

President's Message 2010 Mandy Fleming

Welcome 2010! I trust each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday and are ready for a new year with MAJWC! I am so excited to get this year started as your President and I thank you for allowing me to serve you in this position. I look forward to working with each of you, and I encourage you all to work together in service. I would like to dedicate this year to all of YOU! Remember, if you are the best YOU can be, then look out MAJWC—great things are in store!

Our motto for the year is, "Serving Today, for a Better Tomorrow". Think about it. What are you doing today to sustain your family and yourself into the future? What can we do as MAJWC to make better tomorrows for our community? Our special project will give us the opportunity to make a difference!

In 2010, we will sponsor LifeSpan Services, and help support them in their daily efforts to create better tomorrows for the clients they serve. LifeSpan clients include children and adults with developmental disabilities, and LifeSpan works with them to have equal opportunities in education and employment. There are many needs within this organization that we can assist with, and ways that each of our departments can get involved. Throughout the year, I am asking that each of you give your time, talents, resources, and support to the efforts that I lead for this organization. I know you will be rewarded for doing so! We will learn more about LifeSpan, who they are and what they do, at the dinner meeting on Tuesday, as special guests from LifeSpan will be joining us to share.

Pre-board was held this past Tuesday, and my, what a great meeting it was! There were many wonderful project ideas presented and it is exciting to consider the things our club will take part in in the upcoming year. I am already proud of where this club is headed with the start of a new year.

Let's work together, grow together, and SERVE together—

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW!

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- 1.12 January Dinner Meeting, CCCC—Social 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
- 2.1 American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Home Life Department
- 2.21 Membership Social; Time and Place TBA
- Yokefellow: Diapers and Feminine Products
- Secret Sister forms can be turned in at the Dinner meeting
- ALL CLUB DUES SHOULD BE PAID TO ANDREA BY THE DINNER MEETING



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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

1st Vice President-Abby Gallimore

Welcome 2010! I hope that everyone has begun the new decade with a bang. We have an exciting new year ahead of us and I know that we are all ready to make MAJWC better and stronger than ever.

Attached to the newsletter are the **Secret Sister forms**. This is a fun way to get to know your fellow Junior's even better! Remember you don't have to spend money; you can give small treats throughout the year and send notes of encouragement from time to time. The idea is to offer support and a positive attitude through 2010.

We don't have any new members for 2010, yet... but I hope we will soon. If you qualify to be a **mentor** and are interested please let me know. I will have a sign-up sheet at the January dinner meeting. One of my goals for this year is to help mentors and mentees have more opportunities to support one another so that our club women can grow, learn, and have greater understanding of the club.

Socials are being planned for the year that will hopefully spark some interest in your social calendar planning. You can go ahead and plan on a Membership Social on February 21st. We will be looking to invite prospective members, as well as offer a time for mentors to help *bridge the gaps* of our new members. The time and location will be given soon!

Another date to remember is our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. It will be held on Sunday, March 28th. We are looking to have it at Franklin Heights United Methodist Church! Other events that are coming your way may include a Mother's Day Social. Also, we would like to include a summer social with the beach music offered at the amphitheatre. If you have an idea shoot me an email or call and I will be happy to try to make it happen! As we plan and place things on the calendar, I will send emails, Evites, and other information to keep you informed!

Let's make 2010 one of the best for MAJWC. I can't wait for us to get started and continue our tradition of helping our community!

2nd Vice President

No report.

Treasurer—Andrea Kniskern

Please keep the following in mind to make 2010 a smooth financial year!

- Dinner is \$11.00.
- If you RSVP YES to dinner, you will owe \$11.00 whether you attend the dinner meeting or not.
- 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 dinner meeting, but do not plan to eat, please RSVP MAYBE.
- When paying by check for dinner (or 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.

Also, please remember due of \$50 per member are due at the January dinner meeting. You may pay by check or cash at the meeting. If wiring a check, please note “dues” in the memo. If paying by cash, place in a labeled envelope.

GFWC, State, District, and Club Updates



GFWC~It's a VOLUNTEER Thing! ®

You can always find updates about our organizations at the websites below:

www.gfwc.org

www.gfwcnc.org

www.majwc.org



Please take some time to get to know our club and our background more!



Ways and Means—Ann Marie Sheets & Kelly Hull

No report.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Anyone can put information in the celebrations and remembrances section. Amy Heath is our representative for recognizing a member of the club. Please contact her directly for assistance. If you would like your information included in the newsletter, please follow all newsletter deadlines to ensure it is included!

- Happy 4th Year Club Anniversary to Beth Bowman!
- Happy 1st Year Club Anniversary to Shannon James!

Welcome to our newest members!

Departmental Reports

Conservation

Happy New Year!

Book Swap: Jot your name in a few books that were real page turners and bring them to dinner, where there will be a table set up for exchanges. When you bring it back have your own mini book club during our socialization time with the original owner! Magazines are welcome as well.

Dates are not pinned down but we will be doing a few fun activities/fund raisers this year:

*Conserve your clothes: Can't sew a button on? Need to figure out how to fix that hem that is dragging? Look for a sewing workshop to help you keep those favorite items in use for a little while longer and learn a few basic skills as well.

*Make a reusable grocery bag: Take an old pair of pants and sew up a simple bag to take to the grocery store.

We will also be investigating opportunities in which the conservation department can support Mandy's project with Lifespan.

It would be wonderful to see participation from the club in vocalizing the need for curbside recycling in the city of Mt Airy. The city council meets every month and I'd love for us to be the squeaky wheel that makes this possible.

Home Life

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their family and friends. Home Life is gearing up for the annual blood drive on Monday, February 1st. We will be sending around a sign-up sheet for volunteers and food at the dinner meeting.

Public Affairs

Mandi and Nicki are very excited to co-chair the Public Affairs Department for 2010! We are new to this, so please bear with us as we are learning as we go! Thanks to you all for your support and we look forward to 2010!

Yokefellow item for the Month: Diapers and Feminine Products

Winter Skiing Tips for Kids



The CPSC estimates that 7,700 head injuries—including 2,600 head injuries to children—could be prevented or reduced in severity each year by using skiing or snowboarding helmets. Along with wearing a helmet, here are some other good tips that all kids should follow when hitting the slopes this winter:

Wear warm, close-fitting clothing. Loose clothing can become entangled in lifts, tow ropes, and ski poles.

Never ski or snowboard alone. Make sure someone is there to help you if you get hurt.

Ski and snowboard in control, and follow the rules of the slopes.

2010 MAJWC Department Assignments

Arts

Shannon James (C)
Andrea Kniskern
Alisha Southern
Rhonda Taylor
Tina Butcher (H)
Sue Cooke (H)
Mary Planner (H)

Conservation

Timmesa Eads (C)
Amy Heath (C)
Lorie Lindsley
Amanda Barnard
Tarona Hollingsworth
Gail Theard (H)
Beth Martin (H)

Education

Andrea Phillips (C)
Christie Speer
Abby Gallimore
Jennifer Hiatt
Jeannie Noble (H)
Bennie Burton (H)

Home Life

Christie Sheppard (C)
Beth Bowman (C)
Brooke Golding
Louise Wardle
Amy Shough
Amy Slate (H)
Bobbie Collins (H)
Gaynell Dancy (H)

International

Affairs

Laura Cobb (C)
Leanne Routh
Susan Bryant
Nancy Malone
Dana Draughn (H)
Jo Surratt (H)

Public Affairs

Nicki Brame (C)
Mandi Leftwich (C)
Jennifer Jones
Meredith Swanson
Cindy Rader (H)
Sharon Reid (H)
Lone Cooke (H)



Ways and Means

Ann Marie Sheets
Kelly Hull

2010
Mt Airy Jr Woman's Club Secret Sister Information Form

Name _____
Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different) _____

Home Telephone _____
Business Telephone _____

Email _____
Birthday _____

**Husband (or significant
other)'s name** _____
Anniversary _____
Names and Ages _____
of Children _____

Pets _____

Hobbies _____

Collections _____

FAVORITES

Color _____
Flower _____
Mt Airy Restaurant _____
Store _____
Music _____
Reading Material _____

Other Notes _____

** The idea of having and being a secret sister is to develop a special and personal .
relationship between club members. Expensive gifts are not required...it's the thought
that counts!!! You can remember your secret sister with notes, raffle tickets at dinner
meetings, magazines, etc. Be creative and have fun! **

We will once again offer this portion of the newsletter as a community bulletin board. Any member can post items on this page. Please send any notes, kudos, announcements, or comments to Rhonda Taylor by the newsletter deadline to have it entered!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

To ease confusion and make all of our lives easier, the deadline for newsletter submissions will be the Wednesday (by 10 pm) PRIOR to the Tuesday of dinner meetings for each month this year. This will give ample time to compile the newsletter and get it back to the club members by the weekend prior to the dinner meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks!

Rhonda

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.

~ Benjamin Franklin

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