

## President's Message 2011—Abby Gallimore

Happy New Year Juniors! What a busy year 2010 was for MAJWC. Mandy Fleming has a great deal to be proud of, her Life Span Special Project allowed us all to have a great impact on some very special individuals and groups of people; what a tremendous year! As we transition to the new board and our 2011 year I challenge our club to become closer among our members, as well as, to reach out to our community.

My special project for 2011 will be to support the efforts of the Surry Cancer Awareness Team, or SCAT. This group is made up of cancer survivors that actively plan, work and support cancer patients in our area. Their work is never done, as cancer is a deadly disease that has, in some way, touched us all. SCAT's efforts are to offer support to cancer patients by offering group support for the patients and/or family members, money for expenses for travel to and from chemo treatments, and many other ways to help the patients deal with each step of the process. These women are strong and determined to help find a way to comfort those who are traveling the road they have been down before. My year is dedicated to these women that have a strong sense of self and a giving heart that goes far beyond what they do for each other and the growing number of cancer patients. Also, my year is dedicated to those that have already lost their battle to cancer. Through our efforts maybe we can help find a cure, or at least get a little closer to a cure.

As many of you know, my dad lost his battle with cancer in 1998 and my mom is a survivor. In all of their phases, their fight and determination taught me to live life to it's fullest and find strength through the support of others. My father loved life and always enjoyed everything he did. So with that I have chosen our motto, "Party with a Purpose." While we are going to do things to raise money, I also want our club members to enjoy each other and strive to find strength in each other.

I look forward to the 2011 year. Our board members are strong women that will help lead our club to a great year! I want you all to enjoy our meetings, socials and events and truly feel like every time we are together we are having a party! Strong memories and endless friendships are something we all gain from MAJWC. Let's extend our efforts and let the "PARTY" begin!

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### Dates and Events to Remember:

- 1.11.11 Dinner Meeting, CCCC, 6:30 pm
- \$50 Dues need to be remitted by the dinner meeting
- Board members: please bring raffle gifts to the dinner meeting
- January Yokefellow: cereal, tuna, diapers
- Secret Sister Info will be at the dinner meeting
- 2.1.11 Departmental Reports are due to Andrea Phillips



## 1st Vice President—Alisha Southern

Welcome to a New and Exciting Year! I hope we are all ready to PARTY! I am excited about this year and can't wait to see what Abby has in store for us.

We are revamping the Secret Sister program for this year! It is going to be a once a year remembrance type program. I would like to get everyone's participation so if you are interested in doing this please sign up on the clipboard/table at the dinner meeting.

We are busy planning our socials for the year and I want your ideas. There will be an idea list on the clipboard/table at the dinner meeting, so write down what you would like to do this year. It doesn't have to be the same old things we do all the time. So let's get some new events and party with a purpose this year. I would like to schedule at least one social every quarter.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be our first social and a date, time and place will be announced closer to the date.

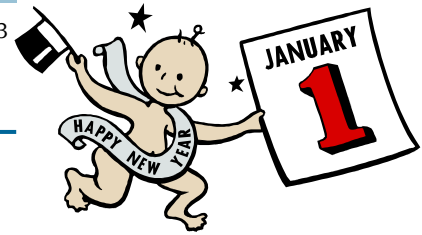
As I have spoken about before we are doing a FAQ sheet for new members to give them on their installation night. It hits the high points that everyone has questions on but are not quite explained by the handbook. We have all been new members at some point so please think back and let me know what you didn't understand well enough when you became a MAJWC member.

Remember to invite your friends, co-workers, family, etc to our meetings. We need to get new members to join us so our club can grow and flourish with new faces and ideas for the upcoming year. We are planning a new member drive to work into one of our social in one of the warmer months so keep this in mind and give me any ideas you have about this.

Also remember to reach out to each other. We are all friends here and have a common purpose in helping our community. So if you see someone has not been at a meeting in a while, reach out to them-tell them you've missed them. We don't know everyone's private matters and that is fine but it is always nice to know others care. It's the little things in life that matter the most.

## 2nd Vice President—Andrea Phillips

Departmental reports are due by February 1st.



## Ways and Means

Happy New Year everyone!

We are once again gearing up for our annual chicken pie sale. We have a tentative date set for “Chicken Pie Day”—Saturday, March 12. Go ahead and let your contacts know that this fundraiser is coming up. We will have more information available at the dinner meeting.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 8. This is our annual 5KOTG. We will need everyone’s help to make this year’s race a success.

Mandy Fleming, Kelly Hull, Shannon Badgett and Laura Cobb are your Ways and Means leaders for 2011. We are looking forward to another awesome year of fundraising with your help!

### 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 no later than the January dinner meeting. You may pay by cash or check. If writing a check, please note “dues” in the memo. If paying with cash, label your envelope “dues”.
- If you cannot make it to the dinner meeting, please send your dues to Alisha Southern:

160 Old Toast Road

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# Community Service Committees

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## Arts

The District 4 Arts Festival is February 19th in Greensboro. I will need any artwork from club-women which placed 1st at our Arts Festival in October to bring to the District Arts Festival. Anyone is welcome to attend this event.

The State Arts Festival is March 12th.

## Conservation

Happy 2011 to everyone and their families! The conservation committee is looking forward to an exciting New Year! February 13th at 2:00 we plan on going to Golden Living Nursing Home to deliver Valentine's Day Cards. Please help us by making/purchasing a card. It can be as easy as putting a picture of your pet on some paper and writing Happy Valentine's Day. Please bring your cards to the February dinner meeting. Most importantly, plan on spending some time that day going to the home. It is so rewarding! If your children and spouses want to come along, that is great! It is a good way to start the year off with MAJWC.

January is National Get Organized Month—here are some helpful hints.

- Sort, sort, sort! This is the first principle of organizing.
- Know where you put things—this is essential. Items without a home become clutter.
- Remember the 3 R's—Remove, Reduce, and RECYCLE!
- Determine what is essential.
- Keep only what you need, use or love.
- Remember, the goal of organizing is to simplify your life. Life is easier when there is less to manage!

## Education

Happy New Year from the Education Community Service Program! We are excited for the upcoming year and are busy planning projects to support our local schools. In addition, we are eager to help Abby with her special project. We will have more information about the upcoming projects soon. We want to thank everyone in advance for all of your help. We look forward to making this a rewarding and productive year!

## Home Life

I'm looking forward to being part of Home Life this year. To go along with Abby's special project and focus for the year, I am going to try my best to keep us involved with the Relay for Life efforts throughout the year. I would like us to focus not only on our own fundraising efforts but to also support the other activities in our community. I plan to continue with the Fight for a Cure this year and hopefully some other fun events to benefit Relay. I have been attending Relay meetings since the beginning of December and will keep you all informed. I also plan to do my best to keep our commitments to the Red Cross, Special Olympics, and the March of Dimes. Any and ALL suggestions are welcomed! Let's get started!!

Amy and Home Life

## International Affairs

- Bring your pocket change to donate funds to Heifer International. You can read more about their mission at <http://www.heifer.org/>
- Please bring in extra coupons you might have for personal care items as these can be used toward shoebox items for next Christmas.

## Public Affairs

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you had a very Merry Christmas! We are excited about the new year and hope to make it the best yet. Welcome to any new members.

Yokefellow item of the Month: cereal, tuna, diapers

# MAJWC Community Service Committees

## Arts

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Jeannie Noble (H)  
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### Local, District, State and Federation Updates

#### Recommendations of the board:

- Education would like to offer a one-time scholarship of \$200 to our second place winner, Jacob Hauser.
- We would like to contribute to GFWC-NC by giving \$394.02 for endowments and special donations for 2011.
- We would like to make a \$200 donation to Special Olympics.

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### Celebrations, Remembrances, Notes of Thanks

- Happy 5th Year Club Anniversary to Beth Bowman
- Happy 2nd Year Club Anniversary to Shannon James
- Congratulations to Scott and Andrea Kniskern on the birth of Chase.

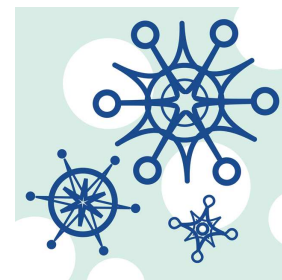
Meredith-Thank you so much for being such an awesome secret sister! You were so thoughtful and I never had a clue. Everything seemed to come at just the perfect time. My boys had so much fun with the gifts as well. You are a great friend and make such a difference to so many of us! I will love getting my Christmas ornament out each year. Thanks again and Happy New Year!!

—Amy Heath

### Did You Know?

MAJWC's programs and projects focus on the major issues of our time—supporting women's health, preserving natural resources, promoting literacy and equality, and encouraging volunteer service...

Source: [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.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**