



Junior Women's League of Smithfield

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Talk of the League

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Member Spotlight

Meredith Edwards

Occupation:
Deputy Clerk
at Johnston
Co. Clerk of
Superior Court



JWL Involvement:
Boys and Girls Club Committee

Favorite thing about JWL:
Being able to enjoy this journey with my sister, Amber Stancil, has been without a doubt something significant. Also the fact that JWL is promoting good deeds for the community and making a difference. There's no better joy than being a witness to that.



Carley Fogleman

Occupation:
Professional
Photographer

**JWL
Involvement:**

Touch-A-Truck Committee

Favorite thing about JWL:
I have enjoyed interacting with an organization of ambitious women who are changing dynamics within our local communities. It is truly an honor.

Committee Spotlight

Bells were ringing, the band was singing all was merry and bright... at the JWL Jingle Mingle that is! A huge thanks to the Member Engagement Committee for putting together JWL's first holiday social. Members and their guests gathered at Double Barley Brewery for a fun evening of food, drinks, music, and fellowship. A nip in the air kept the oysters cold while the hot chocolate bar kept everyone toasty!



"During this time of the year things can get stressful and hectic, so we were excited to organize an event where everyone could relax and enjoy each other's company," said committee member Emily Harris. "Our members have done so much for the community this past year and we have so much to celebrate as an organization - this was a great opportunity to get together and do that."

Thanks again to the Member Engagement Committee! We're already looking forward to next year's holiday gathering!

Boys and Girls Coat Drive



A huge thank you to all who donated coats to the Boys and Girls coat drive! We successfully provided coats/warmth to not only the most needy, but to ALL 65 children enrolled in the Boys & Girls Club program! Also, thank you to Meredith Edwards for helping plan and executing this coat drive!

"The precious smiles and joyous laughter that filled the room while opening their gifts was wonderful," said Amber Stancil, JWL VP of Community Research and Engagement. "It was truly an experience, and there was definitely not a dry eye in the room! I'm so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful organization that gives back to our community."

Submit Announcements
for JWL Newsletter Here



www.jwlsmithfield.com
member login: goVolunteer
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Volunteer Calendar Updates / Events

The Junior Women's League of Smithfield is dedicated to making a positive impact on Johnston County by strengthening connections throughout our community, promoting volunteerism, and developing leaders.

Due to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we will not be holding a December GMM. We look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Announcements

JWL member Kristin Buckner is excited to announce the opening of her law practice, Buckner Law. Kristin practices estate planning and probate, family law, and traffic law. She can be reached at 919-375-8846 (call/text) or kristin@bucknerlawnc.com. All JWL members receive the Friends and Family discount!

Congrats Kristen on this awesome achievement!

December Birthdays

Nicole Laydon	12/5
Kristen Wagner	12/5
Megan Williams	12/7
Elizabeth Gore	12/8
LeeAnna Williams	12/11
Emily Strickland	12/13
Susan Culbreth	12/15
Dana Johnson	12/20
Betsy Pippin	12/21
Carolyn Carroll	12/28
Pam Batchelor	12/29
Amanda Godwin	12/30

Harbor Dinner - December 13 & January 10

One volunteer is needed to help prepare a meal for the Harbor House on December 13. Three volunteers are still needed to prepare a meal for January 10. Email Austin Yansom at austinyansom@gmail.com to sign up. Dinner needs to be ready to serve at 5:30 at the Harbor House on Buffalo Road in Smithfield. Volunteers will receive 3 hours.

Pizazz Resale Shop - December & January

Volunteers are needed to help employees sort clothing, design window displays, and prepare items to be sold. Dates and times are listed below.

- **December 17:** Smithfield, 1 - 6 p.m.
- **December 24:** Clayton, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **December 31:** Smithfield, 1 - 6 p.m.
- **January 7:** Clayton, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **January 14:** Smithfield, 1 - 6 p.m.

Volunteers receive 1 credit hour per hour volunteered (up to 5 hours). RSVP to Austin Yansom at austinyansom@gmail.com.

SECU Hospice House - January 12

Volunteers are needed to bring desserts to the Hospice House for dessert night on January 12. Please have desserts dropped off between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and have desserts individually wrapped so it is easier for Hospice workers to put them out. Volunteers will receive 3 credit hours. RSVP to Amber Stencil at amber@interstateoutdoor.net.

Habitat for Humanity

The Benson build will begin needing volunteers on Saturdays starting January 21. Keep a watch on the calendar and Facebook page for updates!

Board Nominations

As we continue our legacy of service, we now ask "What does our future look like?" If we go ALL IN we empower ourselves as Johnston County's women leaders and the JWL as a movement to make a significant and lasting community impact. Do you have what it takes to lead JWL into 2017 and beyond? The nominating committee will open nominations for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors beginning in January. Ideal candidates for the Board of Directors should possess the following traits:

- A broad perspective,
- Demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion,
- Courage to dissent,
- Credibility among peers,
- Good interpersonal skills,
- Thoughtful and visionary,
- Risk taker with accountability,
- Acknowledgment of the importance of leadership experiences and skills gained through the Junior Women's League of Smithfield, community organizations, and employment.

Do you or someone you know have what it takes to go ALL IN with JWL? Be on the lookout for the board nomination form in January!