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Hello Ladies,

This year seems to be moving so quickly! Christmas will be here before you know it. Our next meeting will be November 18th at the Mixed Grill at 6:30 pm and I am urging everyone to attend (you can call me or email me if you need directions). This meeting will be a first for some of our newest members and I am looking forward to it! Rochelle and Harriet have planned a very special "game night" for all of us and are asking that each member wear tennis shoes in honor of Girls on the Run. Be sure to read Harriet and Rochelle's Membership section on the following page for more details.

We've already had three successful fundraising projects this year! Just in case you didn't get my email about the bake sale, we made right at \$300 to be split between Habitat for Humanity and RC SAFE. Way to go!! I really appreciate everyone that baked and/or came out to help sell desserts.

It is time for us to start thinking about this year's Help-A-Home project. If anyone knows of someone or a family that could use the help this year, please let me know at the meeting.

We'll also need to discuss our December meeting plans. Sometimes we've opted to move the meeting date earlier than the 3rd Tuesday. So be sure to bring your calendars so we can try and pick a date that is good for everyone. We'll be having our "Chinese"

Christmas gift exchange this year so keep your eyes out for gifts between \$20 and \$25. This is always fun to be a part of (especially when the thieving begins ☺)!

Arts Fest is coming soon so be sure to start thinking of things to bring – photos, crafts, etc.. I will have a list of categories to pass around at this meeting.

If anyone has sewn any of the blue bears for the Blue Bear Brigade project, you can go ahead and bring them to the meeting. I'll collect them and when we have enough done we can start stuffing and drawing faces. They are going to be so cute and I cannot wait for us to donate them to our local emergency departments!

I also need everyone to bring your monthly report for October 30th – November 17th. If you don't have one, I will have extras at the meeting. This will include any time you spent decorating cookies and delivering them. Don't forget to add any other volunteer activities!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting! Be sure to let me know in advance if you won't be able to attend. You can email me at khc@gate811.net or call my cell at 209-1730.

Karla



Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

November is American Diabetes, National PTA, Child Safety & Protection Month

November 18 Meeting
6:30p.m. at
the Mixed
Grill

November 27 Thanksgiving

Department News



This month's meeting
host:

Membership Department
Rochelle Harrell & Harriet
Byrum

Where: Mixed Grill
2323 US Highway 13 South Ahoskie
When: Tuesday, November 18th @
6:30 PM – dinner will be served
Theme: Game Night

Game On!!!

During our November meeting we will host a membership social. We are so excited to be coming into this with potential members who have already participated in a service project. To be a candidate for membership, a potential member has to complete a service project and attend one meeting. For those potential members who have not done a service project, they still have an opportunity. The GFWC-NC's special project this for this Executive Term is Girls on the Run. You will learn more about this program at upcoming meetings, but we will be collecting items for this

project at this upcoming meeting. We have included a list of their suggestions.

Please invite your potential members to the meeting on Tuesday, November 18th. Remember what it was like when you attended a membership social. Offer to pick them up so they are not coming into a setting where they may not know someone when they first walk in. To promote an atmosphere of socializing and entertainment, we are going to host a game night. We will have games set up so that members and new members can interact in a relaxed environment and get to know each other. We will be serving dinner, so come with an appetite and your best game face. ☺ We also think that in support of this project that it would be fun for everyone to come wearing tennis shoes.

Karla will be showing a membership video, we will have posters about different departments and pictures of service projects we have done, so that our new members will get a good understanding of our civic organization.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, November 18th.

Harriet and Rochelle

Help support the Girls on the Run program with non-monetary donations:

- stickers
- markers, pencils
- colored paper/card stock for lessons
- pizza gift certificates for end of the season banquet
- gift certificates to Target, Walmart or Harris Teeter for supplies and snacks for the girls
- athletic socks

Arts Department

Cheryl Slachta
Rochelle Harrell



I was surfing the internet recently and I searched for Crafts to see what I could find. I found lots of websites with lots of interesting ideas. Search online and see if you can find something that motivates you to turn in an entry for our Upcoming Art's festival in January. There are a lot of categories to select from and we will be getting that information out on the website for you shortly.

Rochelle

Awards

It is that time of year again! I'd like us to go ahead and vote for our December awards at the upcoming meeting. I am attaching a separate ballot page so you can go ahead and start thinking about your nominees. If you can, have them filled out and bring them to the meeting. If you cannot attend, you can email your nominees to me at khc@gate811.net. I will have some extra ballots at the meeting in case someone forgets to bring theirs.

Karla



Note from the Treasurer

Shannon Pittman



Hey Ladies,

As a result of district dues increasing this year, we've had to slightly increase our dues to \$45.00. I'm asking that everyone have their dues for 2009 paid by our December meeting. We can get an extra award if everything for the club is paid for by December 31, 2008. If anyone would like to pay their dues earlier or has any personal information they need me to change for the state membership please let me know so I can update your information. I hope everyone will continue to remain a member of the Ahooskie Junior Woman's Club. I also wanted to thank all of you who have helped out so much on the recent activities we have had. Without all of your help we wouldn't be as successful in the community as we are. Please feel free to call me with any concerns you would like to pay dues before the December meeting.

Shannon

Conservation

Stephanie Rose



Gardening Tips for November

Plants in Flower

- Witch Hazel

Plants with Colorful Berries

- American Beautyberry, burford Holly, Chinese Holly, Foster Holly, Nellie R. Stevens Holly, Nandina, Pyracantha, Washington Hawthorn, and Dogwood

Fertilizing

- Use wood ashes around the vegetable garden, bulb beds, and around non-acid loving plants if soil pH is below 6.0.

Planting

- Trees and shrubs can be transplanted in the autumn.
- Plant one year old asparagus crowns in the vegetable garden this month.
- Finish planting spring-flowering bulbs.

Pruning

- Time to trim existing asparagus foliage. Cut to the ground after the foliage is killed by frost.
- Cut back and clean up frost-killed perennials.
- When cutting holiday greener, use sharp pruners to make cuts above a bud or side branch.

Propagation

- Water your cuttings in the coldframe as needed.
- You may want to try your hand at air layering on some of your house plants like dieffenbachia or dumb cane.

Specific Chores

- Lime to the areas in need of liming. Wait until spring to fertilize.
- Check with the local Extension office for the recommended fruit varieties for the area.
- Order fruit trees and grape vines this month for a February or March delivery and planting.
- Remember to water your evergreen trees and shrubs thoroughly before winter sets in, particularly if weather conditions have been dry.
- Look to see if screens or windbreaks are needed around your home.

- Continue filling the compost bin with the fallen leaves.
- Look for yuletide plants as gifts. Remember, some plants like poinsettias should be placed in the sunniest room in the house.

Stephanie Rose

Birthdays and Anniversaries!!



Anniversaries

11/16

Stephanie

11/29

Heather