@cox.net



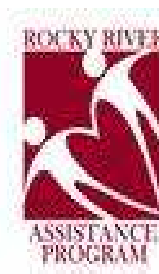
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Introductory Party this year! A special thank you to **Megan Alexander** and Professional Catering for the wonderful food, as well as to each member who supplied a beverage for the evening. We hope it was the start to a wonderful year with many new members and a renewed excitement about the programs we have to offer ourselves and our community in 2010 and 2011. Please continue to make the new members feel welcome as we head into the Fall. Thanks again!

## Rocky River Assistance Program (RRAP)

Amy McDougal – (440)409-0940 [kregandames@yahoo.com](mailto:kregandames@yahoo.com)

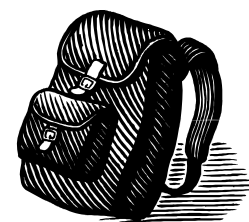
The Rocky River Assistance Program is off to a wonderful start, thanks to the very well organized and supported program I inherited. Many thanks to all of those that volunteered with RRAP last year; all of your efforts have certainly created a wonderful program. And, a special thanks to **Megan Alexander** who has been an incredible mentor. As many of you know, her passion for RRAP has laid the foundation for another great year. We have an incredible group of ladies leading the RRAP this year:

Inventory	Christina Mueller
Donations	Susan Patrick-Pasela & Dana Soroczak
Fresh Food - Milk/Eggs	Sarah Lang
Fresh Food - Meat/Cheese/Vegetable	Colleen O'Toole
Back-to-School Shopping	Sarah Nowlin & Jen Miller
Adopt-a-Family	Erin Konet, Jen White, & Nicole Wells
Secretary	Laura Bonacci



In addition to our committee, we have had a wonderful group of volunteers helping with the Pack and Sort evenings this summer. A special thanks to: **The Bonacci Family, The Fehrenback Family, The Brandt Family, Anjanette Arabian Whittman and Family, Sarah Nowlin and Family, Jen White and Family, Dawn Blair and Family, Susan Paez and Family, Christa Medvin and Family, Tracey Dimond, Susan Patrick-Pasela, Shannon Lukz, and Megan Alexander.** If you are interested in volunteering at a Pack and Sort Evening, we will be at Beach School **September 14<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm!** Remember, children and non-juniors are welcome. If you would like to be involved with the RRAP in additional ways, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

I'd like to thank Susan and Dana for their help organizing donation drives this summer. Hopefully, you have seen them around town representing RRAP and collecting items at The Taste of River, RR Concert in the Park, & RR WaterZone. The "Back To School Party" they held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Water Zone resulted in many wonderful donations including 472 crayons, 31 glue sticks, 13 notebooks, 70 markers, 7 boxes of Kleenexes, 3 more backpacks, and 8 packs of note cards! Additionally, thanks to **Jill Brandt, Sarah Lang, and Jen Miller** for helping Dana and Susan organize and supervise three rest period games.



Susan and Dana have also been busy laying the groundwork for our fall food drives. As I am typing this month's newsletter, Jacob Sheehan, a RR Boy Scout, is in the process of organizing a "Personal Care Item Drive" for our clients. We are very thankful for his continued support of our program. We are also excited to be a recipient of the RR United Methodist Church Food Drive coming in September. They have set an amazing goal of collecting 10,000 items the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be canvassing all of Rocky River. We hope that you support their drive, as 1/3 off all collected items will be donated to our RRAP. Since the

RRAP is no longer affiliated with the Cleveland Food Network, our food pantry relies completely on donations. If you are interested in having your own food drive or helping with one of the school food drives, please talk with Dana or Susan.

Jen and Sarah have been busy insuring that our 57 school age children are prepared for the start of school. In July, they handed out Kohl's gift cards for back to school shopping. In August, they cleaned our collected backpacks and shopped for school supplies (thanks to all of you that donated backpacks). Then, they personally packed a bag for each child according to the child's Rocky River or St. Chris supplies lists. The children that came to distribution were so excited to receive the supplies for the upcoming school year! Thanks for all of your savvy shopping!

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## Rocky River Assistance Program (RRAP)

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This year, we are continuing to provide one week worth of non-perishable foods, milk, eggs, meat, and cheese to our clients. We've also decided to add either a frozen vegetable or fruit to their monthly food pick-up. Due to a wonderful monthly donation from the Rocky River/Lakewood Rotary and The Breadsmith, we are also able to give all of our clients several loaves of Breadsmith breads and rolls every month. Each month, we receive approximately 100 loaves! Thanks to Christina, Sarah, and Colleen for coordinating, ordering and delivering all of our perishable food items to the pantry in time for distribution.

I am looking forward to a very rewarding year working with our RRAP clients, the awesome RRAP committee, and all of the incredible JWC women whom volunteer so much of their time to help our fellow RR residents!

### All Aglow

Dawn Blair – (440) 331-4179 – dawn.blair@live.com

Rocky River will be “all aglow” for the city’s tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm. This traditional city event is a great way for all River families to come together and kick off the holiday season! It is hosted by the RRJWC and is free and open to the public . . . so be sure to bring your neighbors and friends.

The ceremony is held on the front lawn of city hall where the mayor flips the switch on the holiday lights while we sing some carols. And of course Santa will be there — on an old-fashioned fire truck! After the ceremony, we will walk over to the winter woodland decorated senior center for snacks, crafts and a visit with Santa. River's Edge, the fabulous high school show choir, will also perform. New this year, the RRECPTA will help the kiddos make “reindeer food” to sprinkle on their lawns on Christmas Eve. What’s more, Laura from embellish will be there to craft the much loved snowflake ornaments. Hope to see all your rosey faces!!

Christmas cookies of any kind, shape or size are needed!! Please contact Dawn Blair at [dawn.blair@live.com](mailto:dawn.blair@live.com) if you are able to bake. Thanks!!



### Adopt-a-Family

Erin Konet, Nicole Wells, Jen White  
rradoptfamily@gmail.com

The Adopt-a-Family committee is gearing up for the 2010 Holiday Season!

We are excited for this year's drive and look forward to working with all of you to insure everyone in our community has reason to celebrate. We will have sign up sheets available at the New Member and General meetings for those who are interested in sponsoring a family.

Please look for additional information to follow and feel free to contact us with any questions at [rradoptfamily@gmail.com](mailto:rradoptfamily@gmail.com).

### Socials

Sherri Beuke – 356-2561 or [beukes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beukes@sbcglobal.net)

**Save the Date** for our annual Clambake at Elmwood Cabin Saturday, October 9th at 7pm; invitations to arrive soon.

### November Social

Join us on November 17th to take time out to embellish yourself at *Embellish* in Rocky River!

This creative evening of jewelry or ornament making (just in time for the holidays) begins at 7pm. BYOB. Light appetizers provided. RSVP by November 8th to Sherri Beuke.

## Next General Meeting

7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

### Local Girl Gallery

16106 Detroit in Lakewood  
(corner of Detroit and Cranford)



## Membership

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Kristen LaPorte – (440)665-2941 – kmh19@aol.com

Membership forms and annual dues are due by **Friday, September 24**, (an extension from the original deadline on the form), to be included in the Juniors' Directory. Member information received after that date will be announced in the newsletter.



Remember to complete the reverse side of the membership form to indicate where you are interested in volunteering your time this year. Also, if you're a returning member you can sign up to be a "buddy" to a new member. As a buddy, you can call a new member to remind her of upcoming meetings, introduce her to other Juniors and help her get involved. You can indicate a new member that you would like to be a buddy for or we can assign you a new member.

Membership forms are available in the newsletter, on the website or by contacting Cathy or Kristen.

Just a reminder that new members are welcome throughout the year. If you know anyone interested in joining Juniors, let us know and we'll send her a new information packet!

*"Development of intellectual endeavor, social fellowship, promotion of general welfare and service to the community."*

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