One of our 2016 AEC Featured Speakers...

On Saturday morning of AEC, attendees will hear from Malcolm Astley and his presentation on “Looking Under the Anger: Liberating Our Youth from Violence”. Malcolm L. Astley, Ed.D. is the father of Lauren Dunne Astley and along with Lauren’s mother, Mary Dunne, established the Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Fund to honor the life of their daughter. Lauren was a beautiful, talented and beloved 18-year-old young woman who had just graduated from Wayland High School in Massachusetts and planned to attend Elon University in North Carolina. Lauren was passionate about her friends and family, the arts and community service. She died on July 3, 2011 at the hands of her former boyfriend, a victim of the disturbing phenomenon of breakup violence. Statistics project that 100,000 women in the U.S. will lose their lives in similar ways and countless more will face damaging experiences of emotional, sexual and physical abuse. Their Foundation’s mission is to promote educational programs in the areas of development of healthy teen relationships, the arts, and community service. Malcolm has become a regional and national activist on the issue of dating violence.

Discovered Your Powers Yet?

A new year and a new calendar! Have you marked that new calendar for April 29-30 for AEC? By now you have worked many projects in your Chapter. You have also learned that you DO possess super powers! Come and share your experiences with other JA sisters. By sharing ideas with others, not only do you experience growth, but what you learned can and will be shared with your Chapter. Prior and proper planning prevents a Chapter’s poor performance—come share and learn what other superheroes have to share.

See you in Memphis, April 29-30!!

Charitable Contribution Receipts

IRS regulations require that to claim a tax deduction for a charitable contribution, the donor must have a bank record or written communication from the nonprofit organization documenting the contribution. If the contribution is $250 or more, or is $75 or more and the donor receives something of value from the nonprofit, the donor is required to obtain a written acknowledgment from the nonprofit. Accordingly, your Chapter should provide receipts which satisfy the IRS requirement to all donors. You can send charitable contribution receipts as your Chapter receives donations, or send receipts in January for all contributions received during the previous calendar year. Send the receipts early in January to assure donors will receive them prior to preparing their tax returns. All receipts for charitable contributions should contain the following information:

- Name of the organization
- Amount of cash contribution
- Description (but not value) of non-cash contribution
- Statement that no goods or services were provided by the organization if that is the case
- Description and good faith estimate of the value of goods or services, if any, that organization provided in return for the contribution

Always thank your donors when you send charitable contribution receipts. Tailor the letter to make it personal to the donor and include information on how the funds raised were used to improve your community. Thanking donors helps keep them involved with your Chapter and reminds them that their efforts are greatly appreciated and needed.

NAJA Foundation Announces AEC Fundraiser

The NAJA Foundation will have a brand new fundraiser at AEC this year!! They are requesting each Chapter to submit at least one painting that will then be sold to attendees to raise additional funds. The paintings are to be done on 6 X 6 canvases, but the subject and medium are your choice. Judges will pick a winner who will receive a cash prize of $100. Chapters and Chapter members can enter as many paintings as they would like and can solicit the help of outsiders, if desired. Additional requirements:

- The sides of the canvas should be finished.
- The back of the canvas should not have any type of hanging device.
- Canvases should be brought to the Foundation’s room in the conference center of the Hilton – Directors Row 6 – on Friday, April 29th no later than 12:30 pm.

All canvases will become the property of the NAJA Foundation. Each donor will receive credit as an in-kind donation to the Foundation. A printable flyer can be found on our website under AEC 2016.