

Welcome!

Welcome to the new look and title of the Junior League of Morgan County Newsletter! We are very excited to kick off our 2016-2017 year with a new and improved image. The Messenger will be published on a quarterly basis. In this edition of The Junior League of Morgan County Messenger, we will cover highlights from our league year so far and the exciting things that are in store this year!

New Website and Office!

Have you checked out the new JLMC website?
Visit us at: www.jlmorgancounty.com

JLMC's new office is located at The Decatur-Morgan County Entrepreneurial Center. We've enjoyed the updated facilities and resources available to us!



JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF
MORGAN COUNTY
Save the Date
2017 FUNDRAISERS

MARCH 4, 2017
BAG-A-BARGAIN

MAY 6, 2017
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Viewing Party

Community Advisory Board

The Junior League Community Advisory Board is a committee that provides a two-way communication link between the League and the community in order to advise members in such areas as finance, public relations, and opportunities for voluntarism and community involvement. The board serves to both educate community leaders about the League as well as to provide a resource of information to the League. Members of the Community Advisory Board serve a three year term. We are so grateful for those willing to serve on our community advisory board.

2016-2017 Community Advisory Board

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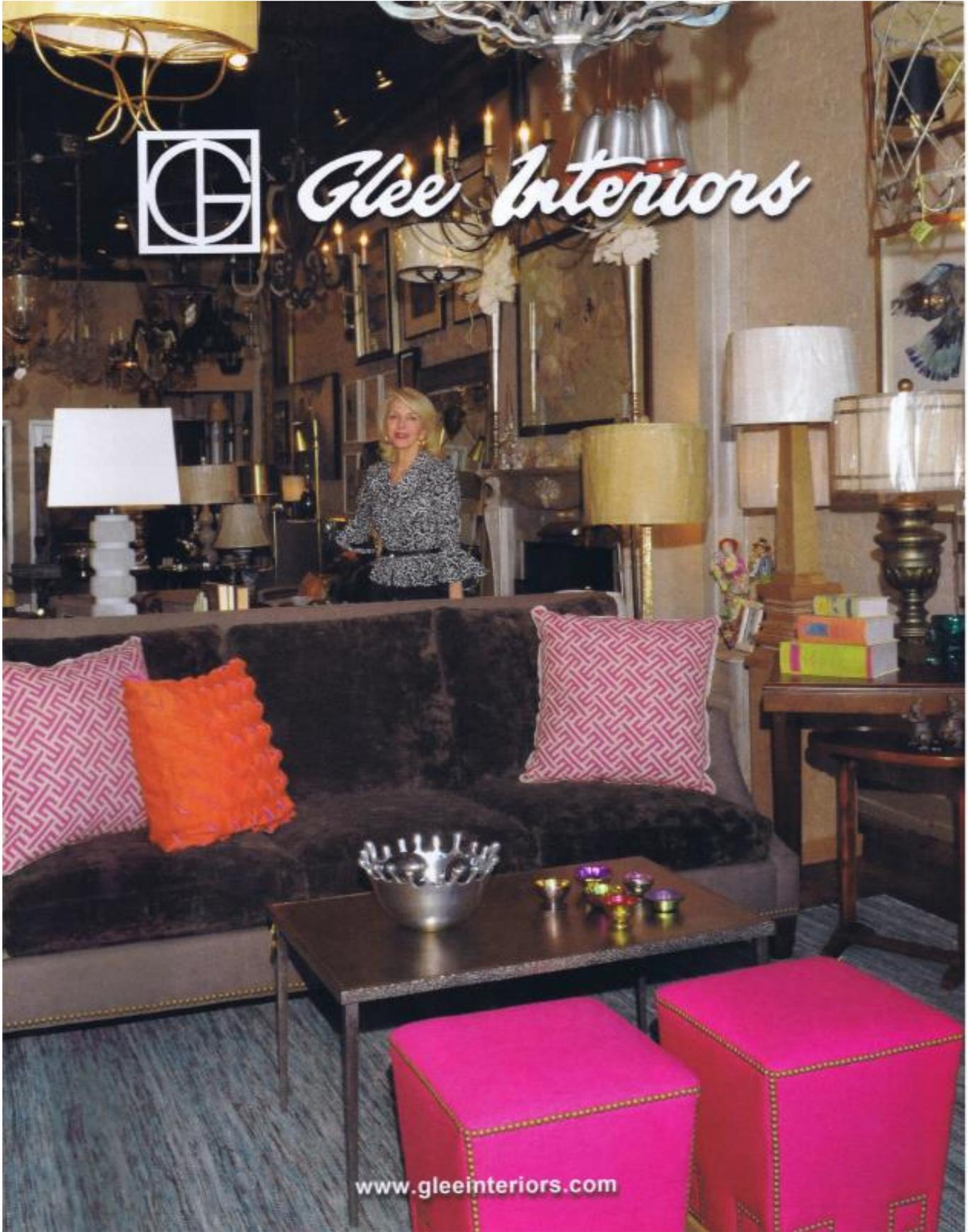
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The Junior League of Morgan County is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.



A Letter from the President

Happy Fall! I cannot believe it's time to get ready for the holidays! It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as the JLMC President these past few months. I cannot thank the Board enough for their dedication and support. It's truly a dream team that works tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything come together.

It's been a busy year thus far. We've entered into the fourth year of supporting the Decatur Morgan Hospital Mammography Center as our Signature Project. 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer, a number that is always alarming. I'm proud that we'll continue to contribute to the renovation of the center by developing an Education Resource Area. Construction will begin soon and I cannot wait for this facility to provide a better service to the women of this community! Additionally, we have continued our partnership with PACT. For years JLMC has supported their mission by offering annual financial support and providing volunteers to assist with the PACT Newborn Program at the hospital. We are grateful to have JLMC member, Britta Voss, serve as PACT President this year.

In order to support Decatur Morgan Hospital Mammography Center and PACT, we hosted the 3rd annual Bacon and Brew in October and are planning the 2nd annual Kentucky Derby Party for May. Last but not least, we're bringing back Bag-A-Bargain in March! With 3 big events next year we'll be busy, but I know the strength of our members and the support of the community.

We are continually striving to improve JLMC. When I took this office in May, I spoke on my four main goals for this year. I want to address those goals and provide updates.

The first goal was to strengthen our messaging and communication. We want people to know what we're doing and why. We have updated our website and it's been a great central location for the public to find all information pertaining to JLMC. The website has also become an essential tool for our members in signups, attendance, electronic payments, and forums. We also have a new Public Relations Chair, Jessie Crishon, to help spread our message to a broader community. She has already gone above and beyond with our social media tools and community outreach. We have also started working on our marketing plan for Bag-A-Bargain. This event affords us the opportunity to spread our message to different sections of this community. Additionally, we have relocated our office to the Entrepreneurial Center. This new location provides us with up to date technology and resources while connecting us with local companies and other nonprofits.

My second goal was to establish a Mentoring Program. Led by Brittany Watson, this program was created to encourage all Provisionals and Members to be comfortable, knowledgeable, and motivated. Through this program every Provisional has a point of contact for JLMC to address any questions or simply be a friend to meet for coffee. I want everyone to feel welcome and find a placement that works for them. My goal for this program is to further encourage growth and enable succession planning for JLMC.

The third goal was around improving the Member/Sustainer Relationship. I want our Members to get to know our Sustainers. They have been there, done that, and offer amazing advice and resources. Our Sustainers can relate to our challenges and celebrate our successes. When we moved offices I knew the importance of preserving the yearbooks and old binders. We set up a huge bookshelf wall unit that holds all of these documents. One of the highlights of my year has come from looking through the old notebooks and learning about JLMC's history. We also sent out Sustainer information packages at the beginning of the year to update our data. Many of the Sustainers completed this information and shared some of their favorite memories with JLMC. It has been a joy to read the stories! Additionally, Bag-A-Bargain is being formatted as a Member/Sustainer joint project. Sustainers will be serving on committees and helping us along the way. Thank you to Anna Davis and Carey Sutton for proposing the reconstitution of Bag-A-Bargain and leading us on this journey. I'm thrilled that our members and sustainers will be working together on this event!

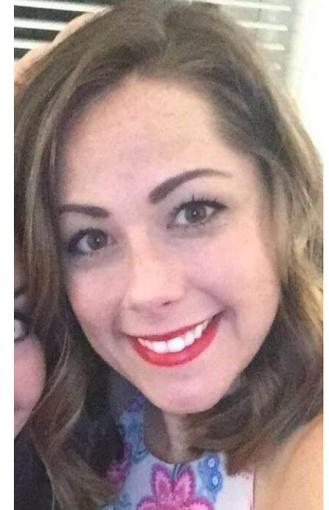
The fourth and last goal involved improving our connection to the community. I want JLMC members to be aware of what is going on and enable them to contribute to other areas outside of JLMC. One of the things we changed this year was how we select our Done in a Days. This year the nominations committee solicited proposals from over 30 local organizations. They selected volunteer opportunities that connected us to organizations JLMC has not worked with before and offered hands on activities for our members. At our October meeting, we invited Mayor-elect, Tab Bowling to speak about his goals and objectives. We were also able to ask him questions that pertain to our current focus areas of community impact (Women, Children, and Education), as well as our Signature Project and Partnerships. JLMC also had the opportunity to partner with the One-Decatur initiative in hosting a forum focused on the ideas and feedback from young professionals.

Each year we contribute hundreds of volunteer hours to our community in order to create positive change. Whether these ladies are fundraising, working on one of our many community projects, or working in a role that helps our Membership, they are giving their time to build a better community! With that said, it takes the heart of each member to make a difference and for that I am grateful to be a part of this organization with you!

Thank you all for everything you do to support JLMC and our community. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!



Meet the 2016-2017 Junior League of Morgan County Executive Board



PRESIDENT: VANESSA JONES

Vanessa Jones was born and raised in nearby Madison, Alabama. She moved to Decatur from Virginia in 2011 after marrying native, Tyler Jones. Eager to meet people and become involved in her new community, she joined JLMC that same year. Throughout her JLMC tenure, she has served in many different leadership positions and was awarded the Mary Liz Beaton Award in 2013. Vanessa holds a BS in Economics and Finance from The University of Alabama and works as a Senior Program Analyst at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. She attends First United Methodist Church of Decatur and is a member of Decatur Cotillion Club, Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation Guild, and Decatur Morgan Hospital Ambassadors. She's a dog-mom to a Cavalier King Charles named Violet. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, running, and cheering on Alabama football.

PRESIDENT- ELECT: ERIN COSSEY

Erin Cossey is a University of Alabama graduate and Morgan County native. After obtaining a degree in Interior Design at UA, Erin moved back to the area and joined JLMC in 2012. Erin is the wife of Aaron Cossey and the mom of 3 pups, Curtis, Lottie, and Elfie, who all make regular appearances around town and at JLMC outings. Erin owns and runs her own interior design business, Erin Cossey Interiors, and also works as the Membership Director of Decatur Country Club. "I am thrilled to serve on the Board for this wonderful organization. JLMC has been instrumental in connecting me to the community, and I look forward to doing my part to give back to Morgan County."

COMMUNITY VICE PRESIDENT: PENNY TOWNSON

Penny Townson is a Tennessee native, but transferred to the Junior League of Morgan County after marrying her husband Brad in August 2014. She has a BA in History and an MPA with a concentration in Public Advocacy from Auburn University. After several years with the State of Tennessee, Penny is now the Morgan County Economic Development Association's Project Manager. Outside of work, she is a member of the Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation Guild, Decatur Cotillion Club, Decatur Morgan Hospital Ambassadors, Decatur Kiwanis, and First United Methodist Church. Penny enjoys tennis, watching football, traveling, and spending time with her family and dogs, Bailey & Oswin. Penny and Brad are expecting their first child in October.

FUND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: BRITTANY SNEED

Brittany Sneed is a native of Decatur, AL. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 2009 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and is employed as a Manufacturing Engineer at 3M. In her free time she enjoys volunteering with other non-profits, running, playing tennis and keeping up with her two dogs, Gabby and Rico.



**TREASURER:
ERICA THOMPSON**

Erica Thompson is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and Secondary Education. She teaches Chemistry and Physics at Lee High School in Huntsville, Alabama, as well as sponsors the Junior/Senior Prom. Originally from Madison, Erica moved to Decatur following her marriage to Brent Thompson. Erica and Brent have been married for three years and are currently expecting their first child, a boy, in December 2016. In her free time, Erica enjoys reading novels, playing with her two Labrador retrievers, and crafting.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:
BRITTNY WATSON**

Brittny Watson works as an Environmental Engineer at Indorama Ventures Xylenes and PTA, LLC (IVXP, formerly BP) in Decatur, AL. She enjoys working out, traveling, and eating. She joined Junior League in 2011 as a Decatur transplant and has really gotten to know her community through JLMC. She has served as the Provisional Chair, Mardi Gras 5K Chair, Fundraising Chair (Board Position), and this year will serve as the Recording Secretary.

**CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY: EMILY STORY**

Emily Story is from Decatur and a graduate of Decatur High School. She is also a graduate of the University of Alabama where she received a BA in English Literature and Communications. She works at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center as Technical Editor Team Lead, employed by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in Huntsville. Emily is married to Christopher Story, also a Decatur native. They have two dogs: Isabel and Reuben. She enjoys reading, cooking, and Alabama football. Emily is also a member of Decatur Cotillion Club and the Alumni Advisory Committee for Alpha Omicron Pi at UAHuntsville. She and Christopher will welcome their first child in November 2016.



**SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE :
JENNIE-MARIE McMASTERS**

Jennie-Marie McMasters was born and raised in Decatur. She has a BS in Interior Design and business from Auburn University. After college, she moved to Seaside Florida and practiced design until she married her high school sweetheart, Carlton McMasters, and moved back to Decatur. Jennie-Marie joined Junior League in 2004, was corresponding secretary for a number of years and received the Mary Liz Beaton award in 2008. She began story time at Delano Park as part of her involvement with Delano and Junior League. Carlton and Jennie-Marie have three daughters: Emma Hensley (8), Mary-Reed (6) and Lily (4). They are members of Central United Methodist Church. Jennie-Marie is a member of the Decatur-Morgan Hospital Foundation Guild, Decatur Assembly, Decatur Cotillion and the Delano Park Conservancy Board. She loves being a part of Junior League board and looks forward to all this year holds for JLMC.

Welcome our new Little Leaguers and Lads!

Congratulations to Briley and Courtney Wray on the birth of **Grady Dale Wray**, born on September 8th, 2016. Grady weighed 8 pounds and was 22.25 inches long.



Congratulations to Jordan Selvidge and Katharine Taylor on the birth of **Sophia Rain Selvidge**, born on May 29th, 2016. Sophia weighed 7 lbs. and 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long.



Congratulations to Michael and Page Holifield on the birth of **Charles Beau Holified**, born on September 13th, 2016. Charlie weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long.



Congratulations to Blake and Andi Stewart on the birth of **Astin Kai Stewart**, born on June 15th, 2016. Astin weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long.



Congratulations to Nick and Kate Burcham on the birth of **Christian Gabriel Burcham**, born on August 23rd, 2016. Christian weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long.



Congratulations to Brad and Penny Townson on the birth of **Henry Jurome Townson**, born on October 18th, 2016. Henry weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long.



Congratulations to Dr. Richard and Cyndy Palmer on the birth of **Roman Palmer**, born on June 20th, 2016. Roman weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long.



Congratulations to Levi and Sunee Terry on the birth of **Ellie Sue Terry**, born on April 7th, 2016. Ellie weighed 9 pounds and was 20.5 inches long.



Congratulations to Jason and Brooks Coley on the birth of their twin girls, born on September 30th, 2016. **Mason Lee Coley** weighed 4 pounds and 9 ounces, and was 17 inches long. **Mary Charles Coley** weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces, and was 18 inches long.





New Deliveries Daily



The Newborn
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Decatur Morgan
Hospital

PARKWAY CAMPUS

IT'S BACK!

Bag-A-Bargain

March 4, 2017

MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JLMC is thrilled to be bringing back this amazing fundraiser!

We need the help and knowledge of our Sustainers more than ever!

Committees will be comprised of both JLMC Members and Sustainers.

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW!

Please contact JLMorganCounty@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or have a donation.



SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

Anna Davis

Anna Davis held the offices of Community Vice-President, President-elect, and President.

One of her favorite memories were the building and opening of the HANDS Home and the Bag a Bargain years when the whole league worked together on our fundraiser. "The two go together because we liked to say that we built HANDS one fifty cent item at a time! I made many good friends while sorting and pricing thrift!"

Anna still holds a passion for JLMC. "All you have to do is look around our county to see the mark that JLMC leaves. From support for local hospitals and schools to causes like child abuse, domestic violence, women's and children's health, and assistance for problem teenagers, we have a rich history of diving in and addressing the issues affecting quality of life in our community. I have always been proud of our commitment to making Morgan County a better place to live. " She is very excited about seeing Bag-A-Bargain make a comeback this year. "The excitement that this fundraiser creates in our city is delightful and contagious... JLMC is in very capable hands and I have enjoyed getting to know members who I might not have met otherwise. It has been so heartening to see that the generosity of our sustainers and community has not changed since the last Bag-A-Bargain!"

Carey Sutton

Carey Sutton has held many positions within JLMC including; Silent Auction Chair, Signature Project Liaison (Delano Park), President Elect, President, and Sustainer Liaison.

When asked about her favorite memory while being a member of JLMC, Carey stated, "One of my favorite memories of JLMC is not just one specific thing. When I look back on the time I spent in JLMC, I am reminded of all the laughter with the friends I made while I was an active member and how those friends are still a big part of my life today."

Carey expressed that JLMC's impact on our community is larger than most people realize. "There are so many things that many people participate in that got its start with JLMC. Some examples are PACT, the Toy Cart at DMH, the playground equipment at Delano Park, the children's library at Wheeler Basin, the hearing/vision screening in our schools, HANDS Home, Habitat for Humanity... I could continue on but there are so many things that have impacted our community. I really encourage each of you to learn about some of the things that JLMC has done to make our community better."

One of the key things she is looking forward to about BAB and with old friends and making new ones. "And not going to lie, there is nothing like watching the big door roll up and watching all the shoppers run in like they have just been called to "come on down" by Bob Barker."



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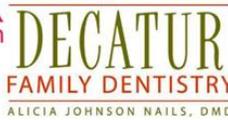
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The 3rd Annual Bacon+Brew was another huge success! Held at City View Farms, it was a perfect venue for this laid-back and casual event; full of plaid, boots, and denim. The Bacon & BBQ buffet was filled dishes donated from Whitts BBQ, The Railyard, Moe's Original Bar B Que, Cheesecakes and more by Juanita, The Decatur Country Club, and BB Perrin's. Valley Budweiser donated all of the craft beers, which paired perfectly with the bacon dishes. We enjoyed the musical talents of Lamont Landers, and Simpson's Florist did another lovely job with the centerpieces for the evening. There was also a wonderful silent auction with several fun items geared towards men. Thank you to all of the generous donors who made this evening possible for us!



A huge thank you goes out to our Fundraiser Chair, Laura Davidson for all of her hard work, planning, and dedication to the success of this event! We are proud to have such talented members in our organization who are passionate about JLMC making a difference in our community!



Meet the 2016-2017 Provisional Class

Amy Coulter



Hello! My name is Amy Coulter. I'm happily married to my handsome husband, Eric Coulter, and mother to our two beautiful children, Bryce and Hailey. We have two Yorkshire Terriers who have been a part of our lives for 14 years. We are from Knoxville, TN and moved to Decatur, AL in March 2016 for my husband's career. I work from home helping people with their health and financial goals. I love having a flexible schedule that allows me to be a wife and mom above all. Faith and family is most important us, but we love doing life. We have a crazy schedule throughout the year with football, basketball, tee ball, gymnastics and family gatherings but I wouldn't have it any other way. We are enjoying our time settling into Decatur and look forward to making life-long friendships.

Maggie Gleason



Hello everyone! My name is Maggie Gleason and I am 24 years old. I was born and raised in Decatur and am still currently residing in the downtown area. I work for Probilling and Funding Service and am also currently studying business at Calhoun Community College. I am very excited to become a part of junior league. Growing up in Decatur I feel compelled to become as involved as I can to do my part to make Decatur the best it can be. I am so fortunate to stand with a group of amazing women who are so devoted to the city of Decatur. I cannot wait to begin my journey with you all.

Andrew Owensby



Originally from Anniston, Alabama, Andrea is a graduate of Jacksonville State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She resides in Decatur with her husband, Stuart, and their two children, Analeigh (11) and Layton (6). I enjoy spending time with my kids; watching them cheer and play ball, college football (Roll Tide), and reading a good book. Associations: Morgan County Economic Development; Membership, Communications, & Membership Coordinator Member of DMH Guild, Fundraising Director at Southern Spirit Cheer Academy

Kayla Kretzer



Hi! My name is Kayla Kretzer, and I live in Hartselle. I love spending time with my crazy, loving family-my wonderful husband, Ryan, who is a mortgage banker in Decatur with BBMC Mortgage, my beautiful & hilarious daughter, Olivia, and my sweet & obnoxious Black Lab, Major. I'm a nurse at Huntsville Hospital and am graduating Family Nurse Practitioner school in May of 2017. I love the outdoors, crafty stuff, & food! Lots of food. :) War Eagle!

Jenni Northam



Originally from Fayette, AL. I've been a resident of the area for over a year. I am currently a Supply Chain Analyst at 3M. I serve as a Loaned Executive for the 2016 United Way Campaign. I have one fur baby, Ollie. I am a former member of the Universal Cheerleaders Association Instructional Staff, in which I still enjoy working events in my spare time. I also enjoy running, traveling, spending time with my family and friends and anything my dog wants to do.

Megan Palmer



I am Megan Palmer and I was born and raised in Decatur, Alabama. I am a cosmetologist at Studio H Salon in Decatur, AL and I am also a Real Estate Agent with Weichert, Realtors® - The Space Place based out of Huntsville, Alabama. I am married to a wonderful man named Jimmy Palmer who is from Mobile, Alabama and together we own J M Electrical & Contracting. I absolutely love people and I love to help others whenever I can! I'm just living life for the Lord and having a blast while doing so!

Sarah Derrick



I was born and raised in Decatur. I graduated from Auburn University with my Bachelor's degree in 2013 and my Master's degree in 2015, and currently work as a speech-language pathologist. I married my husband, Trent, also from Decatur, in 2015. I love Auburn football, and my West Highland Terrier, Gunnar!

Stacey Nelson



I grew up in Decatur. I have a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from the University of North Alabama and a Master's degree in Accountancy from Auburn University. I married my college sweetheart, Josh, and we have two daughters, Gracie (10) and Brianna (7). am currently a stay-at-home mom. I enjoy reading, painting, playing guitar and listening to all types of music.

Stephanie Bussman



Hi, I'm Stephanie Bussman and I am excited to be participating in Junior League this year! I recently got married to my husband, Phillip, and we decided to make Decatur our home. I grew up in Birmingham and went to the University of Alabama. Roll Tide!! I work as a nurse at Madison Hospital in the recovery room. Phillip and I have two four legged children-a yellow lab named Wade and our lab shepard named Penny. I'm looking forward to giving back to the community and getting involved in everything Decatur has to offer!

Ali Smith



I am Ali Vest Smith, born and raised Decatur. I Graduated college from Athens State in 2016 with degree in elementary education and minor in English language learners. I am also a member of Decatur Cotillion Club. My husband is Hunter Smith. We have one child, Ross, who is 2.I am a 1st grade teacher at Walter Jackson in Decatur City Schools.

Community Outreach

Diapers for Louisiana Flood Victims



The flooding and devastation that faced Louisiana in early August forced thousands of people from their homes and everything they owned. Many shelters have opened and are in need of critical essentials, one of these being diapers.

We knew we had to help! The Ladies of JLMC swung into action by providing over 5,000 diapers, 3,000 baby wipes, and boxes of feminine hygiene products and supplies. We were able to connect with the Junior League of New Orleans, who collected the donations on behalf of the troubled areas and sent relief trucks on a daily basis. JLMC enjoyed partnering with another league in support of their efforts. A HUGE shout out to member Paige Holifield who set up a donation box at her husband's office and made countless donation drop-offs while 8 months pregnant!

ARC Chocolate Festival



JLMC members volunteered at the Chocolate Festival benefiting The Arc of Morgan County! The Arc is a nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental, intellectual and cognitive disabilities. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with endless chocolate samples and live music.



Habitat for Humanity Build



Our volunteers spent several hours on a Saturday hanging vinyl siding on the Habitat house. Our volunteers were able to cover 90% of the back side of the house and 60% of one side. The helpful Habitat guides were able to keep any extra girls busy with hanging the ceiling vinyl siding in the carport. Our girls exceeded the goals laid out for us at the beginning of the day from the Habitat team! Most of our girls from the first shift stayed over their required time to help the second shift learn the trade! A very special addition to the experience: We were even able to meet the homeowner and get to spend time with her working on her future home! Building her house with her and seeing the excitement in her eyes as the house came together made the hours spent away from family completely worth it.

Power of Pink Luncheon



Delano Leave No Trace



Delano Park was selected by Leave No Trace as one of its 16 “Hot Spots” across the nation for 2016. During the week of September 19th trainers traveled to Delano to conduct a series of educational programs designed to develop good stewardship of our environments. JLMC members enjoyed participating and assisting in the various programs and projects throughout the week.

River Clay Arts Festival



River Clay Fine Arts Festival offered participating artists the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work, to network and socialize with other artists, and to meet arts patrons from across the region. JLMC members volunteered by assisting children and families with hands-on arts projects and other fun activities throughout the event.

2016 Power of Pink Walk



The ladies of the Junior League of Morgan County all met for a great cause on October 23, 2016, to walk in honor of Deb Blackmon at the 2016 Lee Lott Power of Pink Walk. The event began with recognition of Deb Blackmon, and a message from Lee Lott at Decatur's amphitheater on Bank Street, and was followed by a walk to raise aware of breast cancer throughout downtown Decatur. The ladies represented JLMC well in JLMC Pink T-shirts, and we also had a few puppies and children join our crew, too! It was a beautiful day to raise breast cancer awareness and a wonderful event to support our signature project.



Dear Junior League Members-

We are so excited the Junior League of Morgan County offers continuing support of Decatur Morgan Hospital. Our relationship dates back to 1952 when the "Junior Service League" made its first donation to the pediatric area of what was then Decatur General Hospital. So much has changed over the last fifty years in healthcare. What remains unchanged is the Junior League of Morgan County and Decatur Morgan Hospital are each committed to making Decatur and Morgan County a better place to live.

As you know, Junior League chose Decatur Morgan Hospital Mammography Center to be its signature project. The scope of the project includes renovations to our Mammography Centers and the development of an Education Resource Area. The renovations are scheduled to begin soon and would not be possible without your generosity. We will continue to keep you updated on its progress.

As you know, digital mammography has been available for several years at our centers and the staff is outstanding. The renovations will allow us to improve and enhance the patient experience by creating a beautiful and serene environment that will match the quality of care currently provided. Our hope is these improvements and enhancements will increase the likelihood for women to keep their annual mammogram appointment. This in turn will save lives!

Statistics show, 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer in her lifetime. For women in the United States, breast cancer is the second highest death causing cancer. 85% of women diagnosed with breast cancer do not have a family history of breast cancer. Brochures and information on breast cancer and self breast exams and the importance of early detection will be available to women in our community in the Educational Resource Area.

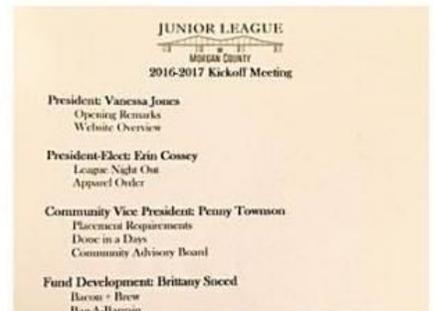
We are grateful for the overwhelming volunteer and financial support from the Junior League of Morgan County. Thank you for allowing me to visit with you earlier this year to re-establish and continue our longstanding relationship.

Sincerely,

Noel S. Lovelace, President
Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation

2016-2017 August Kick-off Meeting

In August we kicked off the new year with a Board Retreat, Council Meetings, and a fabulous welcome meeting at the Decatur Country Club. This year we took a new approach to the Council Meetings. The President, President-Elect, the Board member overseeing the council, and the council members all met for an individual meetings. This helped facilitate personalized conversations and development of goals, while encouraging innovative ideas. At the General Membership Kickoff Meeting, the Board presented an overview of the year ahead and discussed challenges and goals. We welcomed 10 new provisionals and everyone enjoyed catching up while assembling over 250 PACT newborn packages.

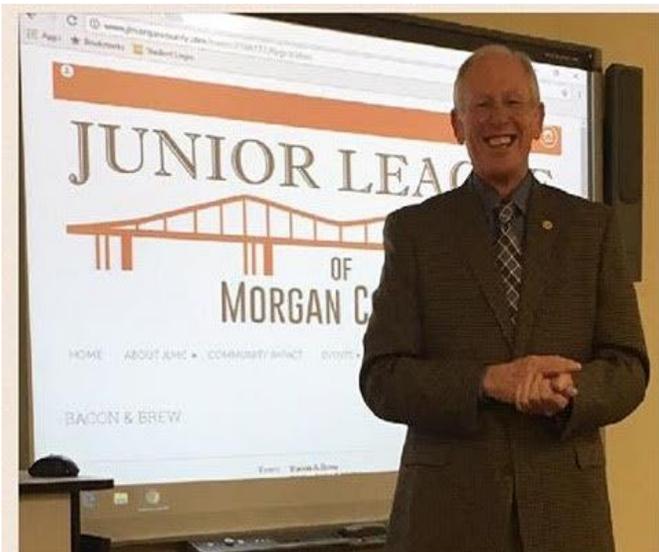


September Meeting

In September, President of the Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation, Noel Lovelace, gave a presentation and update on our signature project, The Decatur Morgan Hospital Mammography Center. We are thrilled that construction will begin soon! She also shared information on the Power of Pink events and thanked us for our continued support. Member Jessie Crishon was awarded Member of the Month for her outstanding efforts as our Public Relations Chair.



October Meeting



At our October meeting, Mayor-Elect Tab Bowling came and spoke about his goals and objectives as the new mayor. We enjoyed the conversation and his focus on JLMC's mission. JLMC members also were able to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns directly with him. JLMC members also discussed JLMC members discussed last minute Bacon+ Brew details. We recognized Laura Smith as the Member of the Month for all of her hard work leading the coordination of Done In A Day events.

One Decatur Initiative

JLMC partnered with the One Decatur initiative to host a Listening & Learning Workshop focused on the ideas and feedback of those under 40 in our city. A diverse crowd of more than 50 attended the event and provided their thoughts to be included in the development of the city's new comprehensive plan addressing needs like apartment growth, public transportation, riverfront development and much more.



Member Spotlight: Laura Smith



This month we are putting the spotlight on JLMC Member, Laura Smith! She has been a dedicated JLMC Member since 2011. She has held the positions of Signature Project Liaison to the Carnegie, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and this year, both Nominations Committee Chair and Placement Chair.

When asked what should would want to see JLMC what do you want to see Junior League accomplish in the next 5 years, “I would love to see JLMC grow in size and be able to have an even bigger impact on our community. I would like one day start to propose a scholarship program for women/children.”

Laura has had many great memories with JLMC. “I think helping put on the American Girl fundraiser is what bonded me to Junior League and with the women who are now some of my best friends. More recently, I loved doing the ARC of Morgan County event, as it's a nonprofit near and dear to my heart.”

League Night Out: Historic Decatur Ghost Walk



The ladies (and a few men, too!) of JLMC met at the Old State Bank for a super spooky ghost walk for our October League Night Out. We learned about some of the ghosts that inhabit Bank Street buildings including the State Bank, the Dancy Polk House, and Simp McGhee's. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and was very interesting to learn about our own historic downtown history!

League Night Out: Beer & Small Plate Pairings



JLMC ladies had quite the dining experience at this League Night Out! Chef Bill Harden at The Railyard presented an amazing four course dinner paired with local craft beers. The ladies enjoyed a beautiful charcuterie board, turkey and goat cheese sliders, pork tenderloin with sweet potatoes, and melt in your mouth chocolate pretzel cake. Chef Bill did a wonderful job describing the dish and the beer it was paired with. It was such a wonderful evening for JLMC members to kick back and enjoy spectacular food and company.



PLEASE JOIN

Junior League of Morgan County

FOR OUR

Christmas Party

*Thursday, December 15, 2016
half past five to half past seven*

*At the home of Sally Smartt
848 Sherman Street
Decatur, Alabama*

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 10TH
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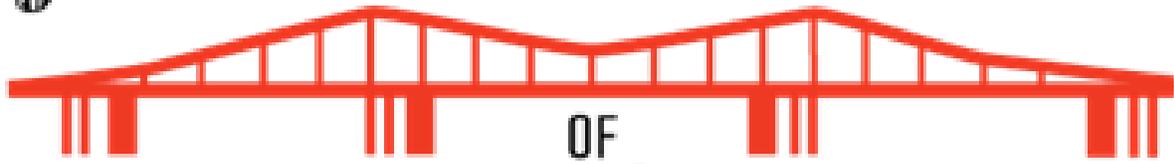


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