



Junior Women's League of Smithfield

Talk of the League

2017
Summer
Review



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Farewell Letter From JWL Founding President, Jessica Davis

Dearest Members of JWL,

What an incredible journey we have ventured together over the past two service years. As I prepared to write this letter, I could not help but to reflect on the many things that we have accomplished together during my time as your president.

In October of 2015, the Junior Women's League of Smithfield was a small vision that seven women shared around a dining room table in my home. We discussed our ideas and our plans for this League and how we hoped to someday affiliate with the Association of Junior Leagues International- all while positively affecting the communities that we serve. In February of 2016, 110 new women joined us on our mission and another 40 joined us this past service year.

Over the past year and a half, we have partnered with seven deserving community organizations to give an estimated total of 2,300 community service hours. During Hurricane Matthew, when our county was devastated by rising flood waters, we came together to assemble and deliver over 200 care packages to first responders who were working day and night to ensure the safety and comfort of citizens. Our members provided jackets to the Boys and Girls Club so that every child in their care had a way to stay warm this winter.

The women of JWL worked diligently to plan and execute Johnston County's first Touch-A-Truck event in Downtown Smithfield. This event allowed children the opportunity to get up close and personal with those who help protect and build our local communities and gave adults the opportunity to sample local food truck fare. Through our efforts, this event allowed us to raise \$5,000 to support the Boys and Girls Clubs rebuilding efforts.

But that is not all, during the past year and a half the women of this League have successfully executed not one but TWO Big Night Out galas - an event that allowed community members to come together for a night of fun and philanthropy. Each of our annual Big Night Out galas allowed us to award \$10,000 to our chosen partnership organization- bringing our total donation amount to \$25,000 since February of 2016.

The commitment of our members to make this organization a success is inspiring. Each of you has positively affected this League through the giving of your time, service to League committees, and/or fundraising efforts. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Our achievements over the past year and a half are a direct reflection of the enthusiasm and hard work of every woman who is a member of the Junior Women's League of Smithfield. We have built a solid foundation that will allow our League to continue to grow and affect change within Johnston County. The 2017-2018 Board of Directors has been hard at work to continue our tradition of service. I can't wait to see the incredible things that we will accomplish together under their leadership.

In closing, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and belief in the mission of the Junior Women's League of Smithfield. It has been an honor to serve as your founding president.

Yours in Service & Sincerity,

Jessica Davis



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Second Annual Touch-A-Truck

HONK HONK! JWL's 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event is scheduled for October 28 from 10am - 2pm in Downtown Smithfield! JWL's TAT Committee is hard at work planning this unique and interactive fundraiser that allows children to see, touch, and safely explore their favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as meet the personnel who protect, serve, and build Johnston County communities. In addition to a variety of trucks and machinery, the event will also include food trucks, inflatables, special guests, face painting, and more! Proceeds will benefit the Me Fine Foundation!



WE NEED TRUCKS AND SPONSORS! Know someone who would like to be a sponsor or has a fun vehicle they would be willing show off? Check out the [JWL website](#) for forms and more information. A truck registration list is also under the members section of the website so we can keep everyone updated on the types of trucks we already have.

Member Requirements for Touch A Truck 2017: Volunteer a 3 hour shift on the day of the event, secure a vehicle/truck, secure a \$250 sponsor, or pay the \$75.00 buyout option.

July-August Birthdays

Carol Anne Oakes	7/3
Rachel Kennedy	7/3
Erin Porr	7/7
Marie Mobley	7/9
Beth Moore	7/10
Carly Fogleman	7/10
Nanda Jones	7/20
Michelle Denning	7/23
Ashley Lanier-Tucker	7/26
Jana Hill	8/6
Dawn Sousa	8/8
Kellie Ashley	8/9
Rebecca Hansen	8/9
Amy Keith	8/11
Kitty Johnson	8/11
Lindsay Baker	8/11
Cindy Hester	8/12
Melissa Stanley	8/12
Alison Brown	8/13
Anna Evans	8/13
Millie Wilson	8/14
Anna Woodruff	8/21
Andria Barnes	8/26

2017-2018 Membership Levels

The deadline for the [2017-2018 membership application](#) is **August 15**. Below is an overview of membership levels. You may view requirements for each membership level on the [membership application form](#).

Provisional Members

This membership level is for new members to the League. Dues for the Provisional Member level are \$80.00.

General Members

This membership level is for returning members who are active within the organization and with the League's community partners. Dues for the General Member level are \$80.00.

Active Sustainer

This membership level is for individuals who have previously fulfilled the general membership requirement as defined by the League and who continue to support the league and the community. Dues for the Active Sustainer level are \$145.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Clay Rice fundraiser:** Friday, August 18 at Centenary United Methodist Church. Three shifts are available: 2:30-4, 4-5:30, and 5:30-6:30. Please RSVP to austinyansom@gmail.com with your name and number.
- **Harbor Dinners:** Starting on Tuesday, September 12. Dinners will need to be delivered to the shelter at 5:30 p.m.
- **SECU Hospice House Dessert Nights:** Be on the lookout for dessert nights to be added to our JWL members calendar.

Volunteers with 35+ Hours for 2016-2017

Amanda Brown	Charley Lane	Kristen Wagner
Jessica Davis	Megan Lee	Cat Webster
Sarah Edwards	Carol Anne Oakes	Caroline Wood
Meredith Fordham	Dana Peterson	Austin Yansom
Amanda Godwin	Destiny Savage	
Nanda Jones	Amber Stancil	

Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication!

Save the Date!

Save the date for the JWL League Year Kick-Off Cookout and Pool Party!

Sunday, September 10 from 4-7 p.m.
at the Country Club of Johnston County.

\$5 for singles, \$10 per family.

More details to follow!



2016-2017 Member Dues Breakdown

Each year member dues are used to support JWL functions and community initiatives. For the 2016-2017 league year, every members \$80 dues were spent in the following way:

- Community Grants: \$28.80
- Member Engagement Socials: \$4.00
- General League Expenses (Insurance, Tax Documentation, Website Maintenance, etc): \$6.88
- Community Engagement: \$0.64
- Big Night Out: \$32.72
- Touch-A-Truck: \$6.00
- Member Development: \$0.96