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Hello Ladies!

I hope that everyone's cookie sales are going as planned. We will be meeting around 3:00 at the First Presbyterian Church to decorate on the 30th. Our plans have changed a little regarding the Membership Social. Harriet and Rochelle will be sending out invitations to the new member prospects as planned, but we'd like to get them involved in one of our upcoming projects such as the cookie decorating or the Fish Fry coming up on November 3rd. This way, they'd have a service project completed and will have to only attend one meeting to officially become a member. After the invitations have been sent, please give your prospects a call to follow-up.

Shannon will be heading up our November Fish Fry so please let her know what desserts you'll be bringing and also what hours you can work. We are asking that everyone bring at least 2 desserts. There will be a signup sheet at the church on the 30th for one-hour slots. Shannon will be at Catherine's Restaurant around 4:00 on November 3rd. Time slots will be available from then until 8:00-9:00pm depending on when and if we sell out of baked goods. If you know you won't be at the church on the 30th, please give Shannon

a call at 287-7366 to sign up for a time.

Rochelle had a great idea concerning Look Good Feel Better. We're tossing around the idea of getting the Elizabeth City Juniors to visit us and help us raise money for this project. I'll send out details soon!

The Ahsoskie Christmas Parade is coming on November 22nd. I'd like to see us participate in this event. If anyone has any ideas, let me know on the 30th.

Also coming up is the voting at Guardian Care on the 22nd. Catherine and Sarah's newsletter entry explains everything. If you haven't signed up for a time, please contact Catherine at 287-8816.

I know it is a busy time of year for all of us but if we pull together we can get all of these projects done. I love hearing new ideas! If you have one, don't hesitate to call me – day or night. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next few functions!

Karla

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

October is National UNICEF, Domestic Violence Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, Parent Involvement, Child Health, Junior, Energy Awareness, Learning Disability, and Crime Prevention Month!

October Calendar

- 13 – Columbus Day
- 16 – National Boss' day
- 21 – National Mammography Day
- 22 – Voting at Guardian Care 10:00 and 2:00
- 24 – United Nations Day
- 25 – Make a Difference and World Food day
- 25 – GFWC District Fall Meeting
- 30 – Cookie Decorating
- 31 – Cookie Delivery and Halloween *Have monthly reports filled out and bring to church.

Department News



Public Affairs

Catherine Pierce
Sarah Brown

Happy Fall Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful Fall season. Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting. Carolyn and Bill Arrington provided us with a lot of information about the Food Pantry. This is a time when they need everyone's support and I was thrilled to see how much food we collected for them. You know every little bit helps.

Now onto our next project, the time has come to make the Big Decision. Will it be McCain or Obama. Guardian Care Nursing Home has asked for volunteers to help some of their residents vote by absentee

ballots. This is a great way for us to contribute to the community and help others get their voices heard.

Their big voting day will be Wednesday, October 22, 2008. There will be two times to help. There will be a session at 10:00 am and a session at 2:00 pm. Those that have signed up for 10 and 2 are:

10:00 am

Cyndi Chamblee
Cheryl Slachta
Shannon Pittman
Carrie Hairston
Karla Cooke

2:00 pm

Heather Summer
Harriet Byrum
Catherine Pierce

If you have not signed up you can still help. We need all the participation we can get for this project. When you arrive at Guardian Care, Carolyn Pierce is in charge of this activity and will let you know what needs to be done. I am looking forward to this event and feel it will be a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone for all of you participation and God Bless America.

Catherine Pierce



Arts Department

Cheryl Slachta
Rochelle Harrell

As we are purchasing the cute Halloween costumes for our little ones or visit a pumpkin patch, what

a great opportunity to have a photography entry in our Art's Contest. Also if you are creative, you can make a fall wreath or table arrangement of all natural products and enter as a craft project.

We will be getting the requirements out on our website again this year. The website served as a great way to publish all of the rules and guidelines for categories to each member. The Ahoskie Woman's Club will be hosting the student contest this year and there are some rule changes for those entries. If you would like to see if your child's age qualifies for an entry, please let us know and we will get you the information.

Cheryl & Rochelle

Membership Rochelle Harrell Harriet Byrum

It is time for a Membership Drive. We have asked you to give us names of your friends who would be interested in joining AJWC. The State Board has declared October is 'Act in Oct' which is their push to increase membership in local clubs. So we decided to do something different this year.

As you all know to become a member, you had to participate in a service project, so we want to take advantage of this time. October is a busy month for us full of service projects which would meet the requirements of a new member. We would like to have them participate in October so we can submit new member names to the State. Once they have participated in our service we will induct them as members in November.

Service Project Options

October 22nd - Voting at Guarding Care

October 31st - Cookie Decorating
November 3rd - Fish Fry to benefit Safe and Habitat

Harriet and Rochelle

Conservation

Stephanie Rose



It is not uncommon for insects and diseases to be more abundant in the fall. Strive to keep fall vegetables healthy and actively growing; healthy plants are less susceptible to insects and diseases. When sufficient damage is detected, use an approved pesticide.

You can extend the season of tender vegetables by protecting them through the first early frost. In North Carolina, we often enjoy several weeks of good growing conditions after the first frost.

Cover growing beds or rows with burlap or a floating row cover supported by stakes or wire to keep the material from directly touching the plants. Individual plants can be protected by using milk jugs, paper cups or water -holding walls. Most of the semi-hardy and hardy vegetables will require little or no frost protection. Semi-hardy vegetables should be harvested before a heavy freeze. Root crops such as carrots and radishes should be harvested or mulched heavily before a hard freeze.

Shrubs & Trees

October is a good month to plant shrubs and trees.

Root Cuttings

Most flowering shrubs can be propagated by means of hardwood cuttings. Make cuttings of mature wood 6-8" long.

Pansies & Mums

Plant pansies and mums for seasonal color.

Geraniums

Bring in geraniums before the first frost.

Houseplants

Bring houseplants indoors when temperatures dip below 50°F. Give them a good bath in soapy water or spray with insecticidal soap. Move plants into partial shade for a week to condition them to lower light levels indoors.

***Average frost date is
October 31.***

Stephanie

Birthdays and Anniversaries!!



Birthdays

10/2	Cyndi
10/8	Deborah
10/14	Rosemary
10/30	Catherine

Anniversaries

10/10	Cheryl
10/30	Sarah