



Junior Women's League of Smithfield

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Talk of the League

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Member Spotlight

Pam Batchelor

Occupation:
Education
Consultant for NC
Department of
Public Instruction

JWL Involvement:
Public Relations
Committee



Favorite thing about JWL:

Giving back to our community and getting to know other women with similar hearts for public service along the way.



Michelle Finch

Occupation:
Registered
Nurse/
Cardiovascular
Specialist

JWL Involvement:
Membership

Engagement Committee

Favorite thing about JWL:

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting such amazing women who share the same enthusiasm and desire to serve our community as myself.

Keep Reading Alive Book Drive

Many of us can't imagine growing up without shelves full of our favorite childrens books right in our own home. Picking out which book you wanted to read before bedtime was often a nightly tradition. And as we grew older our book collection became more advanced as our knowledge and learning expanded. Unfortunately, books are a luxury for many families. When families are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table, purchasing books just isn't feasible.

The need is simple: children need books. Children who do not learn to read well typically do not perform well in school. Many children do not have access to books, and without books to read, literacy suffers - and when literacy suffers, education and opportunities decline.

The members of Leadership Johnston in conjunction with the Partnership for Children of Johnston County are asking for gently used and new books for elementary aged children of Johnston County for their Inaugural Book Drive. Book donations will be accepted from now until April 15. You can drop off your books at any Johnston County Chamber office or the Partnership for Children of Johnston County offices located in Selma and Benson. Monetary donations are also being accepted.

Let's help our community partner, the Partnership for Children of Johnston County, and Leadership Johnston meet their goal of raising 12,345 books by donating and/or sharing the [Keep Reading Alive facebook page](#). You can bring any books to be donated to the February and March GMMs.

For more information or for questions, you can contact the Partnership for Children at (919) 975-2534 or (919) 975-2513.

Chick-fil-A Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who supported our Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A! With the help of our volunteers, members who shared the event, and all those who came out to eat, we were able to raise approximately \$400! A special thank you to the in-league fundraiser committee for organizing a successful event!

Submit Announcements
for JWL Newsletter Here



www.jwlsmithfield.com
member login: jwlVolunteer@jwlsmithfield@gmail.com

Upcoming GMM

February 15 @
The Country Club of
Johnston County OR
Double Barley Brewery

SAVE THE DATES!

BNO 2018

Scheduled for June 1



We're excited to have secured *The Embers* for this year's band! More details to come!

Touch A Truck 2018

Scheduled for
October 27!



February Birthdays

Austin Yansom	2/4
Laura Hill	2/5
Jill Bragg	2/9
Caroline Wood	2/11
Carson Cataliotti	2/18
Melissa Parnell	2/23
Cameron Flowers	2/29

Women @ Work tickets are LIVE to the public!

Does it seem impossible to do ALL. THE. THINGS. day in and day out? Are you trying to live “authentically,” but aren’t even sure you know what that means? If you answered YES to any of the above, stop what you are doing and mark your calendars now for JWL’s first ever “Women @ Work” Conference on **Saturday, March 17** at the Johnston County Agricultural Center.

Our “Women @ Work” Conference is for women who are working inside the home, outside the home, in their communities, or in their hearts to make the world a better place. This is an opportunity for women to come together to revive their spirits and learn insight from each other to live their best lives everyday. The member development committee has planned an exciting and engaging morning out for JWL members and our community. “Women @ Work” will consist of a keynote presentation from top author Adrian Wood, breakout sessions on topics relevant to today’s woman, and a light lunch. “Women @ Work” is open to the public.

Please share, share, share the [Facebook event page](#) to help us spread the word near and far! Tickets can be purchased at www.jwlsmithfield.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has their newest build going on in Clayton! To sign up, you will need to email Katie Stephenson at skatieyoungblood@gmail.com and also visit <https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/lp/johnstoncountycoalition/events> to officially register. The website shows all dates of the project and whether they are full. The JWL volunteer date is full, but members may sign up for any open dates listed on the site.

**Volunteer times on the website are listed as 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. for each work-day. Habitat is fine with our members doing different hours during that time-frame if they choose. You will receive out-of-league volunteer hours according to the number of hours you are at the site.

Be on the Lookout!

We will need volunteers for the events listed below. Be on the lookout for more details about the volunteer needs for each of these.

- Women @ Work - March 17
- Breakfast with Bunny / Easter Egg Hunt - March 24
- NICU MeFine bags - TBA

There are lots of exciting volunteer opportunities ready for members on the calendar! Check out the [JWL Volunteer Calendar](#) to browse both in league and out of league opportunities!

MEMBER FUN!

Join us for a fun night of Wine & Design on **February 22**. The event is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The location is 14 Flowers Crossroads Way, Suite 102 Clayton, NC. Bring your favorite bottle of wine (or beer) and join us for a fun night of socializing and channeling your inner Picasso! We'll be painting the Sunset Coast. The cost is \$35. [REGISTER HERE](#) and use the event code JWL.