



New Member Course Objectives 2012-2013

The goal of the 2012-2013 New Member course is three-fold. First, we will strive to educate New Members about The Junior League of Reading, PA, Inc.—who we are and what we do for the community. Second, we will strive to educate New Members about service organizations in our community by touring facilities and exploring opportunities for leadership and volunteerism therein. Third, we will strive to meet the new direction of our league in our new initiative, HEALTHY CHOICES, HEALTHY KIDS.

Our Basic Objectives

- To educate New Members about the Junior League of Reading, PA, Inc. and The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.
- To educate New Members about the local community and its systems via tour dates
 - To build rapport and camaraderie among the members
 - To offer skills training
 - To provide an opportunity for the New Members to demonstrate skills via the New Member project
- To meet the objectives of our new initiative, Healthy Choices, Healthy Kids

OUR EXCITING NEW DIRECTION

The Junior League of Reading has adopted a new initiative, HEALTHY CHOICES, HEALTHY KIDS where we are focused on promoting healthy choices for children. In the next three years, we will concentrate on the following:

- improving food literacy
- increasing food access
- fostering self esteem

HEALTHY CHOICES, HEALTHY KIDS has led to positive changes in both the health of children and the health of our community. This has been accomplished through JLR programs such as the Young Women's Summit -- a program which led to a youth-created positive messaging campaign encouraging elementary school students to "Be the One" to stand up, make the right decision, and to make a positive change. Similarly, through after school programming at Glenside Elementary School and Olivet's Boys and Girls Clubs, JLR increased food access and improved the food literacy of over 250 children and families. JLR's ultimate community goal of increasing the developmental assets of youth and empowering them to be the stewards of healthy choices in their home and their community is being realized, but there is still much work to be done.

The Junior League of Reading, PA Inc.

New Member Requirements 2012-2013

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New Members must meet the following requirements to be recommended for Active membership in May. Your JLR advisor will help guide you in meeting these requirements.

- Pay New Member dues by October 1, 2012
- Attend Super Saturday and New Member Tour Dates
- Participate in the New Member Project (Touch-a-Truck)
- Attend a Spring Placement Interview
- Pay Active Dues for 2013-2014 by March 15, 2013

Additional Opportunities

- Volunteer at a League Project (YMCA, Olivets, Glenside Elementary)
- Attend a Council meeting
- Attend a Committee Meeting
- Volunteer at the Kitchen Tour and/or Touch a Truck
- Attend a League-sponsored training session
- Perform a volunteer function within the community

Mission: The Junior League of Reading, PA, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.