



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
ANNISTON-CALHOUN

# League Lines

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## Letter from the President



Hello Members, Community Sponsors, and League Friends!

The League year is in full swing and what a year it has been so far! Our Membership Development committee helped kick off the year with our Summer Social and New Member Retreats. We have had several informative and fun General Membership Meetings (GMM) plus our member favorite, "Home Harvest".

Our Fund Development committee planned and put on our first Cornhole Cook-Off fall family fun day fundraiser. They've also diligently been planning our Restaurant Riots, where the League is at a restaurant that offers a portion of the evening's profits to the League. These are proving to be fun evenings for our membership to enjoy a meal with each other as well as raise several hundred dollars each night for the League. These funds are critical for the League's Mission of developing the potential of women and for promoting volunteerism. Funds raised go directly to member development and to our new focus area, "Girl's Graduate." Girl's Graduate (G2) is off to a great start. Our G2 Kick-Off party was phenomenal; not necessarily for what we did, but because of the excitement and enthusiasm by the Anniston High School girls.

We are looking forward to the last half of the League year being just as fabulous as the first. Our League Christmas party put us all in the Holiday spirit and then we returned to business in January with our New Member Induction ceremony during the GMM. We will host a spring fundraiser, monthly GMM's, G2 trainings and member education, G2 events at AHS, and to celebrate a very special date for the League, a 25th Anniversary celebration!

Warmest Regards,

Lana Smith

President, 2015-17

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## Welcome New Members

After a fun and fabulous Garden Party themed Summer Social at the Country Club, the Membership Committee decided to try something new with our New Member Retreats this year. Instead of having 1 retreat, we actually had 3! The main retreat was held on Saturday, Aug. 13th at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville and the following retreats were scheduled accordingly. The success of this new flexible plan proved itself when we had 32 New Members join this fall!!! Thanks to the wonderful idea from Active Member **Leah Helton**, our icebreaker game played during the retreats was used as a personality identification tool that later helped the Membership Committee strategically assign the New Members into groups to successfully execute their project. This year's project was remodeling the bathroom of the 9th grade Academy at Anniston High school. The project took place on December 10th and 11th.

The 2016-2017 New Member Class have been very busy this Fall as you may have seen them at the Anniston High School tours, Interfaith Ministries tour, Home Harvest, Restaurant Rots or participating in JLAC GO! Class officers were elected as follows: **Timeka Toyer** as President, **Candace Finley** as Secretary, and **Amber Walden** as Photographer. We're very excited about the New Member Project this year as it's geared towards our new focus area, G2, and about building a strong foundation with our new relationships at Anniston High School.

The New Member Induction Ceremony was held at the January GMM. We're excited to see the New Members begin to write their own League stories as Active Members with the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun.



New Members at the first  
New Member Retreat



New Member Class Officers

## Membership

Summer Social - Our Annual Summer Social was held on July 29th at the Anniston Country Club. We welcomed a triage of active members, potential new members and our esteemed sustainers. Immediately following drinks and light refreshments, our President and other Board members shared the League's history and mission. Three members shared their personal experiences of their time in the League, **Morgan Montiel**, **Kara Silvers** and **Lyndsey Key**. Overall, the members enjoyed a "Garden/Big Hat" theme while re-connecting with fellow members of the League over the summer.



## Fund Development

Our monthly Restaurant Riots have been a great success. In September we "rioted" to Effina's Downtown in Anniston, October we were at Chick-Fil-A in Oxford, and November we were in Struts of Jacksonville. This is an all day event and we will receive 10% back from all the receipts donated. So far this year we have totaled \$942.52 from all our Restaurant Riots. Thank you for coming out each month to support JLAC. For more information on how to become a Community Sponsor or how to support our League, visit: [www.jlanniston.org/community-partners](http://www.jlanniston.org/community-partners)

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## Fall Fundraiser

On November 6th, Junior League of Anniston Calhoun's first Cornhole Cook-Off took place on the 9th and 10th block of Noble Street. Our fall family fun event featured a chili cook-off, cornhole tournament, live music from DJ Mark Spinz, an outdoor themed silent auction, and a kids corner with games and bouncy houses. Our event raised over \$1000 to support JLAC. Thank you to all those who volunteered and supported this fundraiser!

This event would not have been successful without the commitment of Cornhole Cook-Off Chair, **Amber Reynolds**. Her hard-working and enthusiastic attitude showed true dedication to JLAC, and for that we thank her. We would also like to thank the celebrity judges at our chili cook-off: Mayor Jack Draper, Interfaith Ministries Executive Director April LaFollette, and CAST volunteer David Montgomery, as well as our guest emcee of the event, Councilwoman Millie Harris, and the donors who gave to our silent auction.

The Fund Development Committee has worked hard over the summer and early fall to bring this fundraiser to life. Without their efforts, our fundraiser would not have been possible. Thank you to **Katy Burley, Brooke Duhaime, Rachel Kline, SamieJo Legg, Kanani Miller, Jessica Reed, Amber Reynolds, and Lindsay Tyson** for all their hard work.

Chili Cook-off Judges



Cornhole Tournament Winners



Chili Cook-off Top Three



## Moments & Milestones

### LITTLE LEAGUERS:

Active Member **Katy Burley** and her husband Chris welcomed their son, Michael Fisher, on April 8, 2016 at 8:52 am and was 8 lbs 3 oz.



Active Member **Jacki Lowry** and her husband Blake welcomed a daughter, Harrigan Blake Lowry, on August 7, 2016. Harrigan was born at 11:22 am and weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long.



### Wedding Bells and Engagements:

Active Member **P.J. Hammett** married Steven Floyd on September 24, 2016. Wedding ceremony was at Anniston First United Methodist Church and reception at Hotel Finial. "For our wedding day, Steven and I wanted to show everyone our love for each other and have a really great party to celebrate with our friends and family. Honestly, it was a perfect day, for us. My husband was determined for us to write our own vows from the beginning, which absolutely terrified me. However, it ended up being my favorite part of the day. I cherish the moments where we shared our own words with each other and our guests. I loved both of our venues and being able to celebrate our marriage in places that I've grown up admiring for their beauty. When I heard that Hotel Finial was being renovated shortly before we got engaged, I knew that it was the place that I wanted to celebrate. It was an ideal reception location. Additionally, you simply cannot beat the beauty of Anniston First United Methodist Church."

The couple went to Antigua on their honeymoon.



**Charlanda Engram** is engaged to Corey Harrell. Corey proposed at the 360 Grille in Florence, Alabama. The wedding is scheduled for July 28, 2018.

**Susan Grace Catrett** is engaged to Grant Hill. They were engaged on March 11, 2016. Their wedding date is set for May 20, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, AL.

## Moments & Milestones

### Moving On Up:

The Alabama School Counseling Association announced that Active Member **Mindi Amberson** has been selected to receive the Alabama Elementary School Counselor of the Year award at the 2016 ALCA Annual Conference.



### New Jobs:

- **Lori Ellis** - LINC ID Coordinator in August
- **Alyson Mims** - Accounting at Multimetco in September
- **Casey MacAllister** - Vice President of Operations for ZMC Hotels Inc. in November
- **Mylie Johnson** - Paraprofessional for Special Ed at Alexandria High School in August
- **Kanani Miller** - Sleep Specialist / Social Media Manager for Mattress Max in August
- **Kristie Goodson** - Senior Specialist for the Dark Fiber Program with Tennessee Valley Authority in October

### Member Spotlight:

**Jennifer Maddox** is our Sustainer spotlight



- **What is your occupation?** President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.
- **Who has inspired you in your career/field?** My mother. I learned community service, charitable giving, and compassion from her.
- **Tell us about your family.** I'm married to Mark Stevens. Mark was born and raised in Angleton, Texas. He has two sons from a previous marriage, Robert and Andy and we have 3 grandchildren. We also have 3 indoor cats and one outdoor cat.
- **What is your favorite Calhoun County restaurant?** There are lots! Thai One On, Peerless, Classic on Noble, Classic Too, Cheaha Brewery, Struts, Garfrerick's, Hubbard's off Main, Effina's, Cooter Brown's, Cracker Barrel.
- **What is your favorite quote?** "Feed What Fuels the Soul"
- **What is the last book you read and would recommend?** Toxic Charity, a MUST read for every donor.
- **What other organizations are you involved in?** I'm President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Anniston, Vice President of Alabama Giving, President of the Rocky Hollow Neighborhood Association, a member of WEN (Women's Executive Network) in Anniston, and a member of the First Friday Forum (a women's network) in Gadsden.
- **Do you have any hobbies?** My current hobby is taking Master's level courses with The American College to earn my CAP (Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy) accreditation. I also enjoy reading, traveling, and occasionally riding my Harley Davidson Spring Soft tail motorcycle.
- **How long have you been in the League?** Almost 5 years.
- **Why did you get involved in with the JLAC?** I wanted to belong to a women's organization in my community, meet new friends, and contribute collaboratively to improving the well-being of our city and county.
- **What has been your favorite JLAC placement?** Community Impact.
- **What have you learned from being a member of the JLAC?** There are a lot of great women in the League that have the power to transform our community.



## Graduates

Active Member **Lyndsey Key** graduated with certification in Instructional Leadership. She is now certified to be an administrator in a school. She became the Technology Integration specialist at Munford Elementary this year and hopes to pursue an administrator position in the next few years.



Active Member **Katy Burley** received her Bachelors of Arts and Sciences in Spanish. Katy graduated with honors. She received a scholarship and will be starting graduate school in the spring for special education; she will go on to pursue a masters in ESL.

Active Member **Susan Grace Catrett** graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Jacksonville State University.



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### Dates to Remember:

#### February

16: GMM

28: Restaurant Riot

#### March

7: Board Meeting

11: Spring Fundraiser

14: GMM

#### April

4: Board Meeting

8: KITK at Noble Street  
Festival

11: GMM

29: 25th Anniversary  
Celebration



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