

# THE JAY STREET JOURNAL

"All the news that's fit to encourage, motivate, inform, oh yeah and print!"



## Dinner and A Movie

### Answering the National Legislative Call to View "Selma" as a Chapter

Mother Alene Devereaux

#### Don't miss in this issue:

- 30 Acts of Service Continues
- January Age Group Activities
- Membership Reminders



Let's show our love and appreciation to all the chapter Dads!



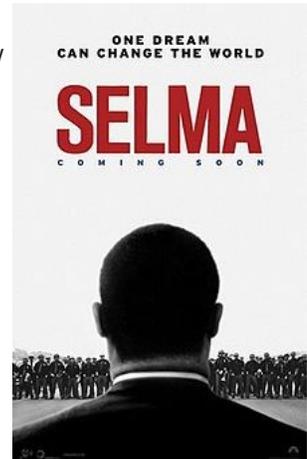
Meet us at Bar Louie's in Gainesville on Saturday, 3/7 @ 6PM

DON'T MISS IT!!!

The Social Activities Committee organized a family dinner, followed by the viewing of the movie, Selma, on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. This chapter-wide activity was the perfect way to start the new year with food, friends, and fellowship. The afternoon began at P.F. Chang's, an Asian-inspired restaurant, where Jack and Jill families met to dine on variety of sharable delectable dishes. After pleasant conversation and good company, it was time to go the movies.

In conjunction with the National Legislative Committee initiative to support Selma, more members of our chapter, along with members of our sister chapter, Manassas-Woodbridge, gathered at the AMC Potomac Mills to view the powerful movie. The movie depicts the African American movement for suffrage, the epic march from Selma to Montgomery, AL, and the culmination of the signing of the Voters Rights Act of 1965. Selma reminded us that work in Jack and Jill, particularly our legislative focuses are of significant importance and should not be taken for granted and together, we do indeed have the "Power to Make a Difference".

In review, we ate great food and saw a great movie with great friends. It was a great day for PWC of Jack and Jill.



# KID'S KUDOS KORNER

GREAT JOB!!

Welcome to Kudos' Korner. Where we give accolades to the achievements and accomplishments of our children.

Congratulations to our awesome kids:

- 👍 Carolyn Topps, for making the Honor Roll!
- 👍 Mark and Megan Melbourne for being selected as the youngest interns with the Children Science Center Youth Leadership Council. They will be mentored by STEM professionals.
- 👍 Daniel Melbourne for making 12th chair in the regional orchestra.
- 👍 Michael Lawrence for being nominated for the gifted program and for already receiving letters from colleges based on his grades and PSAT scores.
- 👍 Trinity for achieving her red belt in Tae Kwon Do.
- 👍 Connor for qualifying to compete with Stanford University recreational gymnastic team

## Inspirational Thoughts



The only service a friend can really render is to keep up your courage by holding up to you a mirror in which you can see a noble image of yourself.

~ A.R. Bernard

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## Notes from Our President

*Chapter President Felecia Brown*

Here are some quotes that I thought would fit our vision as we continue to give back to our community through our 30 Acts of Service.

*“No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”*  
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*“Never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help, this week reach out to someone that might need a lift.”* ~ Pablo

*“One person can make a difference, and every person should try.”*  
~ Thomas E. Cronin

We as mothers should believe that we can make a difference in the lives of our children, family and friends.

As we move forward into the second half of our chapter year, we are working toward reaching our goals through our 30 Acts of Service and looking forward to celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in Prince William County.

We are all are blessed and happy from our Teens, Terrific Tweens, Rising Stars, Little Gems, Tiny Tots, Fathers, Associates and Mothers as we continue to strive to make a difference Prince William County.

Let's take a moment to reflect during the month of February how we can continue to make a difference whether big or small. All I can say to my family of PWC, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is let's keep up the good work to make a difference.

**“THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**  
**“LET’S RISE AND SHINE”**  
**“ALL ABOUT OUR CHILDREN”**

## A Day of Worship and Fellowship

*Mother Alene Devereaux*

On Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Prince William County Chapter attended the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and brunch at the famed Georgia Brown's in observance of the Prince William County Chapter 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our morning at Washington National Cathedral began with the sacred music from the Cathedral volunteer choir, “Cathedral Voice”. We enjoyed singing along with the choir and worshipping with other congregants. We had the opportunity to observe the Holy Eucharist, as well, as observe the baptism of three infants. It was truly a lovely and moving service.

Following the service, we conversed with volunteers and congregants that wanted to know more about us as we looked stunning and (stood out) in our crisped white! Afterwards, some families gathered at Georgia Brown's, which is known for their outstanding fine southern cuisine, for a wonderful jazz brunch.

All in all, it was a delightful morning at the Washington National Cathedral, which was eagerly followed by an enjoyable afternoon of dining. The PWC of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is well on their way to having another successful thirty years.



See chapter website ([www.pwcjackandjill.com](http://www.pwcjackandjill.com)) and/or Facebook page for additional photos.

## Month of Love: FEBRUARY

*Mother Shirley Miller*

**Woman:** "Kiss me and kiss me again, for your love is sweeter than wine...I am dark and beautiful, don't stare at me because the sun darkened my skin!"

**Man:** "If you don't know, O most **beautiful** woman, follow the trail of my flock...how lovely is your neck, enhanced by a string of jewels."

Now, that's lyrics for true romantics and it's hot off the press! Mothers, please feel free to order your copy of long-awaited "Song of Solomon or Song of Songs!" It's available for anyone interested in a 'Real Love' story (sing Mary J. Blige). Okay, I'm telling my age, but seriously, the above passage is from 'The Bible.' According to theologians, this book is an allegory about the love of God for His people and His church. Mothers, do you live or enjoy a good love story, especially one penned by a king? Isn't that an automatic best seller. So for month of love, February 2015...enjoy the literal and symbolic truth of God's Great love story to humanity. As mothers aren't we charged to share love - do it.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!





## *Jack & Jill Loose Change Initiative*

Don't forget to keep collecting your loose change!! The winner from each group (Groups I, II, and III) will win a special prize. If you did not receive a bank for your child at the November Mother's meeting, feel free to use one of your own.

### Helpful hints to share with your children:

#### ~ Why are we collecting loose change?

To help children in need at the location of our Regional Conference in July. This year it will be in the Bahamas.

#### ~ Who is collecting loose change?

All children in the Eastern Region of Jack and Jill. Last year, our region collected \$6,000.

#### ~ How can I help?

Ask family members and friends if you can have their loose change. Every little bit helps!!!

All money will be collected at the April Mother's meeting. Winners will be announced at Black Family Day. GOOD LUCK!!

VaCora Rainey

# Close to the Finish Line & Supporting Our Own

Historian/Foundation Chair Yvonne Ferguson

# 30 Acts of Service



Jack and Jill of America, Inc.  
Prince William County Virginia Chapter  
1984-2014

Our members keep giving back to our community in so many ways this program year in celebration of our chapter's 30th anniversary. We have completed **20 Acts of Service** this year and have only **10** more to complete before meeting our goal of completing **30 Acts of Service**.

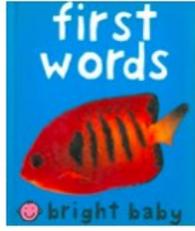
For our next 30 Acts of Service collection drive, our mothers will be supporting one of our own, Dr. Anastasia Williams and the Reach Out and Read program. Anastasia's medical practice, Olde Towne Pediatrics, provides board books to their pediatric patients, ages 6 to 18 months, to support early literacy and school readiness. Bring your new board books to the February chapter meeting to support this important initiative.

For more information on the Reach Out and Read program visit: [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org). For more info about Olde Towne Pediatrics visit: [www.oldetownepeds.com](http://www.oldetownepeds.com).



**30 Acts of Service**

## Olde Towne Pediatrics' Book Drive



Book Drive for Children 6-18 months  
January & February 2015

Bring your NEW, bilingual (English/Spanish) board books to support our own, Dr. Anastasia Williams, and the Olde Towne Pediatrics' early literacy program, Reach Out and Read!

For info on Reach Out and Read visit:  
[www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

Olde Towne Pediatrics: [www.oldetownepeds.com](http://www.oldetownepeds.com)

A tub load of books already collected by the awesome moms of Prince William County.



Don't forget to bring more board books, English and Spanish, to February's mother's meeting!!!

# March of Dimes Walkathon: Why We Walk

VP VaCora Rainey



Jack and Jill of America, Inc. continues to support organization's with a mission to support and help children. The March of Dimes Foundation works to improve the health pf mothers and babies. The March for Babies is the annual walkathon that raises money, awareness and supports programs in local communities that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. This year the March of Dimes is projecting a record 3 million people will walk. Mothers, fathers and children of Prince William County, VA chapter will be among them. Consider joining our Terrific Tweens on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the Harris Pavillion in Olde Towne Manassas. If you can't walk, donate to support the chapter team. If you need more information, please contact VaCora Rainey.

Check out the team page at [www.marchforbabies.org/pwcjackandjill](http://www.marchforbabies.org/pwcjackandjill).



## Rising Stars Serve at Martha's Table

Mother Darlene Smith



On January 17, 2015, Group VI traveled to Washington, DC. to perform another 30 Acts of Service at Martha's Table. Martha's Table began in 1979 to create a place for children to receive free sandwiches and food after school. In response to the needs of the community, Martha's Table expanded its services to find solutions to poverty in the short and long term. Martha's Table addresses emergency needs with food and clothing programs and assists children and families as they break the cycle of poverty through education and family support services.

Group IV was eager and ready to support and provide their services to the food and thrift store programs. Many Group IV members, joined by other non-Group IV members, assisted in the food preparation which many of them enjoyed. From cutting carrots to onions to wrapping desserts, the children enjoyed themselves and were thrilled to be part of food preparation that would serve hundreds in the community.

Other group members assisted in the thrift store which is connected to the food services. All proceeds from the store directly fund the food program. The children helped sort and organize clothes throughout the store. And purchases were even made—happy with a new shirt but happier knowing that the purchase would go towards a great cause. Accompanying mothers participated in both the food preparation and assisting customers with donations at the Thrift Store.

When asked what is community service and how was your experience at Martha's Table, the following children replied:

**Sade' Smith:** *"To me, community service is very important because it involves helping others around you. When you do community service, you are doing a good deed for someone other than yourself, which is always great! When we helped out at Martha's Table, we all had a lot of fun sorting and making the food. I had the opportunity to help at their thrift shop as well. I sorted clothes and assisted customers. All of the money was donated to Martha's Table food shelf, which was really good."*

**Sam Miller:** *"To me community service means helping other people that aren't as grateful as others. At Martha's Table, it was a lot of work and a lot of fun for a very good reason. What I like most about Martha's Table is knowing that I'm helping a lot of other people and meeting new people."*

**Logan Russell:** *"Community service means helping others in the community. It also means taking care of the community. My experience at Martha's Table was great. The thing I liked the most was preparing the food."*

**Trinity Gaither:** *"Community service is helping people and giving them things that you have but they don't have. At Martha's Table, I cut carrots. I helped to prepare the food that was going to be served. I felt good for helping people."*



Check out our website, [www.pwcjackandjill.com](http://www.pwcjackandjill.com), for more photos.

## Our Tiny Tots Learn All About the Benjamins at Fauquier Bank

*Historian/Foundation Chair Yvonne Ferguson*

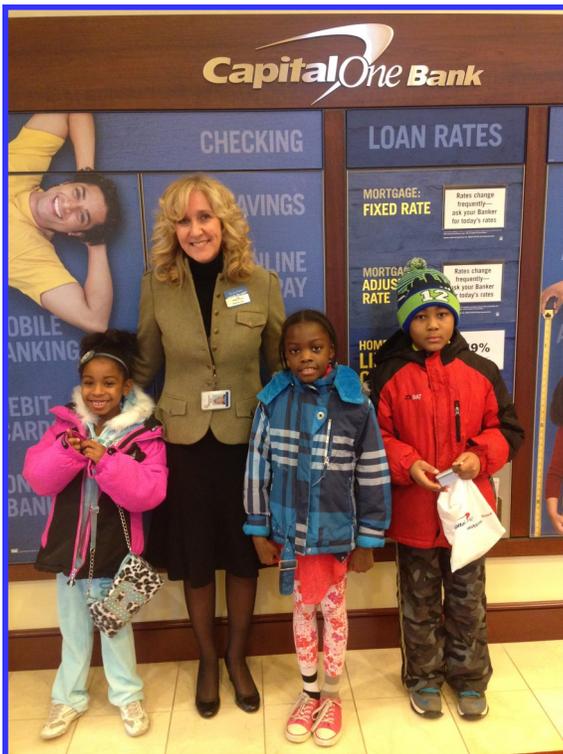
On January 24th, Benjamin Ferguson hosted his Group 1 buddies (and a couple of their older sisters) to a trip to The Fauquier Bank in Haymarket, VA. Although they were interested in learning about the bank and how they keep our money safe, they were more interested in playing with one another again. After greeting each other with playful jumps, jabs and hugs, the boys were led on a personal tour of the bank by the manager. The tour included counting dollar bills in the money counting machine, viewing the drive thru teller process and time in the bank's vault. "The vault door is so heavy," said Benjamin. "It would be hard to take any money from it!" After our bank tour, Group 1 concluded the activity with lunch at nearby Foster's Grill where children and mothers ate yummy food and fellowshiped.



## Little Gems Visit Capital One Bank

*Corresponding Sec'y Ailsa Burnett*

On Saturday, January 24, 2015 Group II visited Capital One Bank in Warrenton. Branch manager, Debbie Neal did an excellent job engaging the children in fun, interactive, and educational activities. Ms. Neal facilitated a Bingo game based on the book entitled, *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*. By participating in the activity, the children were able to distinguish the differences between needs and wants. They identified a need as something that you and your family must have in order to live safe. Alternatively, a want is something that you or your family spends money on and enjoys, but does not need.



After the bingo activity, the children toured the bank. All were particularly interested in seeing where the safety deposit boxes are kept. They learned that these special containers are used to store valuable possessions and important documents that need protection from theft or fire.

Another special feature of our visit to Capital One was using the ATM. The children took turns using the touch screen to see how to deposit and withdraw funds from accounts.

This was a fun and educational activity that meets the requirement of our Financial Literacy program thrust.

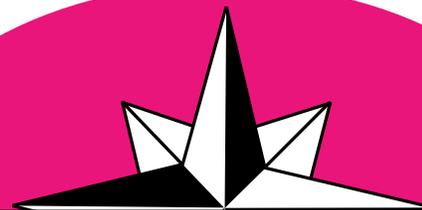
# Membership Reminders

(Courtesy of the "Jack and Jill of America, Inc." Member's Manual)

Submitted by Mother Shirley Miller

## Membership Responsibilities:

- ◇ Address each other with respect at all times
- ◇ Address each officer by titles during meetings and wait to be recognized (keep remarks brief and clear)
- ◇ Be prompt and supportive
- ◇ Refrain from discussing chapter issues outside of chapter meetings
- ◇ Pay all dues and assessments in a timely manner
- ◇ Remember to acknowledge efforts and contributions of members (c/o Membership Committee)



## Motion Procedures:

- ◇ Obtain the floor - Member rises and addresses the chair: 'Madam President' (Member is recognized by the chair who announces member's name: 'Mrs/Ms')
- ◇ The motion is seconded: "I move that..."
- ◇ if there is no second, the chair says..."There being no second, the motion is not before the assembly"
- ◇ Chair states the motion: "It has been moved and seconded that..."
- ◇ Debate or discussion: "Is there any discussion?"
- ◇ Vote: "All in favor say, 'Aye' (Pause for vote/count) Those opposed say, 'Nay'."
- ◇ Chair announces result: "The 'Ayes' have it and the motion is carried, or The 'Nays' have it and the motion is lost."

## Parliamentary Procedure in Action Fundamentals of Parliamentary Law:

- ◇ Justice and courtesy for all
- ◇ Do only one thing at a time
- ◇ The majority rules
- ◇ The minority must be heard
- ◇ The purpose is to evaluate action, not obstruct it (c/o Bylaws Committee)

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 2015—May 2015

NOTE: Final Dates to be confirmed via Evites

GROUP	APRIL	ACTIVITY
I Tiny Tots	11th	Be an Organic Farmer
II Little Gems	11th	Making Memory Chips
III Terrific Tweens	26th	March of Dimes Walkathon
IV Rising Stars	26th	Environmental Clean Up
V Lords & Ladies	9th	Teen Conference, Philadelphia PA
Chapter	26th	30th Anniversary Celebration (Tentative)

GROUP	MAY	ACTIVITY
I Tiny Tots	2nd	Black Family Day
II Little Gems	2nd	Making Memory Chips
III Terrific Tweens	2nd	Black Family Day
IV Rising Stars	2nd	STEM Play Date
V Lords & Ladies	2nd	Black Family Day
Chapter	2nd	Black Family Day

# March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <u>Teens</u> Wizards Game	7 <u>Group II</u> Visit to Wegman's
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <u>Group I</u> Z's Pizza <u>Group IV</u> Rocket Science
15	16	17	18	19 EB Meeting	20	21 <u>Group III</u> MicroSoft Movie Maker
22	23	24	25	26 Mother's Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				