

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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Hello Ladies, Wow, this year has really gone by fast. It is just so hard to believe that Christmas is a little over a month away. As we look at our busy schedules, do not forget we have our November meeting, Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM at my home. (148 Forest Drive, Ahoskie) Please give me a call if you need directions.

As we have done over the past several years, we are going to collect items for the girls at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. Please bring these items to our November meeting and I will get them in the mail the following day to arrive at the facility for the girls to have at Christmas. In the past the girls have used these items to shop for Christmas gifts for each other and maybe even pick an item for themselves. If you would like to donate something, but cannot make it to the meeting, let me know and I will make arrangements to get it picked up. Everyone bring your calendars. We need to plan our Christmas party meeting. We will do a Chinese Christmas Tree Gift Exchange at this meeting. Be on the lookout for something in the \$20 - \$25 range. Remember you can pick your own gift or take it away. These are a lot of fun!

It is time for Help-a-Home. If you know of someone whose family is going through a difficult time, please bring their name to the meeting.

Also about a month ago I sent out an email discussing the Smithwick

family. One of the suggestions I had from a club member was to maybe adopt the family and try to help provide presents for the kids. I would like to discuss this idea before I contact the family, so please think about this before our meeting.

Arts Festival is quickly approaching. You can find the clubwoman guidelines and categories listed on our website. You will need to go to the member section to find this information. We have also included the school's information on our main page, so feel free to give out our website to teachers if you have a contact. I have been mentioning the District Arts Festival every month. Please keep this in mind for February. We are co-hosting with the Ahoskie Woman's Club. They have been in contact with me regarding items they would like for us to do. It seems like pretty much any kind of theme we would like to do, would be fine with them. If you would like to serve on the committee to plan this district event, please contact either Cheryl or myself.

Another successful year in cookie sales! It was nice having just the one design, it made things go very smoothly. Thanks to those who organized and came out to help. I believe we made enough money to cover our expenses from Heritage Day.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week. If you cannot attend, remember to let either myself or an executive board member know before the meeting.

Thanks, Rochelle

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- November 20 Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rochelle Harrell – Don't forget to bring a gift for the Boys and Girls Home Project .
- December 4 December Meeting? Date will be verified at November meeting

## Department News



## International Affairs

Karla Cooke

WOW! This year our club managed to decorate and pack 20 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We managed to get a few for almost every category based on sex and age group. Thank you to all that contributed gifts and time to make this project a success!

## Home Life & Public Affairs

Michelle Martin & Shannon Pittman

To all members who participated with desserts, working at the fish fry or both, we thank you! This was a great success to our club, since we raised around \$300 that night. The money will be divided between Habitat for Humanity and SAFE. We had great participation from

the club and the desserts were great! Thanks again to all!

## Arts Department News

Cheryl Slachta

Please have all Arts Festival entries turned in at our next meeting (November 20<sup>th</sup>). You can see all the different categories and guidelines on our website at [www.ahoskie.net/ajwc](http://www.ahoskie.net/ajwc). The member access username and password are as follows:

Username: ajwc  
Password: 27910

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\*\* Please keep Cyndi Chamblee and her family in your thoughts and prayers as her little girl is sick and having to spend time in the hospital.

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\*\* At the district meeting new officers and committee chairs were elected for the upcoming term. We are proud to announce that two of our members were elected officials in our District! Cheryl Slachta is District 9 Co-chair for Conservation and Rochelle is our new Director of Juniors. Way to go ladies!!



## *Ahoskie Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour!*

The tour and Luncheon is on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. The tickets are \$10.00 for the Tour and \$8.00 for the Luncheon and Fashion Show. A Combination ticket is \$15.00.

There will be 9 tour sites, including the renovated school.

The Luncheon and Fashion Show begins at 11:30 until 2:00 PM at the Ahoskie United Methodist Church. The tour begins at 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

You can purchase tickets at the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce.

There may be more information to come so check out the website for more information!

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Brinkley at [cebrinkley@coastalnet.com](mailto:cebrinkley@coastalnet.com).