

President's Message 2011—Abby Gallimore

February is the month for...Ground hog day, President's day, Library Lover's, Dental Health, Black History and of course, Valentine's Day. For MAJWC, February is the month for our blood drive, trip to the Nursing home, the raffle for library, dinner and board meetings. There is so much going on that it means we have to stay focused and reach out to help one another.

I am very excited after hearing all of the plans our Community Service Committees have in the works. We are off to a great start for 2011. As we make plans to help in our community or begin big fundraiser projects please figure out a way that you can contribute to the great things we are going to do. I am very grateful to be in the presence of such a fantastic group of ladies.

In keeping the club informed, I will be sending emails and posting things on Face Book to get quick messages to you. If you change any information please let me know as soon as you can so I can keep everything up to date. Speaking of dates, District Arts is coming up in February too! Please let me know if you would like to register to attend. We need to get that in ASAP.

As for what I am planning with SCAT, we will have some opportunities coming up that does not require you giving out of your pocketbook, just our donation of time. They will be hosting their annual Health Fair at Scenic Ford, March 19th. I will have more information at the dinner meeting so you can see how we can help them. I will also have some other information that will hopefully help us nail down a date for a big PARTY toward then beginning of summer!

The Surry Arts Ball is coming up, in keeping with our theme, Party with a Purpose, we are going to create a "Party Basket" for them to raffle off. If you would bring something to place in this at the dinner meeting, I will make sure we get it to them by the February 15th. We have traditionally created a "What Every Woman Wants" basket, but we thought we would mix it up a little to go with our theme.

Thank you all for making the first month such as success! We will be doing some great things; I am very excited about what our future holds.

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Dates and Events to Remember:

- 2.7.11 Blood Drive; Red Cross; 1:30-6:00 pm
- 2.8.11 Dinner Meeting, CCCC, 6:30 pm
- 2.11.11 Sweetheart Raffle Drawing
- 2.13.11 Valentine's Delivery, 2:00 pm
- 2.19.11 District 4 Arts Festival
- Home Life members: please bring raffle gifts to the dinner meeting
- 3.12.11 Chicken Pie Day



1st Vice President—Alisha Southern

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

- Our first social of the year is the Easter Egg Hunt on April 10 at 3 pm at Franklin Heights Methodist Church on South Franklin Road. Please plan to attend. I will have a sign up sheet for snacks as the weeks get closer.
- At our March Dinner Meeting we will be having a Membership Drive. Please invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc to attend. Let them see what we do and be proud of our group of exceptional women who make it all possible. Make sure to tell them the cost of their dinner is \$11 and they will need to RSVP to me by March 3rd. If they attend this meeting and sign up that night we will waive their installation fees. There will be nametags that night for everyone to wear so please make sure you get yours before we start the meeting in March.
- There is a Mentor sign-up sheet on the clipboard. If you have been a member of our club for at least two years and feel like you can help our new membership out please sign up if you haven't already.
- The FAQ for New Members is finished so going forward all new membership will have a little extra guidance at their fingertips. If you think of more info to add we will keep a running list so everyone can get as much info as possible.
- We have a new member to install. Her name is Tara Dowell. She is married to Josh and has a daughter named Emma who is 9. She works at Mtn Valley Hospice in the billing department. Her sponsor is Shannon James. Please make her feel welcome and introduce yourself to her.
- Secret Sister info was emailed out to those of you who signed up to participate. If you signed up and did not receive an email from me please contact me ASAP. I will send reminders the first of the months that correspond to your remembrance month just as a quick little reminder. But if you do forget that month just please make sure to do something soon. We don't want anyone left out. And if you do want to do more for your sister you can but once a year is all that is required.
- In the spirit of Valentine's Day remember to tell the ones you love how much you love them and need them in your lives. Everyone touches someone's soul in the smallest of ways.

2nd Vice President—Andrea Phillips

Thank you to everyone who helped me with the reporting this year. I truly appreciate all your help and patience.

It was great to see some new faces at the dinner meeting in January. Please take the time to introduce yourself to these new Juniors and make them feel welcome. We all remember what it was like when we joined, in one word, overwhelming. For some of us it was tough going to our first event, not knowing what to expect. Others just jumped right in. Wouldn't it be great if everyone felt comfortable enough to jump right in? Please take the time to personally invite them to our next project. Maybe offer to pick them up or just give them a quick call to remind them of the event. This may be all they need to get started. It is these special touches that make our club SHINE!! Let's encourage all members, new and existing, to come out and be a part of MAJWC.

Let's be the best we can be in 2011!!



Ways and Means

“This is who we are & here is what we do!”

The Ways & Means Committee is comprised of the immediate past club president and at least 2 to 3 other clubwomen.

The Committee is the club’s general fund, fundraisers!

The money that Ways & Means collects each year creates “WAYS & MEANS” for the club to give back throughout the year and at the end of the year.

How do we raise those funds? Chicken Pie sale in the Spring, our annual 5KOTG run in October, and an Invitations Only Sale in the fall.

Did you know?

As an active MAJWC member you are expected to participate in each Ways and Means Project?

Mark those fundraisers on your calendar!

A little more info about Ways & Means:

The immediate past club president serves as the chairperson of the Committee. The Ways & Means co-chairmen shall be responsible for the collection of all Ways & Means monies for the final submission to the Treasurer. Ways & Means co-chairmen shall serve on the Budget Committee and at least one person on the Audit Committee. The proceeds from Ways and Means will be specifically designated insofar as possible. Proceeds will be given in entirety, except for 30%, which will remain in the club treasury!

2011 Ways & Means Committee Members:

Mandy Fleming

Shannon Badgett

Laura Cobb

Kelly Hull

Have questions? Don’t hesitate to ask one of us!

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

Arts Festival:

The **District Four Arts Festival** is February 19th at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church in Greensboro. Anyone interested in attending needs to let Christie Speer know this week. Carol Andrews, author, will be a guest speaker. There will also be a Literacy workshop and a luncheon.

District 4 clubs have been asked to donate new and gently used children's books at the Arts Festival. Andrea Phillips has kindly donated some books from the Conservation department. If you are interested in donating more books, please bring them to the dinner meeting.

Sweetheart Raffle:

February is Library Lovers' Month. What better way to celebrate than to have a **Sweetheart Raffle**?! The Arts Public Service Program will be raffling off a dinner for two (donated by Chris Wishart at TRIO) and two movie tickets (donated by Creekside Cinemas). We are selling tickets for \$1 each and the proceeds will support the Mount Airy Public Library's DVD collection. The drawing will be held February 11th in case the winner would like to use it Valentine's weekend.

The Arts Public Service Program needs your help! We would like to sell 200 of these tickets in this short amount of time. The tickets are ready to be given to you and I've also included a flyer to display at your business. I will get the tickets to you if you are willing to help us out. We would like to have all of the ticket stubs and money by the dinner meeting on February 8th. This is a very short turnaround time and we apologize. However, we do want the winner to have the option of using it on Valentine's weekend. Please let me know where to bring your tickets ASAP. If you would like to make an in-kind donation of your own DVDs, please feel free to bring those to the meeting. Some clubwomen have already donated over 50 DVDs!

American Mural Project:

American Mural Project is now GFWC International's Partnership Program for the Arts in the Community. AMP was unveiled at the Omaha Convention in July 2010. AMP will honor GFWC Members' hours of volunteerism by collecting old non-working watches from each member until December 2011. These thousands of watches will be encased in resin and intertwined together to form a huge watch link running throughout the three dimensional mural. What a way to honor GFWC and its thousands of hours of volunteer commitment to our country! AMP will be recording each individual's contribution to the mural, thus we are requesting members' names and information along with their watches. As a new Partnership Program, it is our job to raise money for the project. Therefore members are asked to send a \$1 donation to accompany each watch. Club members may donate more than one watch to dedicate to a fellow clubwoman or past clubwoman who may not have a watch to contribute. The Arts program will be collecting these watches until October 2011. If you are interested in helping this cause, please bring your watch and \$1 donation to the dinner or board meetings. For more information about this program, visit: <http://wallofamerica.org/index.html>.

Conservation

Drive Green, Save Green!

Driving green means adapting a few simple inexpensive driving habits to decrease the amount of fuel you use and put more money in your pocket.

GET THAT JUNK OUT OF YOUR TRUNK - Your car has to work harder and use more fuel to move it.

DON'T GO TOO SLOW - Check tire pressure once a month-this can save up to a tank of gas a year.

SLOW DOWN AND SAVE - Every 5 miles over 60 MPH can cost you an addition 30 center a gallon.

DON'T BE A JACKRABBIT - Abrupt starts and stops can increase your fuel consumption by 40%.

CHANGE YOUR OIL - Doing this regularly gives you better gas mileage.

BE SMART WHEN ITS COOL - At speeds less than 40 MPH use the windows, over 40 MPH use the AC.

USE THE CRUISE - Using the cruise for more than 10,000 miles a year can save you 60 gallons of fuel.

Don't forget on February 13th @ 2:00 we are going to Golden Living Retirement Home to deliver Valentine's Day Cards! They are located at 542 Allred Mill Road. All family members are welcome to come out to this event. Please bring your Valentine's Day Cards to the dinner meeting on Tuesday. Also, please put March 12th on your calendar for our "Sew Easy To Be Green" party! The party will include the sewing project, dinner and some door prizes. All new members are encouraged to attend. It will give you a chance to spend some time with some Juniors you may not know already. It is going to be an event you won't want to miss!

Education

~Members from the Education Community Service Program will be taking our scholarship winner, Megan Holt, to the District Arts Festival on February 19th. Megan will be interviewing on the district level for the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. We know that she is an excellent candidate and will represent our club well. We wish her luck! We will update everyone on the outcome at the February board meeting.

~Don't forget to bring items for the Hungry Bear Program to the Dinner Meeting. This is a backpack program designed to meet the needs of hungry children when other resources are not available. The backpacks are sent home with children on the weekends. We will choose one school each month to donate the non-perishable food items. This month the donations will go to Mt. Airy Middle School.

Home Life

First of all, Home life would like to thank everyone for their willingness to help with next week's Red Cross Blood Drive! The blood drive is on Monday February 7 from 1:30 until 6:00pm at the Red Cross Building on Westlake Dr.. Please continue to get the word out to family, friends and co workers to come out and donate. We will have Domino's pizza as well as yummy baked goods and drinks. This could make it possible for people to come by on their lunch break. The winter storms have affected several blood drives so far this year so this is an opportunity for us to truly make a difference in our community. Please ask me or check the evite to see when you are volunteering or what you have signed up to bring. We could still use more baked goods to share with donors. Most importantly... come donate or send a friend (or enemy, we'll take their blood too!!)!! Thanks.

Looking forward in Home life's year, our Relay for Life team is established and I have been attending meetings. Please go online and register to be part of our team. You need to be registered online to receive a t shirt. We will be doing Fight for the Cure this year as well as selling luminaries. This year's theme is Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back. I will have luminaries (\$10 each) available at the upcoming dinner meeting and I will have art supplies on the tables so we can decorate some together. You may want to bring a picture or you could purchase one and take it home to decorate as a family. I would like to use this meeting as our way to start to "Remember". At the kickoff meeting for Relay, they asked everyone who had been touched in some way by cancer to stand up. The entire room was standing. It was very powerful and personal and reminded me why this effort is important. I am also asking each of you if you would like to send me a picture of someone you would like to "Celebrate" or "Remember". As a club I think it would be nice to have reminder of the people that make this event and this cause important to us. We have lost friends, parents and sisters. Email pictures or questions to me at amyr33@gmail.com . I would love to have them by Sunday but will be collecting them right up until Relay.

I will also be collecting healthy recipes to be judged at Relay. I will have more info at the meeting.

Home Life members please bring raffle gifts for February's dinner meeting. Thanks!

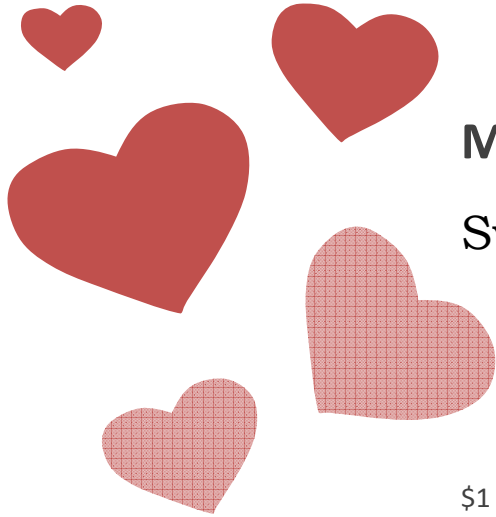
International Affairs

This year we are going to be fundraising for Hope Haven International Ministries, an organization that among other things, donates refurbished wheelchairs to individuals with those needs overseas. We can sponsor an adult wheelchair for \$90 and a child wheelchair for \$180. I am looking for fundraising ideas that will help us to donate towards at least one adult and one child as well as provide a care package for each of these. I am still gathering information on what items we'll be able to include, so stay tuned.

Please bring in your pocket change to donate to Heifer International.

Don't forge to pick up items for Operation Christmas Child. Challenge yourself to pick up an item a week to donate towards this cause.

The civil unrest in Egypt is unsettling. Please take a moment and send prayers for a peaceful nation.



Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club

Sweetheart Dinner and Movie Raffle

All Proceeds Benefit Mount Airy Public Library's DVD collection

\$1 Donation per Ticket

Drawing will be held February 11th, 2011

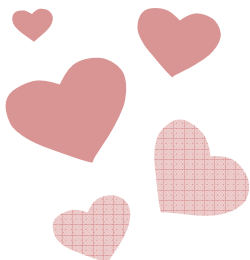
Dinner for two donated by: **Trio Restaurant and Bar**

<http://www.triorestaurantandbar.com/>

Movie tickets donated by: **Creekside Cinemas**

http://www.fandango.com/creeksidecinema10_aatcc/theaterpage

Purchase your tickets here or from a Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club member.



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Celebrations, Remembrances, Notes of Thanks

- Happy Birthday to Meredith Swanson (Feb 17) and LeAnne Routh (Feb 26)
- Congratulations to Laura Cobb on her engagement.
- Please remember Megan, Timmesa's daughter, who will have surgery on Monday, Feb 7.

Christie Sheppard-

Thank you for being a wonderful Secret Sister in 2010! I loved all of my surprises, and they all made me smile and think of you! I hope you have a blessed 2011!

Rhonda

Did You Know?

GFWC-NC members belong to a global network of activists who benefit from sharing ideas, information, and inspiration to confront and serve community needs... Intangible benefits include friendship, support, and fun!

Source: www.gfwcnc.org



Junior Pledge

I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Club-woman 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**