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Treasure Coast Chapter Quarterly Newsletter

President's Message

God bless:



I am thankful and grateful to be a part of the Treasure Coast Chapter. We are a unique group of mothers who practice the love and beliefs of Christ. It is a blessing for us to have unity. I pray for God to continue guiding us as we nurture the future leaders of America: Jacks and Jills.

The latter portion of our year is approaching. We have several activities planned for the duration of the year. There are many activities the chapter will need everyone's participation: New Member Orientation & Initiation, Fathers' Appreciation, Senior Banquet, and May Monthly Meeting. These activities will set the tone for our new incoming mothers. Your active involvement will motivate and encourage their participation. Our chapter needs YOU!

As always, prayer changes things. We live in a time where we need one another. Keep our chapter families in your prayers, many of our members are experiencing challenges. But I know, JOY will come in the morning!

With love and prayer,
Mother Melissa Hill

Membership TEA!



Successful, fun, and informative are the best descriptions of our annual membership tea. We worked hard recruiting and preparing for an meaningful event. The tea was held on Sunday, January 23, 2011.



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Leadership & Financial Modules

Integrity & Ethics, Communication/Public Speaking, & Take-Home Pay, Benefits & Taxes

Our second modules workshop was filled with much entertainment and learning. We celebrated Chloe's 10th birthday!

We began the evening with a tour from Mother Janice Williams of our African American History at Greater Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church. One of our own Jack and Jill Associate mothers, Pat Drummond, was instrumental in creating the cultural display for her church. Our children were able to view our history up close. They had the opportunity to ask questions and receive feedback from mothers in attendance.

After the tour, we continued to expose our children to notable African American Inventors. They created books highlighting the various inventors featured in the movie. A discussion was lead focusing on integrity and ethics involving the treatment of our ancestors.

We transitioned to talking about money! Our Jacks and Jills were enlightened with the difference between gross and net pay. They realized how much deductions are taken away from earned income.

We ended the evening with public speaking. Jacks and Jills were given the opportunity to present their oratorical speeches.



Above: Art created from seaweed at Smithsonian.

Smithsonian Marine Station Open House

We had fun, fun, fun, while learning at the Smithsonian. There were hands on activities for all ages.

Jacks and Jills were able to view microscopic organisms through microscopes and watch their activities. Learning was enhanced though scavenger hunts throughout the facilities; upon completion of the scavenger hunt, participants were given a prize.

Our chapter looks forward to next year's Smithsonian Open House!



Christmas Program

Treasure Coast Chapter Associates
Celebrating the reason for the season happens annually in the Treasure Coast Chapter. This year we were entertained with our Jacks and Jills talents through music, song, and skits.

Our chapter Associates hosted a night of fun and entertainment. We are fortunate to have women who believe in our children. They continually invest their time, expertise, and finances to support our local chapter activities. We look forward to future activities hosted from our awesome associates.



United We Serve

Phase Two:

In addition to celebrating the holiday season at our Annual Christmas Party, we paid tribute to a military family. Our regional service project: United We Serve encourages all chapters to incorporate recognizing military families for their contribution to our county. We sponsored a movie night out to the Nulph family.

Melissa Nulph, Sergeant 1st Class, is currently serving in the Army. She has been active with armed forces for 19 years. While serving, she has been deployed three times all to Iraq. Melissa is currently married to Ronald Nulph. They have been married for 17 years. From their union, God blessed them with two sons: Brian, and Ronald, Jr.

Our chapter is thankful for all military men and women serving our country. Words cannot express our gratitude for their service.

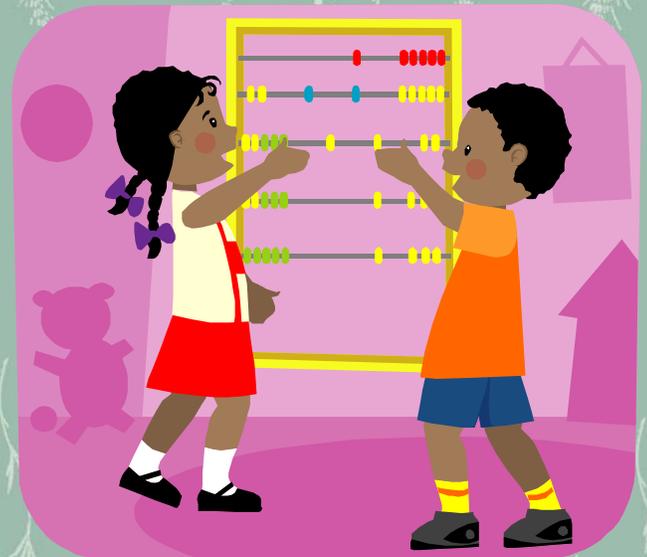


Pointe West

Our Jacks and Jills experienced snow in sunny Florida. The Treasure Coast Chapter attended the Pointe West's Snow and Ice Event. The afternoon started off with rain, but ended with a day full of fun. They experienced ice skating, snow tubing, playing with snow, and delicious food!



*Let's Work, Let's Play,
Let's live together
Is our Jack and Jill Motto forever.
We're one big family of love
With blessings from God up above
Gain our children's trust
Make them leaders we must
To believe in themselves
To achieve and excel
Let's Work, Let's Play,
Let's live together
Is our Jack and Jill Motto forever
In our hearts we pray that everyday
Our motto's fulfilled
Long live Jack and Jill*



AIM For Healthy Living

Mothers continue to incorporate healthier habits into your daily routine. All members were e-mailed the literature on Jack and Jill Across America. This is a family activity. Please e-mail your logs weekly in order to submit to the regional chair. Remember if you have a healthy kids-tested lunch recipe please forward to Mother Melissa. Our region will select the best recipes to represent our region in our national cookbook.

Martin Luther King Activities Youth Symposium, Candle Light March & NAACP Event

Jacks and Jills started the New Year off engaged. They were participating in numerous local activities honoring the legacy of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. Our first activity was the Youth Symposium. Two of our chapter Mothers: Monique Thompson and Sylvia Panton were presenters in the forum. They keynote speaker was astronaut, Robert L. Sapcher Jr. PH.D, M.D of Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Huston Texas. In addition we participated in the Unity March. After the march, we attended the NAACP function where the keynote speaker was Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy A Quince; she was a former Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Mother.



Jack & Jill Teen Update

Teen conference is fast approaching, June 22-26, 2011. Registration will open next week on March 15, 2011. The first 100 registrants will receive a \$25.00 discount on their conference registration. We have begun planning for our chapter t-shirts and banners. Senior bios and pictures for the Regional Conference are due on or before March 15, 2011. The teen community service project for this year is collecting toiletries to donate to the Restoration House. In addition, on March 19, 2011 teens will read books to the younger Jacks and Jills at the Indian River County Library. The Regional Teen Foundation drive: Top in the Nation for Foundation, expects for each teen to contribute \$2.00 per month from September through May in support of the foundation drive.

Teen Conference

July 22-26, 2011
Atlanta, GA

Registration Opens March 15
www.regonline.com/55thSERTC



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Gaylord Palms Winter Activity ICE! and SNOW

The celebration of the Holiday Season didn't end with Christmas. Our chapter continued on with excitement in Orlando on December 28, 2010 at ICE! and SNOW. We started the day off with lunch at Catina del Sol: delicious! Our first activity was touring the ice sculptures in freezing temperatures around 30 degrees. There were jaw dropping ice sculptures throughout the tour. In addition to ice sculptures, there was an ice slide. In between events, various activities and shows were made available to us. We watched performances and toured the site. Alligators and koi were featured during the tour. Jacks and Jills were able to feed them as well. Last but not least, we had a ball with SNOW.

SNOW was a carnival style activity. Jacks and Jills threw snow balls, enjoyed snow tubing, and played various carnival style games. Everyone left for the night exhausted from a great day out with our children.



Reminders: Continue to collect canned goods, toiletries, and clothing. Before Summer, we will donate all collected canned goods to the Treasure Coast Food Bank. In addition, the teens are collecting toiletries for donation to the Restoration House. Lastly, our chapter will donate items to the Haitian Relief Efforts.

Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Founders' Day

On January 9, 2011 we worshiped together at Greater Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church paying tribute to our Founders. We were uplifted by the spiritual message. The church encouraged us to continue investing in our children. After service, we dined together at Sam Snead's. Everyone ended the day full spiritually and physically.



Associates Appreciation Thank You!

Words cannot express our gratitude for our Associates. Thank you for your continued support, time, and investment into our children. You are a gift from above!



Upcoming Activities

- March TBD, Lakewood Park School & Frederick Douglass Beach Clean-up
- March 11-13, 2011 Southeastern Region Trip, New Orleans, LA
- March 19, 2011 Book Reading, Vero Beach Library
- March 27, 2011 Monthly Chapter Meeting & New Member Orientation, Applebee's, Port St. Lucie
- April 2, 2011 Fathers Appreciation, Museum Pointe Park, Ft. Pierce
- April 9, 2011 Oratorical Competition in Brevard County
- April 10, 2011 New Membership Initiation, Hampton Inn Suites, Ft. Pierce
- May 14, 2011 Black Family Day, Blizzard Beach Disney Theme Park* (Note Date Change)
- May 20, 2011 ELC Sleepover, Wabasso
- June 22-26, 2011 Atlanta, GA
- July 14-17, 2011 Mothers Conference, Jackson, MS
- September 2-5, 2011 Southeastern Region Book Club Trip, Canada

