You Can Be a PAL of the NAJA Foundation!

We are so excited to report that you now have another easy way to make your pledges, planned gifts and memorials to the NAJA Foundation...Pay Pal! That's right! You asked and we listened! Your gift to the Foundation is now only a mouse click or two away. Follow this link to check it out! http://www.najanet.org/view/433. Your donations to the NAJA Foundation go directly to support the Association and its members! The Foundation financially supports our members and their communities in many ways. We have traditionally placed a special emphasis on training and education by funding AEC grants and speakers for workshops at AEC. We also like to provide resources and support to enable Chapters to serve in their communities and offer National Service Project and National Focus Project grants for Chapters who need financial assistance in executing these important, hands-on projects in their communities.

The assistance we provide would not be possible without the loyal support of our members and patron sponsors. In honor of the NAJA 75th Anniversary, we are encouraging every member to make a pledge to the annual fund. It can be any amount! With the Christmas season approaching, consider donations to the Foundation is 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!

5 Things to Know About Crownlet Submissions

- Deadlines are November 15th for the Spring Crownlet and April 15th for the Fall Crownlet. Forms can be found in the PR Manual on pages 37-38 or online at http://www.najanet.org/view/25.
- Keep articles short (no more than around 200 words). Get to the point immediately with the five “W’s” of who, what, when, where and why. Include the impact that your project made on the community or specific group you served.
- Always, always think ahead on photos. Plan to take pictures at all projects and fundraisers that could be submitted to The Crownlet so you’ll have choices as the deadline approaches. (These are good for award entries too down the road). Avoid group photos of JA members. Instead capture action in photos of who or what’s being helped through the project. Include members in the photos in JA Service attire, but make sure the hands-on work is the major focus.
- Submit your most innovative projects, educational programs and fundraisers. Remember, other Chapters are looking for good ideas.
- Submitting articles and photos for The Crownlet is not required for the Efficiency Award; make it the norm for your chapter. Your members deserve recognition for their good work. Chapter presidents, make sure the person responsible knows what to do and when, and remind her.

Area Meeting Recap

We know that our Business Meeting at both Area Meetings was packed with information and some of the exciting information may have passed by you. Therefore, I wanted to share again the great work that our Chapters are doing. During the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year, our organizations completed 96,052 SERVICE hours serving almost 250,000 people (249,023 to be exact). What a wonderfully exciting statistic! This work was completed by our 2960 Active members. That is over 30 Service hours on average per Active member. I want to take this opportunity to recognize each and every one of you that have given of your time to make this number possible. You are appreciated. You are making a difference.

We also want to express our excitement that we had 499 attendees in total at our Area meetings. This number was made up of women representing 65 Chapters. What a great time of sisterhood and sharing! Plan now to join us for more in May 2017 at AEC as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary! We want to invite all Provisionals, Active members, Associate members, and Life members to join us as we mark this very special anniversary!

Area Meeting Child Welfare Workshop

As a follow-up to questions asked during the Northern Area Meeting Child Welfare Workshop, we wanted to share answers here for all Chapters, in case you all had similar questions.

In working with your Child Welfare project families, a Chapter asked if there was an application that could be used in selecting your family and/or in gathering the information about the family you are serving. The answer is Yes, there is an Application and several other forms available to guide your Chapter in confidently serving your Child Welfare family. At our NAJA website (najanet.org ), we have provided a downloadable “Child Welfare” Manual. It contains interview tips, an application, goal setting sheet, contact sheet, and a community resource sheet. Please use this valuable resource, and print a copy for your Child Welfare Chair. As always, it was a great pleasure talking with you and learning what your Chapters are doing in your communities. Keep up the good work!

75th Anniversary Celebrations

Be making plans for how your Chapter will celebrate NAJA’s 75th Anniversary this year, with special emphasis in November...our actual BIRTHDAY month!!