



Talk of the League

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Member Spotlight

Carol Anne Oaks

Occupation:
Wife & mom

JWL Involvement:
Big Night Out,
Touch-a-Truck,
and Nominating
Committee



Favorite thing about JWL:

My favorite thing about JWL is the sense of "home" it has given me. JWL has provided me an opportunity to have fun while giving back to my community through working with an amazing group of women.



Cameron Thornton

Occupation:
Registered Nurse

JWL Involvement:
In-League
Fundraising
committee

Favorite thing about JWL:

My favorite thing about JWL has been meeting so many wonderful ladies who share the same interest as me, helping to serve our community.

Human Trafficking Awareness

Did you know North Carolina is the 10th highest state in the country for reports of Human Trafficking? January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and JWL would like to share some information about this topic. According to The Traffic Victims' Protection Act, human trafficking is defined as: "a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."

Human trafficking is more prevalent in North Carolina due to the ease of access to major transportation routes and a large transient population of migrant workers. You can help stop human trafficking by learning the signs of human trafficking, including:

- Is the person disconnected from friends and family?
- Do they always have someone with them that they defer to?
- Does the person have safe access to food, water, medical care, and shelter?

If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, call **1-866-DHS-2-ICE** to report the behavior to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tip Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

For more information about human trafficking, please visit: [NC DOA: Human Trafficking](#) or [Department of Homeland Security: Blue Campaign](#)

* SNOW DAY! *



Submit Announcements
for JWL Newsletter Here



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

Announcements

- ◇ Amanda Johnson welcomed son, Jude, born November 18, 2017
- ◇ Heather Barbour got engaged to fiancé Bobby Bryant on November 24, 2017

Join us in congratulating these ladies on their exciting new ventures!

Upcoming GMM

January 18 @
The Country Club of
Johnston County

We will be presenting a check to the MeFine Foundation from our Touch A Truck Fundraiser and also presenting our finalists from the Community Impact Grant applications, so please plan to attend!

January Birthdays

Megan Rogerson	1/2
Emily Harris	1/3
Andrea Johnson	1/3
Meredith Edwards	1/3
Lydia Moore	1/4
Brooke Navarro	1/8
Cynthia Young	1/9
Michele Jones	1/14
Christy Fisher	1/22
Kasie White	1/29
Leigh Pittman	1/30
Lynsie Wokasch	1/31
Heather Barbour	1/31

2018 Women @ Work Conference

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 one of today’s top authors, breakout sessions on topics relevant to today’s woman, and a light lunch. “Women @ Work” is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 for JWL members and \$20 for non-members and will go on sale **January 19**. We will announce our keynote speaker at the January GMM!

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. JWL has selected **January 27** and **March 3** as our volunteer dates, but you may sign up for any date listed on the site if these are full.

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

WANTED

4 women with the skills, passion, & dedication to serve as JWL board members!

Is one of them... YOU?

Qualifications:

- General Member or Active Sustainer (who is willing to switch to general member if elected to board).
- Must be in “good standing”

The Junior Women’s League of Smithfield will be accepting nominations* (January 18, 2018 – February 4, 2018) for the following positions:

1. President-Elect (position will role off to President the following year)
2. VP of Finance (2 year term)
3. VP of Public Relations (2 year term)
4. Recording Secretary (2 year term)

If you are interested or have questions, we invite you to stay after the January GMM to speak with the members currently holding these positions.

*Current members can self-nominate or nominate another current member. Nominees will receive an email from the Nominating Committee chair. Nominees can accept or decline; any nominee considering becoming an Active Sustainer next year should decline.