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A Letter from Our President

Toni Lee-Andrews

Dear Juniors,

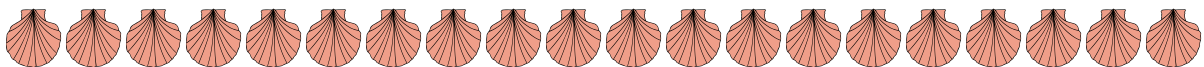
Can you believe it? The craft show has come and gone yet again. What a successful 47th Home for the Holidays Craft Show and Bazaar! I heard many compliments throughout the day. Thanks to each of you for all of your hard work and contributions. It's amazing how it all comes together... from the patron ticket and ad sales to baking and bringing to the food booth, the patron showing, set-up the night before, programs, shift working, and clean-up. It's a huge event that is successful thanks to club members and family year after year! Thank you to everyone who spent hour after hour in the months, weeks, and days even prior to the show. I can't wait to hear some fundraiser totals; it sounds like we did very well! We will be able to do great things for the community due to your efforts in making this year's show such a success.

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer and give to the community? As the holidays approach, let's find opportunities and act upon those we find. We will be busy as we sponsor a Thanksgiving family and a Christmas family, and work on our Santa Letter fundraiser.

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday as we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I am thankful for each of you and the time and efforts you devote to this club.

In Junior Love,

Toni



First Vice President - Sheila Ridout

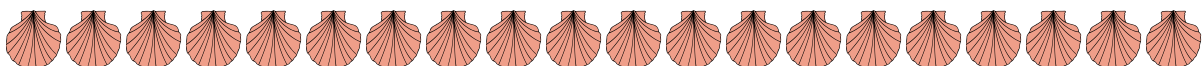
With Madame President's okay, we're going to switch up the November program. Instead of the scheduled Education program, we're going to go more along the lines of a program that would fall under the scope of First VP and feature CCHASM. On several occasions the folks from CCHASM have expressed an interest in speaking to us. The mission of CCHASM (Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) is to provide food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents who have experienced or are experiencing an emergency situation which threatens their survival needs. In addition to serving Chesterfield and Colonial Heights, CCHASM also serves individuals in Hopewell and Prince George. As advocates for children and domestic violence victims, our support of organizations like CCHASM who may be helping those same individuals is important. The CPA firm of at Andrews, Barwick, & Lee has agreed to partner with us to support the career closets that CCHASM runs. ABL will act as a drop off point for clean, gently used men's & women's professional clothing from clients; the same can also be brought to our meetings through the Spring. You should have already received a motion to support CCHASM; your support is greatly appreciated.

First Baptist Church is one of the CCHASM alliance churches. This allows them to refer individuals to CCHASM for assistance. We have extended an invitation to the membership of FBC to attend our program to hear about CCHASM, so you might see a few extra folks joining us.

Last month we decided to support GFWC's "Sock Project." As you're out Christmas shopping, consider picking up an extra pair of socks or two (women's, men's, or children's) to be donated to the James House.

Letters from Santa order forms were forwarded to you a couple of weeks ago and are due by November 30th. If you didn't receive the email, please let me know. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Camp Easter Seals.

Thanks for your support as we continue to be advocates for children and proponents for the victims of domestic violence.



Education Chairman – Sheila Ridout

It looks like we're going to be fortunate enough, again, to support the Life Skills program at JEJ Moore Middle School. I had been contacted to see if we would be able to provide chicken salad again this year for their lunch cart program. Not knowing whether we'd be able to get extra chicken from Perdue, I didn't want to commit the club to anything. Fortunately, Melissa was able to get the same amount of extra chicken this year as last, so with your approval and a bit of funding for the additional ingredients (no cooking or chopping required!), we'll be able to provide chicken salad twice for the program. As you may recall from last year, the learning disabled students in the life skills program run a lunch cart (and breakfast/snack cart I believe) to allow them to learn about handing money, interaction.... The profits from their venture(s) help to fund outside trips and other classroom needs. You should have already received a motion to continue our support of this outstanding program.

I'll also be bringing a motion before you to collect new and gently used books (children & adult) for distribution throughout the community. There are several places that have "borrowing" libraries for children who could use reading material and may not have personal libraries at home; our collection will help to stock these libraries. Any adult books collected will be offered to stock the shelves at area "libraries" including the ones at the local USO facilities and local nursing homes/assisted living facilities.

Leadership – Angela Paez

Be YOU. Don't be someone else. YOU are a unique individual. Be proud... rock it loud.

- APOLO ANTON OHNO

No matter what the situation, remind yourself "I have a choice."

- DEEPAK CHOPRA

Ladies,

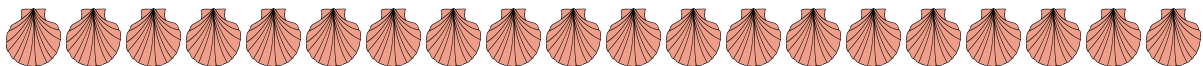
Each of us is a leader in our community, in our place of work and at home. This article by Dan McCarthy from July 2008 will hopefully help you as a leader:

10 Ways to Inspire Trust as a Leader (by Dan McCarthy)

Most leaders would like to see themselves as basically trustworthy. To find out that people don't trust us or question our integrity can be devastating and difficult to accept. If you've gotten this feedback, or suspect people do not trust you, here are some relatively simple things you can do to inspire trust:

Leadership, continued – Angela Paez

1. Don't over commit and do keep your promises. Don't promise or commit to something unless you know you can honor the commitment. Then, follow through. Do what you say you're going to do.
2. Keep confidences. However, don't promise confidentiality if you aren't sure if you can or should keep the information from others (i.e., performance, legal, ethical issues).
3. Admit your mistakes. Don't look for someone else to blame. Give others an early head's up. Learn from your mistake, don't dwell on it, and move on.
4. Share credit and acknowledge the contributions of others. Be an advocate for other's ideas, especially your peers.
5. Don't do anything that you would not feel comfortable reading about in the newspaper the next day.
6. Don't talk about others behind their backs, unless it's something positive. If you do, others will assume you're doing the same to them. And if you say something positive, you can assume it will get back to them.
7. Share information. Leaders often keep people the dark about where they are going or what they are planning. In the absence of good information, people draw their own conclusions. Guesswork is a shaky foundation of trust. Give people consistent updates, status reports, and explain the reasons for your decisions.
8. Get to know people, develop relationships. If you take the time to get to know others and share information about yourself, people will be less likely to question your motives and will give you the benefits of the doubt.
9. Make sure your message is consistent. Don't say different things to different audiences, in an attempt to please everyone. And if you change your mind about something, explain why your opinion has changed.
10. When asked a question, give a complete, direct answer – no smoke and mirrors. If you don't have the answer, don't fake it.



International Outreach – Lori Chevalier

World Food Day

Thank you to those of you who brought food to the October meeting in observance of World Food Day. The food and the check were greatly appreciated by the volunteers there. The Monday I was there, they had provided food to about 20 families (which was about 170 adults and children).

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to MK and Lori for providing shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child. If you delivered a box yourself, please let me know so I can include it with our total.

