We welcome to the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, our two new Provisional Chapters of Newton County, Mississippi and Hancock County, Mississippi! We are so glad to have you as a part of our organization which continues to make a difference in the lives of children each day, after more than 75 years of volunteer service. Congratulations, ladies!

We are also thrilled to have two new interest groups forming in the following areas:

1) Mt. Juliet/Wilson County, TN area - the group can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/newjawilsoncountyns

2) Clay County, AR - the group can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/newjaclaycounty

If you know ladies in either of these areas who may be interested, please refer them to the Facebook groups!

Beth Holbert & Leslie Vaughn, New Chapter Development Coordinators

November reminds us all to be thankful. Those of us on the Scholarship Committee, are thankful for the online Scholarship application, which has been set up and improved every year by our website designer, Jimmy Pearson. We are also especially thankful to our Wonder Woman of all things Scholarship and Membership at Headquarters, Missy Stephens.

The online Scholarship application went live September 1, and we have already received 32 applications. In a perfect world, all Missy would have to do would be to send the completed file of eligible applicants to the committee to review. In this real world of human beings and human needs, Missy spends a great deal of time every day answering email and telephone questions from nervous, anxious, and worried applicants:

- “Did you get my application?” Never mind that the applicant can check on line--it's so comforting to hear a human voice say, “Yes.”
- “Have my recommendations come in yet?”
- “I sent my transcript/s in last week. Have you received them yet?” Not all Student Services Departments in all colleges and universities are created equal in speed, so Missy then helps the applicant navigate a sometimes thorny path. Plus all students whose area of study will directly help the children in our eight states and improve the lives of the children there. If you or someone you know fits this description, please urge that student to apply.

Did you know that there are over 50 volunteer positions at the National level? One very important way that you can continue to make Junior Auxiliary a priority and let your light shine through love is to consider a position on the National level once you have completed your active years. Every woman serving now, or who has served in the past, has been a member of a local Chapter in her own town, just like you. We need Executive Officers, Chapter Support Coordinators (CSC) and volunteers to serve on our five committees, Membership, Education, Public Relations, Finance and Scholarship. There are always openings in this business!

Being a national volunteer has taken me to towns I may never have visited and I have made new, lifelong friends. We are a family that welcomes new members ALL of the time. It has been wonderful to have a voice in guiding the future of Junior Auxiliary and participating in creating new and special ways to help our members help those in need and continuing to make a difference in the lives of the children in all of our communities!

Debbie Bailey, NAJA Foundation Trustee

Thank you all for keeping your hands quick to help others in need and continuing to make a difference in the lives of the children in all of our communities!

Margaret Shull, Scholarship Chairman

The NAJA Foundation was created in 2002 to assist the educational, charitable and service activities of the NAJA volunteer members. The Foundation receives and dispenses donations and gifts to enhance the service of NAJA and its Chapters. Your donations to the NAJA Foundation Annual Fund go directly to financial support of the Association and its Chapters in a variety of ways. The Annual Education Conference (AEC) grant provides registration cost for up to three Chapter members. In addition to grants, the NAJA Foundation also underwrites AEC speakers and helps to provide resources for the NAJA website. The National Service Project and National Focus Project grants provide resources and support to help Chapters who need financial assistance in executing important, hands-on projects.

With the financial support of the Foundation, the New Provisional Chapter grant was established this year to help defray start-up costs for new Provisional Chapters and to establish strong relationships with its newest Chapters and members. NAJA continues to encourage and educate women in other communities to be powerful advocates for change for the good of all, particularly children. Your donation is a demonstrated pledge to continue the devotion and dedication of NAJA members to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate and to guarantee the promise to change tomorrow for those without hope and to bring a brighter future to all within the JA community.

With the Christmas season approaching, consider tax-deductible donations to the Foundation in honor of friends and loved ones when making your seasonal charitable contributions. It is a wonderful way to honor the Association we all love and support by sharing our passion with our friends and family. Contributions can be mailed using the Foundation Donation Form to: NAJA Foundation; PO Box 1873; Greenville, MS 38702 or by using the DONATE button found on the NAJA website at http://www.najanet.org/naja-foundation-donation-form/. Thank you all for keeping your hands quick to help others in need and continuing to make a difference in the lives of the children in all of our communities!

NAJA Foundation’s Annual Fund

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