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APRIL 2019

PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

At our March meeting, we had two surveys—one for my own information on the interests of the club members, and the other Club Assessment for the Governor. The results are very interesting. Very few of us are interested in Public Awareness. This is most likely because we have no local newspaper coverage that we can depend on to get our message out. So put your thinking caps on and try to think of ways that we can be more visible in the entire area we are supposed to be representing.

Very few are interested in Growth & Retention, which is surprising since we all agree that we need to grow as a club. How can we accomplish Growth if we aren't interested in this area of our club's health?

The Club Assessment also had a lot of helpful information for the Board to consider as we move forward. For the number of people we have, we are able to accomplish a lot, and all that we do and have done are activities for which we can be very proud. Hopefully we will be able to continue to provide activities to promote the best for women.



Our April meeting will be especially gratifying as we get to meet the women who have won our Scholarship and awards. Don't forget to wear your nametags and pins. Also greet the winners and let them know how pleased we are to be able to help them in their educational endeavors.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee will present next year's slate of officers at the April meeting. If you wish to make a nomination from the floor, make sure you have that person's permission first. The slate will be voted on in May, and officers will be installed in June.

Hope House Center for Women and Children Update

Two Sweet Dreams of Home Bathroom Apartment baskets were delivered to Hope House along with a few other items: 25 pairs of women's and children's shoes; costume jewelry; 3 new lipsticks; misc. motel-toiletries; a set of silverware; and a box of coffee mugs. All were enthusiastically received by Hanna Hamblin, Director of Volunteers. Hanna said they use any new make-up, costume jewelry, and/or gently used purses as rewards. She also mentioned again how happy the women were to be getting the Sweet Dreams of Home Bathroom Baskets when they were moving out.

Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 pm has been confirmed as our next dinner for the residents and working staff (approximately 35-45) at the Center. Four more volunteers are needed to furnish and prepare food items on our Easter menu. Judy Spaulding volunteered to make a dessert (25 servings) and Ann volunteered to make the ham. The following volunteers and items are still needed to complete the dinner:

1. A large crockpot of seasoned green beans (about 25 cups)
2. Potatoes (2 pans: 30-35 cups scalloped/au-gratin, or mashed)
3. Second Dessert (25 servings)
4. Ham (2 boneless hams-Ann will furnish one and cook both if needed-50 servings)

Call Ann at 513-422-5411 or email ann.munafa@gmail.com to notify that you will be able to volunteer or donate a ham for this dinner.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

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MONTHLY INSPIRATION

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CALENDAR

April 1—April Fool's Day

April 4. Board Meeting

April 11—Awards Night

Mt. Pleasant Place

Come at 6:00 to socialize.

April 15—tax deadline

April 18—5:30 p.m. dinner for Hope House Center for Women and Children

April 26-28—Spring Conference in Columbus, OH

October 25 & 26--District Meeting in Newark

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APRIL BIRTHDAY

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APRIL PROGRAM

Our April program will be our Awards Night. This will be a good night to Invite prospective members and the award judges so they can see first-hand the results of our efforts.

RESERVATIONS

Scholarship and Awards chairs, please check with your award winners and judges ASAP and let Gayle know how many winners, judges, and family members will be attending so we will have enough seats, food, and nametags available.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

Our local Live Your Dream Award winner, Brandi Benton, is from Florence, KY and attends Antonelli College. She is studying nursing and hopes to graduate in the fall of 2020. She is a single mother of three and also works 35 hours a week. Brandi was the District level winner and a runner-up at the Region level. She will receive \$1000 from our club and \$3000 from the Region. She plans to attend Spring Conference where she will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

Our club decided to award a second Live Your Dream Award because two ladies were very close in the judging. The second award goes to Keyara Pruden. Keyara is from Cincinnati and attends Northern Kentucky University where she is studying Human Services and Addictions with a focus in Social Work. She hopes to graduate in December. She is a single mother of one and works 40 hours a week. She will receive \$1000 from our club.

Our Virginia Wagner Award winner is Brittany Massey and will be awarded \$1000. Brittany is from Springboro and attends Bowling Green State University. She is a freshman majoring in politics, philosophy, economics, and law with a minor in nonprofit administration and she intends to go on to law school in order to receive her Juris Doctor degree. She wants to apply her education to the nonprofit sector and coordinate legal services for a social services agency, particularly one that deals with foster children. She works 20 hours per week at Discount Drug Mart.

Our club's Miami University Regional Campus winner is Kimberly Danielle Smith from Hamilton. She will receive \$1500. Kimberly is working on her Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science degree. Upon completing her degree, she plans to either continue her education at Miami U. with further studies in chemistry or attend medical school with a goal of becoming a coroner. She hopes to work in a crime lab and use her knowledge of the scientific procedures necessary to help serve justice in her area. Kimberly has maintained a 4.00 GPA for all semesters including challenging courses such as analytical chemistry, genetics, physics, and organic chemistry. She also works two jobs as a file clerk and as a level 2 certified peer chemistry tutor at Miami Regional Campuses

PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank. The money collected in the piggy bank goes toward operating expenses. Feed the piggy if you forget to wear your pin or if you have a birthday during the month.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Jennie wrote the member spotlights this month. They are a separate attachment.

DREAM IT BE IT

The year concluded with speakers representing professions in which the girls had expressed interest. A couple other girls who were not a part of the original group were invited to attend to hear the speakers. The girls were pleased with all they learned this year and expressed interest in being mentors for next year's girls. Kudos to the members who gave their time to work with the girls this year!

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