WHY ATTEND AREA MEETINGS?

School bells are ringing, football games and tailgates are being planned and all those Junior Auxiliary activities are ready to begin. Are you ready?

Schedules begin to get crowded but don’t forget those important Area Meetings. Why Area Meetings? These meetings provide a more one-on-one opportunity to meet and share ideas for your Chapters. These meetings give you an added boost of energy and reinforce your true reason for being a member of Junior Auxiliary.

As a leader of your Chapter and in your community, it is vital for you to energize yourself. Plans and goals for your year can run more smoothly if you are ready to learn and to lead. “Our Hands Quick to Help Others” is truly the backbone of Junior Auxiliary. Our hands may be the only “set” that reaches out to the children of your community. Your hands may be the only ones that show children they are important and can succeed in life. One session we have planned for you in this meeting will truly leave you knowing why your hands are so important to your community and to this organization.

Why Area Meetings? These meetings remind you of the importance of your hands to your community and to your Chapter. Your hands touch the lives of others. Your hands help today but last for a lifetime. Be at your Area Meetings . . .

Southern Meeting—August 23
Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, MS

Northern Meeting—September 20
Whispering Woods Hotel & Convention Center, Olive Branch, MS

NAJA Foundation Facts

MORE FOUNDATION FUN

Your NAJA Foundation is getting geared up for a fabulous new year! Thanks to your participation, our 2013-2014 Annual Fund was a huge success and we want to be sure you are reaping the benefits. Make your plans to stop by the NAJA Foundation table at Area Meeting and we will once again share how to participate, both in the donation process and in the application process for grants funded by the Foundation—National Service Project, National Focus, and AEC Grants.

To add to Foundation Fun at Area Meeting, everyone who stops by the table will receive a ticket for a fabulous door prize drawing! Come see us and take this valuable information back to your Chapter! The number of grants awarded is growing every year, due entirely to the increased awareness of what the Foundation does and how we can help YOU! Truly, “We’re Better Together!”

Tips from the NAJA Treasurer

DON’T FORGET: FORM 990

In order to be in compliance with federal law and NAJA Minimum Standards, your Chapter should file a version of Form 990 (Form 990, Form 990-EZ or Form 990-N) with the IRS by September 15th.

If your Chapter’s gross receipts are less than $50,000, your treasurer or accountant should fill a Form 990-N, a simple e-postcard stating your Chapter’s gross receipts are less than $50,000. The instructions for filing this can be found on page 17 of the Treasurer’s Manual.

Any Chapter with receipts more than $50,000 should file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Instructions for this can also be found on page 17. Even if your Chapter uses an accountant for filing taxes, your Chapter must ensure that this is done by September 15. Additionally, a copy of the e-mail confirmation (for 990-N) or a copy of the completed form (990 or 990-EZ) must be forwarded to Headquarters by October 15 in order to meet minimum standards.

Message from the Education Committee

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS?

Area Meeting is the perfect energizer for your new JA year of service. We are excited to offer several workshops that will benefit everyone–Provisional members, Active members and Chapter Officers. The workshops will include the following:

• “The Wonderful World of Social Media” will show you the “how to’s” of using social media to promote your Chapter.

• Communications expert and Life member Darlene Carey will use humor to tackle “Chapter Conflict Resolution and Adult Bullying”.

• Making our service projects “Hands On” will be the focus of a workshop facilitated by NAJA Foundation Trustee President Lyn Patrick.

• JA of Tupelo will present their National Focus project “POW” which uses a smart-phone app, a tech-savvy method of reaching teens with abstinence information.

• “Connect with Kids Websource for Projects” will dig deeper into the programming possibilities of their website.

• Individual workshops will be offered for Chapter Presidents, Provisional trainers, and Treasurers to meet with NAJA experts regarding challenges faced in these leadership roles.