

13th Annual Tour of Fine Spaces

Join us for the Junior League of Winston-Salem's 13th Annual Tour of Fine Spaces, Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event showcases exceptionally renovated homes throughout the Winston-Salem area. This is an event you'll want to come to and check out! A special stop has been added this year - the new JLWS Headquarters!



Local interior designers, cabinetmakers, flooring and tiling specialists, architects and builders are highlighted throughout this extraordinary and unique display of work. The Tour will feature select homes to include everything from contemporary to traditional designs. Each space will feature a restaurant, caterer or food truck that will offer delicious samples of their culinary skills.

A home spotlight for this year is Ned Eldridge's. He is a first time participant of the Tour of Fine Spaces event. He is featuring his work of adding a modern theme to a Bermuda Run fixer upper. This is a show stopper you do not want to miss!

Tickets will be available for purchase in advance and at any home on the day of the event. Interested in showcasing your business through Tour of Fine Spaces? Please contact us at touroffinespaces@jlws.org.



Next and Final General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018

At the Footnote Event Hall. Social starts at 6:30pm. Food, Drinks, Awards and Celebrations. Come join us!

New Headquarters Officially Opens

Join us **Saturday, April 21st** at **10 am** as we officially open our new headquarters with a formal ribbon cutting.

Mayor Allen Joines will make it official along with past presidents and the board of directors. **Dough Joes** food truck will be on hand as well as yummy cocktails.

Mark your calendars and come help us celebrate our stunning new space and kick off our **13th annual Tour of Fine Spaces!**

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Letter from the President



As I reflect on this past year many things come to mind, but the overall theme of “**TEAM** – together everyone achieves more” stands out the most and sums up my feelings best.

To the **TEAM** of women who first selected our new headquarter space and then went on to design, move, set up and raise the needed funds – you each took on important roles that were instrumental in achieving the gorgeous space that will be used and cherished for many years to come.

To the Community **TEAM** who took the mission of who we are to the citizens of Winston Salem and surrounding cities. From our nutritional programs, to our partnership with teaching kids to have fun reading, to sharing the importance of “talking to someone” in dangerous situations – helping our women & children become well informed and stronger as a whole.

To the Fundraising **TEAM** who spearheaded the campaigns that raised the funds we need to do the work in our community. These events were well attended because enthusiasm resonated, they made money because they were under budget and marketed smartly, and they led their teams with passion and through hard work.

To the Communications **TEAM** who spread our message via social media outlets, print, and technology – keeping our members and the community up to date and aware of our important and meaningful work. And be on the lookout for the new website coming in August – it’s going to be amazing!!

To the Membership **TEAM** who recruited and developed our newest class, placed our future leaders, and researched and developed plans that will help our members grow and be better balanced not only in their volunteer lives, but in their personal lives, too.

To the Volunteer Development **TEAM** who planned, organized the venues and crafted the training moments for all of our General Membership Meetings.

To the Sustainer **TEAM** who reenergized this awesome group of members. From taking on the Crosby Scholars program to luncheons, book clubs, brunch and bridge lessons – all well attended and word is spreading on how much fun the sustainers love to have!

In a nutshell – to EVERY member of the Junior League of Winston-Salem. I have had so many people pat me on the back and say “great job”, to which I always reply – I have an incredible **TEAM** of women surrounding me that made it all happen – and I could not be more thankful and appreciative of each and every single one of them!!

Thank you **TEAM** for making this the year of my dreams!! Together we **ALL** achieved MORE!!

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Seen Around the League

Kids In The Kitchen

League committee members had a great time at the most recent Kids in the Kitchen event out in the community with H.O.P.E. Truck (Cleveland Avenue Homes).



Placement Fair

Members had a great time sharing placements with the New Members at the Placement Fair.



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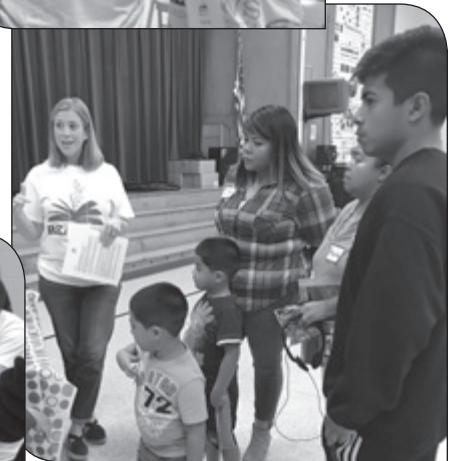
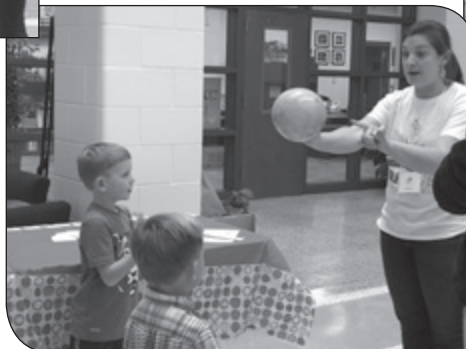
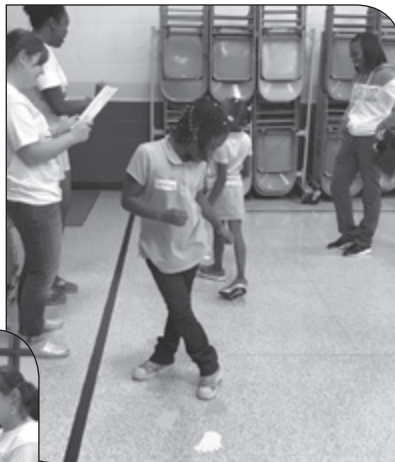
READWS

The Junior League of Winston-Salem has contributed countless volunteer hours to Read Write Spell (READWS). Through this community placement, League members have gone to elementary schools throughout Forsyth County and helped children and their parents learn the building blocks of reading through fun interactive games at Reading Parties. League members and the children have participated in hip-hop, rhyming and other activities to make reading entertaining and help children read on grade level.

Carrie Vickery commented on the first year, emphasizing the success of the placement this year. There are five people in the placement, including the chairs. Vickery said there was not one particular moment that stood out this year, “but just seeing the kids when they ‘get it’ is very rewarding. Watching them understand a syllable and be able to identify the number of syllables in a word by themselves is just very cute. You can kind of see the light bulb moment and they smile!”

As for the future of READWS, hopefully, READWS will continue to host reading parties in more and more elementary schools throughout the county. One of the really great things about READWS is that it not only helps the kids at the Reading Party, but the parents attend Reading Party as well so they can take these games home and practice with the kids.

Even if members are not directly involved in the READWS placement, there are ways to help, particularly through continuing to contribute books to BookWORM. Vickery explains, “At the end of each Reading Party the kids get to choose a book to take home. They get excited to have a present to take home and all the books they take are from BookWORM.”



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New Member Corner by Rachel Shertzer-Skinner



I am excited to be a “new member” of the Junior League of Winston-Salem. I joined the JLWS because of their rich history of helping women reach their potential while being actively engaged in contributing back to our local community. Going through new member orientation has helped me learn just how much the Junior League does for

Winston-Salem. What speaks to my heart is our work with women’s health, infants, and childhood literacy. These touch my heart because many of these services I have experienced firsthand.

I am a Mom of three babies that were born prematurely. As any Mom, I greatly understand the need for good prenatal care. Thankfully, this was readily available for me. Prior to submitting my membership application I perused the JLWS website. My heart was touched by our former members who in the 1920’s recognized the need for prenatal care and opened a clinic for women bringing care to underserved patients. I am excited to see where the JLWS is today with the formation of Strong Women. Strong Families.

I am thankful for how the Junior League has supported families. During our hospital stay at Novant Medical Center my husband and I frequented the Ronald McDonald house. It was a place of solitude for us. We spent time there reflecting on our NICU journey. We were able to find comfort, recharge and refuel ourselves in order to

better care for our family. It was a place I could escape to and cry to myself when the NICU environment became too stressful.

As my children graduated from the NICU environment we were referred to The Children’s Center and Amos Cottage for continued care. These facilities went above and beyond educating me as a parent of premature children on various signs of development to watch for, as well as providing resources of where to access help if needed.

My children are nearing school age reading is a task we work on daily. My kids have been read to since birth and we are blessed to have books overflowing in our house. As a new member to JLWS I was taken back by the statistics of childhood literacy in Forsyth County. I am excited to learn more about the Read-to-Me program that the JLWS created and how I may have an impact on both children and parents to help improve the literacy rates in our county.

My favorite experience thus far as being a new member was Boutique. This is quite a production. Shopping Boutique you could see the time and work put into this event. I enjoyed having a night out with other ladies, socializing, relaxing and seeing all the different vendors. It was a joy to see so many different artisans at this event.

I am grateful to be associated with such impactful women within Forsyth County. I look forward to see where I am able to serve and help out Junior League and our community.



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Sustainers Out And About

Sustainers have had several opportunities to connect in 2018. From morning and evening Jazzercise to bridge lessons, a brunch for new and transfer Sustainers and happy hour at River Birch Lodge, the League gives members ways to stay connected and engage with other volunteers. To get more involved and to share ideas for future events, please contact Pam Ball at juls29@aol.com.



Looking Back On 95 Years

We asked some of the leaders of JLWS to reflect on and predict the future of the League in honor of our 95 years

Questions:

- 1) What do you believe is the best thing that Junior League of Winston-Salem has achieved/done in it's 95 years.
- 2) What do you see/hope for the Junior League in the future?

President Elect Catherine New



1) I'm a bit partial on this as my day job is serving as the Deputy Director of The Arts Council. Favoritism aside, the league's vision to support a community-wide effort to sustain and grow the arts and culture in Winston-Salem paved the way for us to be nationally recognized as a City of Arts and Innovation. This authentic, unique reputation is crucial to Winston-Salem's success as a leading 21st century community.

2) My hope for the league's future is for it to continue to live its legacy of developing the potential of women. While we're known for projects and programs that give back to and lift up our city, it's our ability to train and provide leadership opportunities to women that distinguishes us from other volunteer organizations.

Finance AVP Katherine Vogler



1) I am so proud to be part of an organization that recognizes the value that women can bring to their communities and I believe one of JLWS' remarkable achievements is in being able to harness, promote, and develop the skills of talented women despite political, environmental, and social changes our community has faced.

2) I hope that the JLWS continues to inspire women. We are in the age of "girl bosses" that have such an incredible network available to them. JLWS was on the forefront of this movement and I hope it continues to guide women through uncharted territories.

Communications AVP

Elizabeth Richardson



1) The Junior League has been an outlet for women from all backgrounds to learn how to and become leaders. This has made our community and, I would argue, the world a better place given the globalization present in this day and time.

2) I hope the Junior League can maintain a presence in its individual communities over time as society changes. However, we have to learn how to anticipate needs and meet women where they are in life.

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