

President's Message 2011—Abby Gallimore

Spring is here! So many things are going on in the MAJWC organization. I am so grateful to be around such a wonderful group of women. I have lots of special thanks to send out to our club members. First, I would like to thank the Ways and Means department, along with all of the chicken pie workers! What a tremendous impact, over 500 pies were made! Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to our club.

Thanks to Shannon Badgett and Andrea Phillips for donating their time to the SCAT Health Fair. The community had a good turn out for this event! Brooke Golding and Ellie Webb took our scholarship winner to State Arts, thanks girls for giving Megan the royal treatment. I want to thank Andrea Phillips and Timmesa Eads on the great Sew Easy to be Green social. It was truly a great time for everyone. We had a great turn out! A big thanks to Alisha Southern for our March Membership Drive, the dinner meeting was fabulous and we are now excited to welcome some new members! Nicki Brame put together a great March Madness Bracket fundraiser for the Bike Rodeo Helmets. Amy Heath and the Home Life committee have been working hard to get all of their things rolling for spring events. The photo sculptures were held and they had a great turnout!

WOW, so many things for a busy March. I truly want to THANK YOU ALL for a huge successful month. If I have forgotten anything please know I appreciate all of your efforts!

With our break quickly approaching, I want to get my big day planned for SCAT. I am working to get a date for *Crusin' for a Cure*. I hope to have some information out to you soon. If you have any ideas to help this be a successful event for MAJWC and SCAT please let me know!

As other activities are posted in the newsletter please take time to see what you can participate or help out with as we go through the month of April. The Easter Egg Hunt and Fight for A Cure are all coming up we would love to see a great turnout for these events and others!

Hope to see you all very soon!

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Dates and Events to Remember:

- 4.12.11 Dinner Meeting and Federation Day Celebration CCCC, 6:30 pm
- 4.16.11 Planet Party 2011/Dixie Classic Fairgrounds
- 5.7.11 Education Committee Yard Sale
- Remember to bring items to donate to SCAN (office supplies please)
- Board members: please bring raffle gifts to the dinner meeting

1st Vice President—Alisha Southern

Spring is here! I am so excited to finally see sunshine as I know most of you are. Easter is around the corner. Remember the reason we celebrate this time of year.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was Sunday, April 10th. Thank you to everyone who came out and had a great time hunting eggs with their little ones.

We will be installing Courtney Williams at our April Dinner Meeting. Please welcome her to our club and show her all the good things we do for our community. She is a great addition, I am sure of it.

We are looking at the Progressive dinner for late May or early June. If you would like to volunteer your home please let me know. I have had some people to offer but if you would formally like to do it, see me before or after the meeting.

It's that time again. Be thinking about what positions you would like to serve Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club in for the year of 2012. The sign up sheet will come around at the May Dinner meeting so each of you think about how you want to contribute.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

~Alisha

2nd Vice President—Andrea Phillips

WOW! The more activities I participate in the more I realize what a wonderful group of young ladies we are. Each of us brings different talents to the table and that is what makes us so successful as a group. Please don't be bashful if you have suggestion or an idea of a project you would like to see us do, just let someone know. I encourage it! Let's continue to have some fun and do some good for our community in the next few months as we head towards our summer break.



Ways and Means

The Chicken Pie Party is history! Thanks to everyone for their support in selling pies, and working on Saturday March 12. Your hard work allowed us to raise over \$2000 for our general fund. If you still have pie money outstanding please bring it to the dinner meeting, or get it to a member of W&Ms as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to our annual 5K on the Greenway in October – mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8, 2011. Also, the Invitation's Only sale is on the agenda for fall.

Treasurer's Report-Andrea Kniskern

- Dinner is \$11.00.
- If you RSVP "Yes" to dinner, you will owe \$11.00 even if you don't attend the meeting.
- If you RSVP "Yes" for a guest, you will owe \$11.00 for that guest, whether they attend or not.
- If you plan to attend the meeting, but not to eat, please RSVP "Maybe".
- When making any payment to MAJWC, please note in the memo section of the check what you are paying for (i.e. January dinner).
- When paying with cash, please place the cash inside the envelopes provided on your dinner table and note your name and what you are paying for.
- Dues of \$50 per member are due if you haven't paid. PLEASE PAY ASAP!

Community Service Committees

Arts

The arts department has been awarded a \$200 grant for the purpose of providing art therapy kits to cancer patients. Details and specifics will be available soon. This will allow us to be in partnership with the Surry Cancer Awareness Team.



Conservation

A big “thank you” goes out to everyone who helped/participated with the Sew Easy to Be Green Party. Without your support we couldn’t have done it! We had 15 juniors show up for a great evening of sewing, fun, and laughter. We raised around \$250.00 for the International Committee’s project. Way to go Juniors! I have a picture of each of you sewing... so come see me at the dinner meeting for it.

April 16 from 10-5 is Planet Party 2011/Piedmont Earth Day Fair at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem. This is a free event for all ages. Visit peaNC.org to view the lineup of FREE children’s activities and entertainment. This event has an important impact on our children as they learn to make environmental choices. There will be over 100 exhibits, a children’s scavenger hunt, live music, local food, demonstrations and more. They will have boxes in the parking lot for used computer donations and paper documents to be shredded and recycled. Come out and enjoy a day of fun—rain or shine!

~Andrea Phillips

The great gift of Easter is hope — Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

~Basil C. Hume

Education

We have some exciting news to share! The Education Department will be hosting a benefit yard sale for our scholarship winner, Megan Holt. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a laptop computer and additional items that she may need. The yard sale will be held on Saturday May 7th, from 7am until 12pm. We will set up in the Dance Works parking lot on Hwy 89.

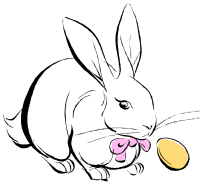
We need your help to make this fundraiser successful. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and help us out in the process. Volunteers are needed to work the day of the sale. Andrea Phillips and Timmesa Eads have already graciously signed up to work that day. Thanks guys! We also need donations for the sale. You will be able to bring items to the April dinner and board meetings. Donations may also be dropped off at the home of Andrea Phillips. If the times and locations aren't convenient for you, if you will call me or Ellie, we will meet you to pick up your donated items.

I know that this fundraiser will really mean a lot to Megan. I want to give a special thanks to Andrea and Timmesa for their support in this fundraising effort. I would not have been able to do this without you guys. Thanks again!

In addition to our yard sale, the education dept. will be hosting the off to college shower for Megan at the May dinner meeting. A sign up sheet will be coming around at the April dinner meeting for items that she will need. The items that are purchased do not have to be wrapped but you can include cards or words of encouragement for her. Last year several clubwomen shared where they attended college and how that experience shaped their lives. I felt this was very inspirational for everyone involved. If anyone is interested in this just let me know.

We are also continuing to collect food for the backpack program. The items donated this month will benefit JJ Jones Intermediate School. If someone could deliver these items let me know.





Thanks so much for all the help and participation with the recent photosculpture fundraiser for March of Dimes!

Please remember to register online for our Relay for Life team. Registration with a t-shirt needs to be done by April 11th. Also, get the word out for the Fight for the Cure event coming up on April 21st at Mount Airy Middle School. If you have any questions or would like flyers, please contact me. All monies will go to Relay so please, please come! This year's Relay for Life Event is June 3 and 4th at MAHS.

We will also make some decisions on our table for this year's Special Olympics as well as shirts for March of Dimes.

Thanks in advance for all of your continued support of Home Life projects. We are a busy bunch!!

International Affairs

- Please continue to remember to bring in items for shoeboxes.
- I have a few extra draft dodgers we made during "Sew Easy to be Green" for \$5 each. Proceeds benefit Hope Haven International Ministries.
- Grab your extra change for Heifer International. The piggies will be resting on the tables during the meeting, help fill them up!
- Please remember the victims of the massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the citizens of Libya, and the citizens of Ivory Coast, among others.

Public Affairs

Thanks to everyone for participating in the March Madness for Bike Helmets fundraiser. We received 36 brackets this year! I will announce the winner at the April meeting. For the club members who haven't paid for their bracket, or solicited brackets from outside individuals, please have that money to me at the April Meeting. **The winner will be announced at the meeting so make sure all monies have been turned into me!**

Happy Easter!

Nicki Brame





Celebrating our Federation – April 2011

At our dinner meeting on Tuesday, we will celebrate what it means to be a part of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs. In preparation, here's a few fun Federation facts (say that 3 times - really fast)!

Established in 1890, GFWC has over one million members worldwide.

The GFWC consists of international federations (over 20 countries) and associations in addition to the federations of the 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.

GFWC has more than 6,500 local clubs in the United States and clubs in over 20 countries globally. Clubs shape their local agendas to suit their particular community needs. They benefit from membership services, materials, and program support from the state and national Federation levels working through the six program areas of Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues.

Their headquarters is in Washington, D.C., and is a National Historic Landmark, which houses the Women's History and Resource, a repository for books and resources devoted to women's history and women in volunteerism.

General Federation of Women's Club of North Carolina, Inc. (GFWC-NC) is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), which is one of the world's largest and oldest nondenominational, nonpartisan, international women's volunteer service organization.

With over 150 clubs throughout North Carolina, club women have been dedicated to Community improvement through Volunteer Service since 1902.

2010-2012 GFWC-NC President's and Junior Director's Special Project and Theme is **Literacy: The Adventure of a Life time.**

2010-2012 GFWC-NC President's and Junior Director's Special Emphasis is **Membership-Keeping Every member a Part of Our Story.**

2010-2012 GFWC-NC Juniorette President's Special Project is **Mental Health Awareness.**

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Celebrations, Remembrances, Notes of Thanks

Happy Birthday to the following clubwomen:

Amy Heath (4/3)

Brooke Golding (4/3)

Beth Martin—H (4/15)

Joan Bowman—H (4/15)

Andrea Philips (4/25)

Jeannie Noble—H (4/28)

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

~ Henry Knox Sherrill

Did You Know?

The 2010-2012 GFWC-NC President's Special Project is **Literacy: The Adventure of a Lifetime**. This is especially important, because according to UNICEF, "Nearly a billion people will enter the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names and *two thirds of them are women.*"

Source: www.begintoread.com/research/literacystatistics.html

www.gfwcnc.org/aboutus.htm



Junior Pledge

I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Clubwoman by doing better than ever before what work I have to do; by being prompt, honest, courteous; by living each day, trying to accomplish something; not merely to exist.

~ **Helen Kimberly**