Meeting Schedule:
8:30 - 9:30 Registration
9:30 - 10:00 Business Meeting
10:15 - 12:30 Presidents, Treasurers, and Provisional Trainers
10:15 - 11:15 Jeff McManus - Leadership
11:30 - 12:30 Networking Session or Service Project Workshop
12:30 Pick up NAJA Scrapbook Page & Handbook Inserts
**Reminder: Registration deadline - October 1st or Northern Area Meeting, Memphis Hilton October 13**

Reminder...
Official application forms are available on the NAJA website at www.najanet.org beginning September 1, 2018—February 1, 2019.

I can’t wait to see you at the Jackson Hilton on Saturday! Spending time with you always rejuvenates my soul and reinforces why we serve in this great organization. President Leslie James says to “Let Your Light Shine Through Love”. What does that mean to you? How can your Chapter shine in your community? Area Meeting workshops will enlighten you through hands on workshops and networking with other Chapter members. We’ll also hear from Speaker Jeff McManus who grows plants, he grows people, and he grows ideas! Jeff’s new book “Growing Weeder into Leaders” debuted in September 2017 and will be available for purchase and signing. These resources will inspire you to go back into your communities with new energy and a heart warm for Service. The NAJA Store will be open from 8:00am - 9:30am and between sessions. The store will close at 11:30am. The new NAJA wine and drink tumblers and redesigned Crown Club pins make great gifts! The NAJA Foundation will be at Area Meeting to share information about the variety of grants that the Foundation has to offer (www.najanet.org/grants/). The Foundation will also be selling 6x6 canvases, jewelry, and notecards at a discounted price. The NAJA Foundation is happy to accept contributions to our annual fund by way of honorariums, memorials, annual gifts, recurring gifts, gift pledges, and bequests. So many choices!

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Graduate Scholarship Program

The NAJA Foundation was created in 2002 to receive donations and gifts in order to utilize those contributions to enhance the service of NAJA and its Chapters. Each year, the Foundation contributes thousands of dollars to Chapters who are eager to give of themselves to bring light and love to others through their many service projects. If your Chapter is experiencing financial difficulties executing these important projects, please apply for the National Service Project and National Focus Project Grant. Chapters can apply at any time. There is no deadline for these grants. Grants can also be used for a Provisional class project. The NAJA Foundation’s National Service Project Grant is for Chapters undergoing difficulties funding its National Service Project. Each Chapter is required to have at least one National Service Project (Child Welfare) for which it has full administrative responsibility. The objective of this project is to break the cycle of dependency, whether it be physical or emotional. The project must provide one or more of the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter and/or emotional support and an ongoing relationship and commitment must be established between the Chapter member or members and the recipient. The NAJA Foundation’s National Focus Project Grant is for Chapters undergoing difficulties funding its National Focus Project. The current National Focus is Keeping It Real in a Virtual World. Projects address specific areas of concern to children and societal trends that affect the welfare of children and families. Applications may be found at www.najanet.org Your NAJA Foundation is here to provide resources and financial support to help your chapter bring light and love to the children in all of our communities.

Debbie Bailey, NAJA Foundation Trustee

Jeannie Tinker, NAJA Third VP

Emily Boyd, Marketing VP

The National Stand Beside Her Movement is a call to action for women and girls to unite our voices in a divisive world and end the competition, comparison and criticism that undermines female relationships. Together we can propel each other forward by creating an inclusive culture of support, compassion and celebration of each other’s success.” We as women have watched our own lives be affected by other women. We remember as girls how our feelings were hurt, or our looks judged. We watch our daughter, and nieces, and co-workers walk this same struggle. And while we can’t shelter the female population and pretend the mean girls don’t exist, we can pledge to have courage and be different. This year I hope we can all incorporate a “Cinderella Attitude” into the week. Post on your social media daily. Spread kindness, even when it is hard to do so. And watch the ripple effect. Host a Cinderella movie night. Start the conversation. I hope you will all commit to being brave enough to stand beside your friends, and all the girls and women in your lives.