



Junior Women's League of Smithfield

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Member Spotlight

Charley Lane



Occupation:
Physician Assistant
at an internal
medicine practice

JWL Involvement:
Currently a
provisional
member and
looking forward to working on a
committee in the future!

Favorite thing about JWL:
Getting involved and lending a helping
hand. I've enjoyed the opportunity to
serve my community and meet new,
like-minded friends along the way!

Ashley Nordan

Occupation:
Physician
Assistant at
the Johnston
County Health
Department

JWL Involvement:

BNO Sponsorship chair; SMART Girls
provisional project guest speaker

Favorite thing about JWL:
coming together with like-minded
women to make a big impact in the
community.

JWL Big Night Out 2017

The band is booked, the menu is set, and the decorations committee is planning a theme to set us sailing! The Johnston County Agricultural Center is the place to be on **June 10** from **7 - 11 p.m.** for Big Night Out! This is going to be a fun and fabulous event that no one will want to miss. Cocktail is the attire, so start planning your outfit now. Along with delicious food and spirits, the raffle and silent auction items are one of a kind, and the [Risse Band](#) will have you dancing all night long! Only two short months away... secure your tickets today to join in on the event that will be talked about for years to come.

- The event will benefit the SMART Girls program at the Boys and Girls Club of Johnston County. [Ticket sales](#) are completely online this year.
- Member Requirements:
 1. Sell four BNO tickets at \$65 each (includes food and open bar)
 2. Secure a \$500 Gold Level (or higher) sponsor
 3. Secure silent auction and/or raffle items valued at \$500 or more
 4. \$65 Buyout (Members paying the buyout will not receive a ticket)
- Sponsorships: Please use the [sponsorship packet](#) on the JWL website when soliciting potential sponsors. If you have any questions please contact Ashley Nordan at angreen423@gmail.com.

SMART Girls Provisional Project

For the past five months, the provisional members of JWL have had the pleasure of working with young girls in the SMART Girls program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Johnston County. By attending weekly classes led by JWL provisional members, these girls have learned the importance of building quality relationships, leadership, health and fitness, and education. We are honored to have played a small role in the development of Johnston County's future women leaders. On March 24, JWL hosted a special graduation ceremony for the participants of the SMART Girls program. The future is bright for this group of girls and we can't wait to see the journey that unfolds for each of them!



Submit Announcements
for JWL Newsletter Here



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

Women of the League Awards

JWL's very first Women of the League Awards will be presented at the June Awards Ceremony!



Please take a moment to nominate that special member who has gone above and beyond!

[Nomination Form](#)

Save the date for Touch A Truck 2017

Scheduled for
October 28!



The committee is still finalizing details. This date is subject to change.

April Birthdays

Nikki Davis	4/5
Erin Smith	4/5
Emily Rose	4/8
Sarah Elizabeth Campbell	4/10
Teresa Grant	4/13
Ashley Finch	4/15
Melissa Ausley	4/17
Melinda Holmes	4/20
Hanna Keel	4/20
Amanda Brown	4/23
Ashley Nordan	4/23
Rebecca Byrd	4/27

Volunteer Calendar Updates / Events

Johnston Health Champions 5K/10K - May 6

We really need volunteers for the [Johnston Health Champions 5K/10K](#) on Saturday, May 6! Help is needed at hydration stations, the finish line, and registration tables. This is a great cause and helps support the Angel Fund and the Health Kids Fund. We had a great volunteer turnout last year and look forward to an even better one this year! Email Amber at amber@interstateoutdoor.net to sign up. Volunteers will receive 4 hours for this event.

Pizazz Resale Shop - April 15, 22, 29

Volunteers are needed to help employees sort clothing, design window displays, and prepare items to be sold. Dates are available every Saturday through June 17. These alternate between Smithfield (1 - 6 p.m.) and Clayton (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Volunteers receive up to 5 volunteer hours. RSVP to Austin Yansom at austinyansom@gmail.com.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen - April 13 & 27

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve dinner at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen located at 306 N Brightleaf Boulevard in Smithfield. These events are scheduled for April 13 and April 27 from 4-6 p.m. Volunteers will receive up to 3 credit hours. Please email austinyansom@gmail.com to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity - April through June

Saturday Habitat Build dates are available through June 3! Hours are from 8:30-12:30 at 608 S Ryals Street in Benson. Volunteers will receive 4 credit hours. Tasks include painting, removal of flooring, and prepping for painting. RSVP to Jena at jen.andrews9@aol.com.

Habitat Bike Ride - May 6

The Habitat Bike Ride is Saturday, May 6 at Flowers Plantation Clubhouse. Help is needed with registration, assisting riders along the route (Flowers Plantation to Mudcats Stadium in Zebulon), and finish line help. Please email Jena at jen.andrews9@aol.com to sign up. More info will be sent closer to time!

SECU Hospice House

We had a successful pantry drive, thank you to all who participated! On Saturday, April 1, members contributed a meal to the Hospice House as well. We will continue to do dessert nights so keep a check on the calendar!

Me Fine

We anticipate a great turnout from all of our generous donations towards our Me Fine Bag event! Thank you all for your donations. Please email Dana at dsatt82@gmail.com or Amanda at akbrown816@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need to get any donations to them.

June Awards Banquet and Social

Our June GMM will be a celebration of the successes of JWL's second service year. We will award our Woman of the Year & Rising Star awards and others to deserving women who have worked hard to promote the mission of the League. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and 119 of your closest friends who have worked hard to affect positive change in the communities that we serve! Bring your significant other or a potential member and join us for JWL's first annual Awards Banquet and End of Year Social.

Where: Country Club of Johnston County

When: June 15, 6 - 9 p.m.

6:00- Check-In & Reception

6:30- Awards Banquet

7:00- Social

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2017 - 2018 Board Candidates

The Nominating Committee has worked diligently to prepare a slate of candidates that will continue to grow the mission of the League. Below is the ballot for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors. The nominating committee has arranged for a "Meet the Candidates" question and answer session prior to voting at the April GMM. Please come ready with questions for candidates at our April GMM.

President Elect



Catherine Webster

Catherine has experience in an established league with successful ideas to duplicate. She is in a position to promote the league and its efforts to numerous women and interested corporate parties in an effort to secure more members and community awareness and support. Catherine is always willing to step up when efforts are needed.

VP of Finance



Dana Peterson

Dana is the Social Committee Chair at INC Research Headquarters in Raleigh. When she took on the role, the committee was very unorganized. Through her leadership, the committee has monthly meetings, sub-committees for different events, raised over \$1000 for the American Heart Association, held activities that engaged employees and got them to meet new people, and organized a 700+ person holiday party. They were able to accomplish all this on a very limited budget.

VP of Community Research & Engagement



Austin Yansom

Austin is organized, quick-thinking, diplomatic, and can quickly shift focus to different tasks. She uses these skills every day in her career and while serving on JWL committees. Austin believes every situation deserves a solution and would strive to bring solutions that are fair to JWL membership. As a present committee chair, Austin has honed her communication and leadership skills through reaching out to partner organizations and encouraging other members to volunteer for events.

VP of Public Relations



Pam Batchelor

In all her roles, Pam focuses on building relationships to promote individual growth. Being part of a diverse group of people who come together with a common goal has been an accomplishment for her in JWL as well as in professional practice. By building relationships, Pam is able to promote confidence in risk taking for the gain of the group. She will use her skills to promote the causes of JWL and communicate our passions to our members, community partners, and the public.

VP of Membership



Sarah Edwards

Sarah has held positions on the Ava Gardner Museum Board of Directors, Town of Smithfield Board of Adjustment, Town of Smithfield Economic Development committee, Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce Economic Development committee, North Carolina Downtown Development Association, and more. In each of her roles, she has helped the organization to take a step forward. She views her roles as that of a team player that does her part to ensure the success of the group.



Nicole Layden

In her work, Nicole has been chosen to serve on several committees to head a variety of community initiative programs benefiting individuals receiving Medicaid. In these roles, Nicole connected people with outside agencies that provided services and resources that would not have otherwise done so, having a huge impact on the person's life and well being. She also helped develop a plan to save the state money while completing job requirements in the most efficient manner.

Treasurer



Kristin Buckner

As an attorney, Kristen is responsible for maintaining an attorney trust account. There are rigorous standards for maintaining attorney trust accounts and detailed organization and records are necessary. This experience has made her meticulous with her record keeping, which is necessary as Treasurer of JWL. Her organization and record keeping skills will make sure that all bills are paid on time and all property and funds are properly tracked and accounted for.



Nanda Jones

Nanda has an accounting and auditing background and was the former Bennett Place HOA Treasurer. As the VP of Finance and BNO Chair, Nanda has had the responsibility of setting the League's fiscal year budget, BNO Fundraising budget, and preparation of the League's tax return. Through the help of her leadership, the BNO fundraiser brought in \$35,095 in revenue, with managed expenses of \$15,076, and provided a community grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Recording Secretary



Megan Lee

Megan has served roles as the Nominating Committee chair at her church, Lead Special Education Teacher at Four Oaks Elementary, and School Improvement Team representative at Four Oaks Elementary. Through her roles, Megan has gained a higher level of professionalism, learned the importance of keeping confidential information, and learned to communicate the needs of others and problem solve to find answers. Megan is very organized which would help her keep JWL member information updated and current.