

October 2016

# NEWSLETTER OF JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE SHOALS

Junior League of the Shoals is a philanthropic women's organization serving the Shoals Area. Founded in 1934 as the Muscle Shoals District Service League, its membership has steadily grown from 30 charter members to now more than 120 members from the Shoals Area.

On June 1, 2006, the Muscle Shoals District Service League officially became a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which has more than 170,000 members worldwide. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

# **Hello October!**

I am truly honored to be serving as the 82nd President of Junior League of the Shoals. I am very excited about this upcoming year and the many possibilities that it holds. I know that for many of you, this act of service is an "add on" to the many other things that you juggle, including your career, your family, other volunteer opportunities and your social life. Please know that I appreciate that you are willing to serve and I value your time and your input.

As a member of Junior League of the Shoals, know that you are making the first step to becoming the change you wish to see in your community. Our league is in an exciting time of both transformation and change. We have made big strides in recent years to make small changes to become more efficient and will continue to make efforts to streamline our practices. I commend you and I hope that you all are as excited as I am about the future of Junior League of the Shoals.

As we welcome the crisp air of Fall, it means it will soon be time to put on our red tights for our annual Apple Annie Day. Our Apple Annie Chairs, Mollie Holland and Tosha-Paige Brewer, and their committee are doing a fabulous job ensure success for this one of a kind fundraiser. On November 4th, put on your red tights with pride knowing that you are participating in an event that is rich with history and dates all the way back to the beginning of our League. Shortly after Apple Annie Day, we will jump right into the Christmas spirit with our annual Sugarplum Marketplace. This year will mark our 10th event anniversary and we are excited to make the big move to the Marriott Shoals! Enthusiasm is contagious and I hope you will join me in spreading the sparkle for this milestone. Melanie Harrison, Lexi Sandlin, and their committee have been hard at work since January planning this great shopping extravaganza!

I would like to thank all of these ladies and their committee members for their time and dedication in planning these two wonderful fundraisers. Junior League of the Shoals would not be successful without your hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors who participated in planning retreat on September 11th. I am confident each member left feeling very accomplished and we all look forward to leading you into the 2016-2017 year. Lastly, our October League meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th at First Metro Bank in Downtown Florence. Please make every effort to attend; as this meeting will have important information about our upcoming fundraisers and member t-shirts will be distributed. If you are unable to make it please look for a LIVE feed on our Facebook group. At this meeting, we will also host our third annual Pink Party to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness month. So, don't forget to wear PINK! During this time, we will hear from one of our very own, Haley Heupel, about her journey with breast cancer. We will also welcome Sgt. Dennis Patterson of the Florence Police Department who will speak on Situational Awareness. As a group of females, in today's world I am excited to learn more about how we can become more aware of safety in our surroundings.

Again, thank you for your time, effort and positive attitude as we work together to better the future of our League in 2016 and beyond. It is a privilege and honor to serve as your President and I look forward to working alongside you. See you October 4th!

All in, Amanda Terry alterry@una.edu 256-710-2010



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# APPLE ANNIE DAY — Nov. 4

Each year the League hits the streets and sells apples to fund some of our projects throughout the year. This event is one the public knows as Junior League's "thing".

Pay for tights & t-shirts at October meeting. (\$15 each) Can pay by cash, check, or card. You will also sign up for your Apple Annie posts. Please email Janna if you can't make it to the meeting. Jstone.hess@gmail.com

**Apple Prices:** \$5 Bag (red only)

\$40 Half Crates: Red, Green, Mixed \$80 Full Crates: Red, Green, Mixed \*Red Delicious & Granny Smith apples used

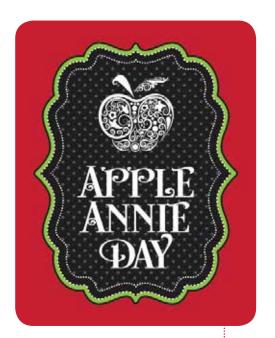
for crates & bags

\*Red Delicious are used for Street Sales on

Apple Annie Day

**Classroom Sponsorships:** \$50 Friends of Annie

\$100 Student Sponsorship
\$250 Classroom Sponsorship
\$500 Grade Sponsorship
\$1,000 School Sponsorship



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Apple Annie was a character in the Frank Capra movie "Lady for a Day" from 1933. She sold apples on the streets but always told people she was from a rich family. Her story was reflective of real-life when in the 1930s the Pacific Northwest had an apple surplus, so apples were 'sold' on credit to the unemployed for 5 cents.

# POLISHING PARTY — Sun., Oct 30 • 1:30 • Muscle Shoals Parks & Rec Gym (Gattman Park)

Join us at Muscle Shoals Parks & Rec Gym in Gattman Park for Polishing Party. Don't make plans as we will be polishing until all apples are polished and packaged. There will be door prizes and surprises for everyone, including most sold for Provisional & Member! You will receive your post assignment and crate deliveries this day.

#### Additional needs:

- Bring \$100 for Money Due for Bag Sales (20 bags of apples, \$5/bag)
- Bring clean socks for polishing
- \*\*\* To learn more about Polishing Party, contact Mollie or Tosha-Paige. Due to lack of participation last year fines are enforced for missing Polishing Party, skipping your post shift. If you have issues let Mollie or Tosha-Paige know ASAP.





# SUGARPLUM MARKETPLACE — Fri., Dec. 2 - Sun., Dec. 4 • Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa Conference Center

The Sugarplum Marketplace festivities kick-off on Thursday, 1 December, from 6pm-9pm with The Jingle Belle Mingle! Don't miss the opportunity to get first dibs on all the wonderful merchandise that will be a SPM – buy your tickets to sip, shop and maybe even win a prize at Jingle Belle Mingle! The SPM Committee hopes that all JLS members not working Jingle Belle Mingle will buy a ticket and come! Encourage all your friends and family to come to Jingle Belle Mingle and Sugarplum Marketplace.



The SPM Committee encourages all JLS members to become Gum Drop Givers. You may make a tax deductible donation from \$25.00 up to \$500.00 (or more if you would like:D). Your name will be listed in the program if you make a donation by October 4th. You may pay by cash or check at the October meeting or you may pay online under donations at www.jltheshoals.org. In the comment box, make sure you say that you are making a Gum Drop Donation.

Sugarplum Marketplace t-shirts are available for \$18.00. Please let Melanie or Lexi know by October 4th if you would like to order one.

Stay tuned for more information on signing up for shifts, how many tickets you have to sell and the prize for the person who sells the most!!!!

Sugarplum Marketplace tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Jingle Belle Mingle tickets are \$40 in advance. Those tickets will not be available at the door.

# MEMBER RELATIONS .....

### JUNIOR LEAGUE GATHERING @ THE CREATIVE GRAPE

320 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield, AL 35660

Thursday, October 6, 2016 • 6:00pm

\$30 with alcohol • \$25 no alcohol

Please contact Angel Myhan to reserve your space today <a href="mailto:myhana@tntfireworks.com">myhana@tntfireworks.com</a>



# PUBLIC RELATIONS .....

Get ready to put your best face forward! We will be taking JLS individual portraits before and after the October meeting.

These pictures will be used for the Junior League website.

There will be another opportunity to have your picture taken if you miss the October meeting.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY! .....

Oct. 1 Connie Daniels Oct 14 Lyndsey Borden Oct. 26 Ashlan Williams
Oct. 10 Tiff Butler Oct. 19 Tiffany Daily Oct. 28 Emily Woods
Oct. 12 Deanetta Goodloe Oct. 23 Callie Howard Oct. 31 Susan Brannan



# CONGRATULATIONS! .....

Congratulations to these ladies in our Junior League family!

Hayley Huepel is engaged!



The 2016-17 Provisional Class of Junior League of the Shoals gathered at Locust Hill on August 25 for the JLS Acceptance Party. The tea party theme was carried out with fancy hats and finger foods along with a variety of teas. The provisional class was given goodies including Alabama blackberry tea from the Governor's Mansion. The 26 amazing women of the class are sure to make amazing additions to JLS.

# | PHOTOS BY KAYLA BURGESS of PBK STUDIOS,





# **MEETING MINUTES**

September Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 6:30pm

Meeting was called to order by the President, Amanda Terry.

#### **Guest Speaker**

• Teresa Bartek, Director of Resource Development from United Way explained the agency and how they support the community. Day of Caring was September 13th. Twenty two agencies will be assisted during Day of Caring.

# Secretary's Report-Lyndsey Borden

- Please sign the roll that's being passed around.
- Members are only allowed to miss up to 3 meetings without fines
- On the role please update your email if needed and include your shirt size.
- Encouraged members to update their profile on the website and to download the digital cheetah app on their phones.
- 27 Provisional Members, 64 Current Members for a Total of 91

# Treasurer's Report-Leslie Huckaba, Kimberly Green

• Your dues are due today. Provisionals please pay your Provisional Directors.

#### Provisional Directors- Kayla Burgess, Lori Johnson

• Lori Johnson advised we have 26 new Provisional members.

# **Public Relations- Haley Heupel**

• Shared a PowerPoint on what it is to be a member of Junior League of the Shoals.

### Apple Annie- Mollie Holland & Tosha-Paige Brewer

- Apple Annie Day is Friday, November 4th.
- Polishing Party is Sunday, October 30th at 1:30pm at the recreation center in Muscle Shoals.
- Apple Annie will be present at the Provisional Meeting on 9/22 to discuss further with new members.
- BBQ Cook-Off was moved to the spring. More information to come.

#### Sugar Plum- Melanie Harrison & Lexi Sandlin

- Lexi passed around a fun facts information sheet to all members present
- Encouraged members to cheerfully spread the word around about the event.
- This is the events 10th anniversary.
- Gum Drop givers will be accepted until September 15th. \$25-\$500 donations accepted.
- Looking for additional event sponsors. Sponsorship

begins at \$2,500 please contact Sajel if you know anyone that would like to sponsor.

• Event T-Shirts can be purchased online

#### DIAD

- Will be working the Day of Caring event with United Way
- September 13th meet at Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum to help with packaging food.
- 9am-noon Shoals Community Health Clinic, Junior League will be assisting with the Yard Work in the Community Garden. At least 6 volunteers will be needed.
- October Done in a Day project will be the Children's Museum of the Shoals, clean up post construction
- Committee will meet Thursday, September 8th at 6pm at Swampers.

### **Placements- Terra Smith & Elizabeth Peoples**

- Placements have been determined. Please review the handout in your seat.
- Team Leaders need to meet a few minutes after tonight's meeting to discuss a few things.

#### Members of the Month- Amanda Terry

• Congratulations to Sajel Speyrer and Caitlin Williams on their work for Junior League of the Shoals.

# Happy Birthday- Amanda Terry

- Lori Johnson- Summer
- Leslie Huckaba- September

#### **General Announcements**

- Amanda Terry showed the "Be the Change" shirts made for league members. Speak with Jennifer Smith to order a shirt.
- Lexi Sandlin invited everyone to join the USTA, Tennis Apprenticeship program begins October 3rd \$99 includes racket, 6 week program, 1 hour a week.
- Lori Johnson encouraged all members to join the Provisional members the Florence-Lauderdale Animal shelter to volunteer on September 17th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Member Spotlight: SAJEL SPEYRER

**Placement:** Sugarplum Market 2016 Corporate Chair, Hospitality Committee

Past Placement: Sugarplum Market

Corporate Chair

Years in League: 3

Why You Joined League: I joined the Junior League of the Shoals when I moved back to Florence 2 years ago to be able to get involved with a wonderful, serving group of women in our community.

**Favorite Part/Memory of League:** One of my favorite memories so far has been working in the Soup Kitchen. Getting the chance to serve a warm meal to those in need was a great experience.

What You Do Outside of League: As of now, I am a stay at home mother to my precious boy who is almost 2 years old and due soon with a baby girl. I have a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Auburn University and have past experience as an ER nurse for 7 years.

Interesting Fact You'd Like to Share: I am the Corporate Chair for this year's upcoming Sugarplum Market. I have enjoyed working closely with the Sugarplum committee to ensure we have a wonderful first year experience at the Marriott of the Shoals. I love spending quality time with my little man and husband. I love to bake, workout and to dance.



Member Spotlight: CAITLIN WILLIAMS

Placement: DIAD

Years in League: 3

Why You Joined League: We moved to Florence in 2013 and didn't know anyone. And working from home, without any kids, I was finding ways to get out and meet people. I saw the bill-boards and yard signs for Sugarplum Marketplace, and decided that would be a fun little outing for me to see something new or meet new folks, and I really enjoyed my experience! And when I was reading through the program, I recognized a couple ladies on the committee as friends I had met at yoga classes. Once I got to talking with them and what Junior League was to the community, I knew it would be a great opportunity for me to meet like-minded ladies and give back to the community that I've grown to love.

**Favorite Memory of League:** My first year helping with the Special Olympics Banquet was so rewarding. You can really see the appreciation and gratitude in the children as well as the parents and family members.

**Outside of League:** Since I can't snowboard here in the south, I've picked up other hobbies like biking and kayaking. Anything that can keep me outdoors. And I've worked a couple home businesses from Dog Training & Pet Sitting to being a Norwex Consultant (come see my booth at Sugarplum!) but have recently absorbed another pet professional business that will surely keep me busy for the foreseeable future.

**Interesting Fact:** I was born on Leap Year, so I've really only had 8 real birthdays!

# **COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS FOR 2016-2017**

#### **HEALING PLACE**

TEAM LEADER: Lindsey McCarley Suzanne Barnes

Ashley Bolton Sherita Nance

Krystal Farris

#### **SHOALS SAV-A-LIFE**

TEAM LEADER: Christy Bowman

CONTACT: Beth Grisham

256.740.0640
Rachel Goins
Jennifer Smith (T)
Dawn Myatt

#### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

TEAM LEADER: Amber Fleming Ruchi Gandhi Brittney Myhan Crystal Reed

Candace Williams

#### ONE PLACE OF THE SHOALS

TEAM LEADER: Aslan Williams

Emma Bolton Amanda Motlow

#### **HOMELESS CARE COUNCIL**

TEAM LEADER: Jori Chatman

Brenna Lambert Katie Lanfair Val Teran Anne Ryan Leavitt

# **UCP**

TEAM LEADER: Jessica Byrd

Brittany Hawk Caitlin Hawk Gale Satchel Brandi Randolph

#### **FINANCE**

TEAM LEADER: Chanda Long

Kyrel Buchann
Leslie Candida
Jennifer Dean
Amber Fleming
Kimberly Green
Janna Hess
Katie Lanfair
Marianne Leigh
Kai Murphy
Christy Bowman

Ashley Bolton

# NEW MEMBERS/SUSTAINER RELATIONS

TEAM LEADER: Angelia Myhan

Val Teran

Melanie Harrison Amanda Terry Lexi Sandlin

Amanda Motlow

Crystal Reed

Jennifer Smith

Leah Tucker

Jori Chatman

Ruchi Gandhi

Tosha Paige Brewer

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

TEAM LEADER: Haley Heupel

Emma Bolton

Lori Johnson

Caitlin Hawk

Brittney Hawk

Kayla Burgess

Stephanie Vess

Terra Smith

Candace Williams

Dawn Myatt

Lyndsey Borden

Deanetta Goodloe

# DIAD (Attention Homes, Easter Seals, Special Olympics)

TEAM LEADER: Amanda White

Sherita Nance

Rachel Goins

Kayla Hamner

Rebecca Janguard

Brandi Randolph

Gale Satchel

Wendy Black

Grace Zills

Suzanne Barnes

Stephanie Crow

Elizabeth Crow

Elizabeth Gruber

Mollie Holland

Brenna Lambert

Syndney Richardson

Caitlin Williams

**Emily Reaves** 

## **HOSPITALITY**

TEAM LEADER: Danielle Atkinson

Jessica Byrd

Grace Colburn

Krystal Farris

Brandy Dollar

Chelsea Kennedy

Lindsay McCarley

Jennifer Smith (T)

Sajel Spreyer

Anne Ryan Leavitt

Ashlan Williams



# JLS 2016-2017 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT** 

Amanda Terry

PRESIDENT ELECT

Kvrel Buchanan

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Lyndsey Borden

**TREASURER** 

Leslie Huckaba

**ASST. TREASURER** 

Kimberly Green

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS

Lorie Johnson & Kayla Burgess

**FINANCE CHAIR** 

Chanda Long

**HOURGLASS** 

Tiff Butler

PLACEMENT CHAIRS

Terra Smith

Elizabeth Peoples

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN &

**HOSPITALITY** 

Danielle Atkinson

PR/YEARBOOK/PHOTO

Haley Heupel

**DIAD/EASTER SEALS/** 

ATTENTION HOMES

Amanda White

**APPLE ANNIE CHAIR &** 

CO-CHAIR

Mollie Holland &

Tosha-Paige Brewer

SUGARPLUM MARKETPLACE

**CHAIR & CO-CHAIR** 

Sajel Patel Speyrer &

Leah Tucker

SUSTAINER/MEMBER

**RELATIONS** 

Angel Myhan

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth

- Muhammad Ali

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Jeth Juniorleas Junior League of the Shoals is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.