Leadership Akron Alumni Association President, John McKenzie welcomed guests and new members, and shared program highlights:

**Ambassadors:** Class 32 members were matched with LAAA Ambassadors to provide a mentor during their program year. The purpose is also to help make the transition from being a class member to becoming a member of LAAA upon graduation.

**Leadership on Main:** The topics of the monthly breakfast at The Akron RubberDucks Duck Club ties into the focus that month for the signature program class, and they are invited along with LAAA members and Torchbearers members and alumni. The breakfasts are hosted by Class 30 graduate Ken Babby and the Akron RubberDucks in the Duck Club.

**Shift Akron:** An extremely successful Shift Akron: Creating Conversations to Transform Akron was held on June 7 at the Downtown Akron Public Library. The goal was to bring leaders across sectors together to explore the shifts in perspective, direction and tactics that will drive the next decade of change in Akron.

**Progressive Akron:** This year’s event on July 23rd visited TRIAD Communications, East End Residences & Goodyear Hall and finished at the Akron Art Museum’s Bud & Susie Rogers Garden. Guests received introductions to some of the Akron area’s newest or most unique community assets.

**Junior Leadership Akron:** Forty-seven students from Summit County high schools participated in the Class 29 JLA Program. This program is led by our co-chairs Karen May and Eric Smith who are beginning 10 years as chairs of the JLA Program. This program provides community awareness and leadership experience for high school juniors.

John recognized the LA and LAAA Board members in attendance and asked them to rise.

**Distinguished Leader Award:**

John introduced Kelly Pariso, Class 28 who was the 2015 Distinguished Leader Award recipient.

Kelly introduced Norma Rist, Class 2, the LAAA 2016 Distinguished Leader Award Recipient. Norma thanked the alumni for this recognition and shared brief remarks.
Call to Order:

John welcomed Angelina Milo, LAAA Treasurer and Robert DeJournett, LAAA Secretary to the podium.

Treasurer Report:

Angelina Milo reviewed the FY16 financials. The budget for 2016-17 was presented. The Treasurer’s report was accepted and approved.

Secretary Report:

Robert moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections: The date should be August 26, 2015 and Dan Rice submitted the minutes.

Robert shared program highlights for the coming year. Including:

- September 14th Leadership on Main at Canal Park’s Duck Club. The guest speaker will be Lisa King, Executive Director of Summit Metro Parks and a Class 33 member.
- September 19th LAAA/Torchbearers Golf Outing at Rosemont Country Club. We are still accepting registrations!
- Due to community scheduling conflicts, our New Community Leaders Reception scheduled for October 20th has been postponed until February or March.
- November 3rd Lieberth Community Vision Award, honoring Theresa Carter
- December 8th is our Annual Holiday Party. Watch for further details!

John introduced Leadership Akron President Mark Scheffler and Nick Browning, Leadership Akron Board Chair.

Stephanie York enters the room carrying the Akron Beacon Journal supplement created in honor of Ron Kopp. Nick shared a few highlights from the paper.

Mark introduced recent graduates from Class 32 who were in attendance.

Nominating Committee Report:

John McMckenzie thanked the committee for their work and invited a motion to elect the following individual to the Leadership Akron Alumni Board for 2015-2016. Lisa Hilling (fulfilling a 3 year term). Since this motion comes from the committee of the Board, it did not need a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

The nominating committee’s nominees for LAAA officers are: Dan Rice, President; Angelina Milo, Vice President; Robert DeJournett, Secretary; and Wendy Bolas, Treasurer. In accordance with the bylaws, the board officers will be elected by the board members rather than by the membership.
John introduced Dan Rice, Incoming LAAA President. Dan thanked John for his leadership and presented him with a gift to honor his service to LAAA. Dan also thanked Chris Yuhasz for her years of service to LAAA and presented Chris with flowers as she completed her service on the board.

Dan shared priorities for the coming year including: Diversity, graduate engagement, LeaderSource 2.0, Akron History Project. A list of events will be on the tables.

Closing Remarks:

Dan asked everyone to “Widen the Circle” by snapping a selfie with someone who you just met tonight or even as you are out and about in the community. Be sure to Tweet #Widen the Circle. Please stay and mingle. The bar and food is open until 7 pm! Directories are here and will be passed out as everyone leaves. Dan requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Robert DeJournett

Election of LAAA Officers:

Following the LAAA Annual Meeting Chris Yuhasz made a motion to nominate the following Akron Alumni Association officers:

   Dan Rice:  President
   Angelina Milo:  Vice President
   Robert DeJournett:  Secretary
   Wendy Bolas:  Treasurer

The nominations were seconded and approved.