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A Letter from Our President

Toni Lee-Andrews

Dear Juniors,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had an enjoyable holiday season. I really enjoyed our December meeting, great food and great entertainment!! Thank you, members, for being there and bringing guests; it was a very festive evening!

Thanks go to all of you participating in making Christmas better for several families. How nice it is to make a difference in the lives of others, especially at holiday time.

I hope that you took some time for relaxation over the holidays and are ready to begin 2012 looking for more volunteering opportunities. Thanks for gathering all of your information for reporting; by the time we meet it will all be done!

Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the Revisions Committee. It is that time again to begin working on revising our Constitution and By-Laws. I will determine this committee when we meet in January and a report of suggested revisions needs to be given in February.

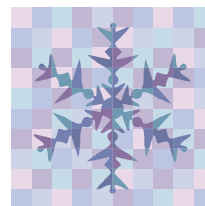
The Nominating Committee will be nominated from the floor at the January meeting. Please be thinking about what office you would like to hold during the next club year.

Also, it's not too early to begin looking forward to our District meeting on March 17th; we are hostesses for this meaning and I would love for all of you to be there!

I hope to see all of you January 30th at our regular meeting. Remember, the meeting will begin at 6:30pm with a craft show wrap-up meeting following. Let's begin 2012 with a passion for volunteering that lasts all year!

In Junior Love,

Toni



1st VP - Sheila Ridout

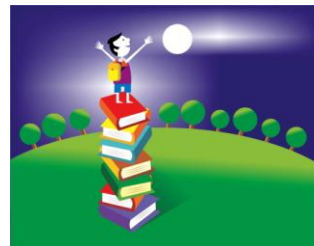
Happy 2012 everyone! Before your 2012 calendar fills up, be sure to leave room for a few upcoming Federation meetings. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your fellow Southside clubwomen at the Southside District Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 17th in Wakefield. The Junior meeting will begin at 9:00 and you should be headed home by 2:00 following lunch. There will be lots going on that day with a silent auction, jewelry sale, installation of officers, and hopefully the luck of the Irish will be with us and we can bring home a few awards for all of our hard work in 2011. We will be acting as hostesses for the SSD Spring Meeting. I will have details on our responsibilities at the meeting.

While you're at it, block out the weekend of April 20-22nd for the GFWC Virginia Convention in Richmond. Attend the entire weekend or part of it. More details & sign-ups for both meetings to follow.

Education - Sheila Ridout, Chairman

Continuing education is so important, but with the escalating prices, it's getting harder to afford. Motions will be presented and with your approval, we'll once again be able to award scholarships to deserving area graduates. Southside District also offers a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from the high schools located in our district. The application is due in mid-February and each club can nominate one student. If you know of a senior who would be interested in applying, please let me know so that I can forward a scholarship application. Our club would need to send a letter of recommendation, too, so please have any interested students be in touch asap.

A celebration for Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read-Across-America is in the works. More information at the meeting. See you there!



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Lori Chevalier

Operation Smile

Operation Smile was founded in 1982, and is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia. It is a worldwide children's medical charity whose network of global volunteers are dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children and young adults. Since its founding, Operation Smile has treated more than 150,000 children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. The organization has a presence in more than 60 countries. In addition to contributing free medical treatment, Operation Smile trains local medical professionals in its partner countries and donates crucial equipment to lay the groundwork for long-term self-sufficiency.

A motion will be made at our January meeting to collect items for Operation Smile. There are several categories of need and I will be highlighting one each month. I plan to either drive them down to Norfolk or ship them in May. So you can bring whatever you want to donate between now and the April meeting.

Another motion will be made to purchase material in order to make fleece blankets. These are NO SEW – so we all can do it!! I'm thinking about having a 'blanket making party' probably in May – so look for more details on this.

For January – we will collect items that are needed for Operation Smile Bags. The top 4 items are in great need. We don't need to provide the bags – we can just provide the contents. But if you are interested in making bags – let me know and I'll get you the instructions!

- 8 pack box of coloring crayons
- thin 8.5" x 11" coloring book
- small comb (no rat tails)
- small square mirror (approximate size 3"x 3")
- small shampoo (.85 to 1.4 oz size, screw-on top only) (hotel / travel size)
- new wash cloth
- bar of soap (small hotel size)
- sample size toothpaste (check expiration date - not expired)
- child size toothbrush (single package)
- small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby® size)
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PARLIMENTARIAN – Angela Paez

Hi Ladies,

So how many of you have actually read the “Responsibilities of a Club Member” in our Handbook. Well, admittedly, it’s been a while since I did, so I thought it would be a great idea to refresh myself. Here are a few highlights:

- COMMUNICATE

It is important that each member voice their concerns. Motions are made not simply for reporting, but to get your vote on how the Club should spend it’s time. If you do not have all the facts, ask for them...it is your RIGHT as a member.

- Conserve the Club’s finances

The Club has money, but much of it has been earmarked. If we can find a way to shave a few pennies, then why shouldn’t we? This way most of the money can be spent on our volunteering activities. The more money we have, the more projects we can participate in!

- Be personally involved

This is YOUR Club. You make it what you want. If you feel that a project should be started, take the initiative...don’t just hope that the Chair can read your mind! You raise the money, you have a say in how it’s spent, and which projects are worth pursuing.

- RESPECT

Respect your fellow Clubwoman. She has a lot on her plate. I am reminded of a devotion that Toni gave last year of trying to lighten the load of another Clubwoman, to help her ease her stress. You are not alone in having a career, a family, medical issues, church work or housing issues. This Club should be a form of support for you. Ask for it and you will receive.

...and finally...

- Promote a spirit of TEAMWORK

“Don’t be crippled by a membership that splinters into uncooperative or hostile cliques.” Yes, that’s what it actually reads. I’m not sure where we picked that one up, but it rings true, doesn’t it? This one should remind us that we need to pull together for the Club’s projects. Each of us decided to be part of this Club for a reason, and we shouldn’t let something stop those potential service projects from occurring.

Ladies, I would like you to read page 9 of the Handbook.....and reflect on it. Bring those spirited and smiling faces to the meeting on the 30th!

LEADERSHIP – Angela Paez

The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.' — *Ayn Rand*

To be a leader, we need to recognize the opportunities that we are given and how to share that with our fellow Club members... (from creatingminds.org)

Bennis' Leadership Qualities

Warren Bennis, widely known as a modern leadership guru, has identified six personal qualities.

Integrity

Integrity means alignment of words and actions with inner values. It means sticking to these values even when an alternative path may be easier or more advantageous.

A leader with integrity can be trusted and will be admired for sticking to strong values. They also act as a powerful model for people to copy, thus building an entire organization with powerful and effective cultural values.

Dedication

Dedication means spending whatever time and energy on a task is required to get the job done, rather than giving it whatever time you have available.

The work of most leadership positions is not something to do 'if time'. It means giving your whole self to the task, dedicating yourself to success and to leading others with you.

Magnanimity

A magnanimous person gives credit where it is due. It also means being gracious in defeat and allowing others who are defeated to retain their dignity.

Magnanimity in leadership includes crediting the people with success and accepting personal responsibility for failures.

Humility

Humility is the opposite of arrogance and narcissism. It means recognizing that you are not inherently superior to others and consequently that they are not inferior to you. It does not mean diminishing yourself, nor does it mean exalting yourself.

Humble leaders do not debase themselves, neither falsely nor due to low self-esteem. They simply recognize all people as equal in value and know that their position does not make them a god.

Openness

Openness means being able to listen to ideas that are outside one's current mental models, being able to suspend judgement until after one has heard someone else's ideas.

An open leader listens to their people without trying to shut them down early, which at least demonstrates care and builds trust. Openness also treats other ideas as potentially better than one's own ideas. In the uncertain world of new territory, being able to openly consider alternatives is an important skill.

Creativity

Creativity means thinking differently, being able to get outside the box and take a new and different viewpoint on things.

For a leader to be able to see a new future towards which they will lead their followers, creativity provides the ability to think differently and see things that others have not seen, and thus giving reason for followers to follow.