OUTSTANDING CROWN CLUB CHAPTER AWARD ENTRY
2015-16

SPONSORING JA CHAPTER: DeSoto County

CHAPTER/CLUB ADDRESS: PO Box 1434
Southaven, MS 38671-0015

NUMBER OF CROWN CLUB MEMBERS: 35

JA CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS OF CLUB: 

State briefly the age range of Crown Club members, how they are selected, how often and how long they meet, how and which officers are selected, and all requirements for membership, including meeting attendance and minimum service hours that must be worked.

Our Crown Club members are 9th-12th grades from all 8 high schools in DeSoto County.

Applications are delivered to all the high schools and passed out to any interested girls. The application includes an essay that explains why the candidate would be a good member. The girls have to be sponsored by either a JA member or their school counselor. Daughters of JA members do not have to have a sponsor. Other membership requirements are the candidate must have a 3.0 grade point average and lived in DeSoto County for a year. The members must attend 5 of the 8 regular meetings and maintain a 3.0 GPA. Crown Club meets once a month from September to April for one hour. Officers are elected at the second meeting. The Vice-President from the previous year will be President the next year. Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by nominations then a secret ballot. We do have a section on the JA DeSoto website with information the girls might need.

Are applicants whose mother is an active or associate JA member in good standing given preference? yes

POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE: MARCH 15, 2015

U.S. MAIL ADDRESS TO:
NAJA HEADQUARTERS
P.O. BOX 1873

OR
P.O. ADDRESS TO:
845 SOUTH MAIN
GREENVILLE, MS 38701

OR
najanet@bellsouth.net
Does the club have a Web site? _yes_ If so, address: www.jadesoto.org _
__Crown Club Tab_____

For the most recently completed service year, how many service hours were worked overall by the membership? How many girls exceeded the minimum number of hours required by 10 or more hours? ____ We have not had any members exceed their required 10 hours, but the Crown Club still has one more service project left. _______________________

Club budget and amount spent on each project: ___$1575__________

Amount provided by JA Chapter: ___$0___ Amount provided via Club fundraiser/s: ___$1855__

Does the Club award scholarships? _yes_ If so, how many, amount and brief criteria for selection: __The JA Desoto chapter provides three scholarships and Crown Club members are given preference on receiving the scholarships. The scholarships are $1,000 and recipients are expected to exemplify the five points of the Junior Auxiliary Crown: Charity, Youth, Health, Leadership, and Service. ___

Does the Club maintain a scrapbook? _yes_ If so, how is it compiled? ________by crown club members in a scrapbook ____________________________

Attach to application the following: Copy of Club's Constitution, several meeting agendas, paperwork reflecting means of recording members' service hours, list of officers by name, membership application, and if applicable, a club scholarship application. Attach complete list and description of projects and for each, how many service hours were worked, number of CC girls who worked the project, and number of JA members who worked the project.

In 750 words or less, **DOUBLE SPACED:** describe the Club, give an overview of its community service projects, administration and financial management, and detail how the Club plans and prepares its projects. List Club projects that are direct partnerships with any projects performed by the sponsoring JA Chapter. Describe any special challenges or adversity that this Club has faced. Specifically describe and include how the Club developed any noteworthy creative or challenging projects. Describe the brainstorming and discovering of needs in the community, and delivery of services through projects, that make this Club worthy of recognition as one of the Outstanding Crown Clubs of all Chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries (Attach separate essay) **Send one digital photo per entry either email or on disc.**

**IT IS UNNECESSARY TO SUBMIT ANY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL. THE AWARD WILL BE JUDGED ON THE NARRATIVE ONLY.**
The Crown Club of Desoto County is five years old has continued to grow in membership and service. The first project of the year was The Polar Express Party. Crown Club provided a Christmas party and gifts to 20 children who were being served by DHS. Breakfast was served first-donuts, muffins, and chocolate milk. Then, children took turns going to work stations-making a bell necklace, reindeer ornament, reindeer food, and hot cocoa. Next, they watched the Polar Express movie. Afterwards, Santa arrived with bags of presents to hand out. Each child received pajamas, candy, train whistle, train tattoos, and the Polar Express book. This event showed our Crown club girls that not all families can provide a Christmas to their children, and taught them the importance of remembering that there is always someone in need. The second service project is the Spa Party. This event is provided to Kindergarten and first graders. It teaches them that they are important and everyone deserves a little pampering. The party also focuses on beauty and teaching these girls that even though they are different everyone is beautiful. The members are also invited to all JA service projects to help in any capacity needed. Three projects that draw quite a few Crown Club members are Jump Back to School, Healthy Today, Healthy Tomorrow, and Girl’s U. These extra opportunities allow the members to exceed their required of service hours.

The members plan their projects during the meetings. The president facilitates all the meetings and the members vote on the projects. There are then sign-up sheets created for each member to receive a responsibility. The crown club decided this year to have a Crown Club night for a fundraiser. The fundraiser was held at Lost Pizza Company. The club received a portion of all proceeds from one night of sales. The girls also worked at the restaurant and helped clean up tables and greet customers. The Crown Club raised $1800 during the event.

Crown Club of Desoto has had another great year. The Crown Club grew again this year. We have continually added members each year. We retained a large number of our returning
girls, and we added more new girls than last year. We have also begun to have JA members’
daughters begin to join. This is especially exciting to see the young ladies grow up within the JA
family. With counselor and principal nominations, we have continued to grow. We are also
proud of the positive ‘talk’ our crown club receives. This has helped get the Crown Club name in
the community and it has helped us increase our numbers. We have seen as our JA chapter
thrives so does our Crown Club.

The Crown Club of Desoto has looked at the needs in the community with the younger
children. This is the population they wanted to work with and have stuck with happily every
year. This year the projects the Crown Club wanted to do changed from what had been done in
the past. They revamped the old projects this year to help make things more fresh for the. We
changed the Princess party to a Spa party. We continued with a Christmas party but changed the
theme. These changes helped this year’s girls truly make the projects their own. This need to
create a club that is truly theirs helps this group of girls this year really outstanding. Junior
Auxiliary of Desoto is very proud of the originality of our Crown Club this year.
Junior Auxiliary of Desoto County

Crown Club

Objective:
The objective of this organization shall be to foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, civic, and cultural conditions about them; to develop leadership and character; to prepare for good citizenship; and to demonstrate concern for others.

Policy:
The Crown Club shall be an affiliate of the Junior Auxiliary of Desoto County, and its policies shall be in harmony with the policies of that chapter. All activities and projects of the Crown Club shall be subject to the approval of the Crown Club Chairman/Co-Chairman, who is an active member of Junior Auxiliary of Desoto County. This Chairman/Co-Chairman shall direct all activities including membership, service projects, and finance requirements with the approval from the Board of Directors of the Junior Auxiliary of Desoto County.

Membership:
A prospective candidate may be considered for membership if she:

- 9th - 12th grade
- Has been a resident of Desoto County for one year
- Has an overall 3.0 or above grade point average
- Is a daughter of any active, life, or associate member in good standing
- Is nominated by a school counselor or principal with a letter of recommendation

Additional candidates may be nominated by an active or associate/life member in good standing with the chapter. The active or associate/life member shall fill out a form of recommendation. After being invited, the prospective member will compose a one page essay describing why she would like to become a member of the Crown Club of Desoto County. The essay will then be reviewed by the Crown Club advisors and submitted to the Chapter for final approval.

To maintain a membership in good standing, a member must:

- Attend 5 of the 8 regular meetings
- Pay annual dues of $50 by October 1, 2015
- Complete a minimum of 10 service hours
- Complete a minimum of 2 finance hours
- Maintain an overall 3.0 or above grade point average
Meetings:

Regular Monthly Meetings will be held at a time appointed by the Crown Club Chairman at the beginning of the Crown Club year.

The Crown Club Year:

Will be from September to May

Crown Club Projects:

- Polar Express Christmas Party
- The Spa Party
- Lost Pizza Crown Club Night

*Other projects will develop throughout the year to give more opportunities for service hours

Officers:

President- Emma Kate Varden

Vice President- Cindy Nguyen

Secretary- Madison Brandon

Treasure- Bailey Taylor
Service Projects:

**Polar Express Party**- provide a Christmas party for underprivileged children who are in the service of DHS. Provide them with a Christmas present and Polar Express related presents. The kids completed crafts and made Christmas Cookies. They meet Santa and received their present from him. They also watched the Polar Express movie.

Crown Club Members and hours worked- 16 members for a total of 64 hours.

JA Members and hours worked- 11 members for a total of 25 hours

Spa Party- This party is a new project. The Crown Club will target kindergarten and first graders who have self-esteem issues in school. The local school counsellors will nominate 2 girls from their school for this party. At the party, the girls will make kool aid lip gloss, have a facial, manicure and pedicure. The reason for the party is to make relationships with these girls and to show them how special they are.

This Project is planned for April so no statistics are available yet.
2013-2014 Crown Club Application

J.A. Member Name_________________________________________ Daughter____ Nominee____

Name ___________________________________________________ Age________

School ___________________________________________ Grade_______

Parent’s Names ____________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

City ___________________________ MS Zip Code__________

Phone (Parent’s) ___________________ Cell (Parent’s)__________

Phone (Student’s) ___________________ Cell (Student’s) __________

Email Address __________________________________________ (Parent’s)

Email Address __________________________________________ (Student’s)

Preferred method of Contact: ___Home Phone ___Cell ___Text ___Email

I understand that as a member of Crown Club, I will be responsible to pay yearly dues of $50 by October 1, 2014. I will also be doing service and finance projects in the community, and I will be responsible to commit a certain number of hours to said projects taken on by Crown Club of DeSoto County.

__________________________________________ Student Signature

__________________________________________ Parent’s Signature

__________________________________________ Signature of the Person Nominating

If you have questions please contact either: Alexis Baskin (Crown Club Chairman)
or Sarah Chandler (Crown Club Co-Chairman)

Please Mail Applications to: Nikki Courson 4242 Spring Place

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Crown Club October Meeting

1. Lost Pizza is confirmed for October 26th from 5-9pm. We will receive 10% of the proceeds.
2. The Yeti cooler did not work out, so we are raffling off a “Family Night Out” package that includes:
   -$50 Lost Pizza
   -$25 Orange Leaf
   -4 movie tickets

3. You have to sell 10 tickets- $5 each. Be sure to include the customer’s name and number on the back of the ticket. They do NOT have to be present at Lost Pizza.
4. There will not be a meeting in November, but we will sometime during the week before Thanksgiving break to shop for pajamas for Christmas party. Shopping will be at Target, Wal-Mart, or Old Navy.
5. December 12th from 10-12 is the confirmed time for the Polar Express party. It will be located at DeSoto Hills Church.
6. We are expecting around 25 kids, and we will set up at different centers (art, cookies, etc.) while playing the movie.
7. On our December 7th meeting, we will play dirty Santa. The price limit is $10.00
8. If you have not paid your dues, please do so ASAP!
Crown Club December Meeting

Announcements
- Polar Express party is this Saturday, Dec. 12th from 10-12pm. Members need to arrive at DeSoto Hills Baptist no later than 9:30am.
- 15 kids (ages 4-9) are expected to show. Keep in mind that a few have special needs.
- You must wear your Crown Club t-shirt.

Upcoming Events
- There will not be a meeting in January; however, members will be presented to JA Feb. 16th at Baptist DeSoto Hospital.
- Be there at 6:20pm and dress for success.

New Service Project
- We have voted to do a “Spa Party” instead of the Princess Party
- Girls came up with several ideas to do at “Spa Party”
- Feel free to look at Pinterest for more ideas!!!!!
February Crown Club Meeting

1. February 16th- Crown Club will be introduced in front of Junior Auxiliary and Crown Club Parents. Meeting Place- Baptist DeSoto Hospital- North Entrance- 2nd door to the left. Crown Club Advisor, Alexis Baskin, will speak first and then introduce the four main officers. President, Emma Kate, will introduce the 2015-2016 Crown Club Committee. Cake and punch will be served afterwards.

2. Spa Party has been booked for April 9th at DeSoto Hills Baptist Church. The time will be 10:30am-12pm. School counselors have been contacted to nominate 3 girls from Kindergarten or 1st grade. We will be doing face masks, making cool aid lip gloss, pedicures, manicures, and doing hair.

3. End of year party- will be at Pleasant Hill Art Center on April 4th or 11th. We will have pizza and drinks.