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NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Can you believe it's spring?! What a time of refreshment and renewal after the cold days of winter and the seasonal sniffles they seem to bring. Walking across campus, hearing the happy voices of students, and seeing the trees and flowers budding, is like a breath of fresh air. How fortunate we are to be associated with such a wonderful Christian university.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have not been able to set up chapter visits as planned. We are hopeful of being able to do that in the near future. If you have not already done so, please send a current list of your chapter officers and members to Doris Maness. You are our main source of information to update the national membership list.

Lectureship Kitchen 2007 was quite profitable for us, both in the kitchen and in the national booth. We appreciate Martha Alls for the outstanding job she does every year in setting up and working the booth and hospitality area. We have lots of ladies who work many long hours to take care of lectureship kitchen and we are so grateful to each of them! I especially want to mention Jan Sharp, Doris Maness, and Arlene Brown, whose behind the scenes efforts made the week run so smoothly.

The next event coming up is the Associates' Appreciation Luncheon, hosted annually by the University President's office. This year it will be held on Friday, April 27th. Please make plans to come and enjoy chapel and lunch, along with the program. This will be followed by our national business meeting and installation of national officers. The annual AWCE (Associated Women for Christian Education) Conference will be held at Cascade College in Portland, Oregon, June 7-9. Several will be attending from FHU.

Five years ago, the Chester County Chapter decided to have a Victorian Tea Party at the Hardeman House. It has become a special event that many look forward to attending. This year's date is Saturday, May 5th. We encourage you to make plans to come! There is something for ladies of every age – what a great idea for an outing for your congregation! Each year we have those from toddlers to ninety-plus years who come and enjoy the day. My mother is planning her annual visit from West Virginia so she can come to the tea – we'll have four generations of our family represented!

Have you visited FHU lately? If not, please come soon – perhaps for Makin' Music the second weekend of April, or the Associates Appreciation Luncheon on April 27th, or the Victorian Tea Party set for May 5th. Or – perhaps for all three! There is nothing like spending time on the FHU campus to revive and refresh your spirit – hope you will come soon!

Jo Martin, National President

A VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

MAY 5, 2007

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the Victorian Tea Party! It's the highlight of our spring here in Henderson, and we hope you all will be a part of this very special day.

Some favorite venues will return and there will be lots of new delights to sample as well. This year look for Raspberry Truffle Brownies, Buckingham Palace Shortbread, a presentation on Victorian ladies' fans (and the ways to communicate with them), beautiful teapot jewelry, and much more.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE VICTORIAN TEA PARTY?

A great question! Here's the answer.

1. First and foremost, you can buy a ticket and come. Buy three tickets and bring your mother and your daughter with you. Buy eight tickets and bring the whole family! Tickets will go on sale April 9 and will be available in retail outlets across Henderson or from the Associates office at the Hardeman House (731-989-2641). Adults: \$15; Children (ages 3-10) \$8.
2. Be a Patron of the Tea. For the \$50 Tea Lover level, you'll receive 2 tickets to the event and name recognition in our program. For the \$100 Tea Connoisseur level, you'll receive 4 tickets to the event and name recognition in our program. You'll also receive a tax deduction receipt letter from the FHU Development office indicating your gift. We've included a Patron form on the back of this newsletter. Fill it out, mail it in, and support the Tea Party and scholarships to FHU!
3. Contact Debbie McLaughlin and volunteer to cook! You can imagine how many scones, cookies, etc. it takes to feed 200 people. Here's a special invitation to away chapters: We realize that the Tea Party is a Chester County project instead of a National Associates' project, but we would love for you to still be involved. How wonderful it would be if you would call Debbie and say, "Our chapter will get together and cook all of the _____" Thanks to Jo Martin and her Tiplersville ladies — they've done just that for the last two years. Chester County Members: We'll be passing around sign-up sheets in Associates' meetings and in Bible classes soon, so be looking for these opportunities to serve!

We hope to see you May 5. If you would like some more information or would like to volunteer for a job, contact Debbie McLaughlin at 731-989-5576.

Debbie McLaughlin

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PLATINUM MEMBERS

We would like to thank Martha Alls and Pam Bucy for being our first two FHU Associates Platinum Life Members. Platinum Life Membership represents a giving level of \$10,000 to the Associates. In addition, Martha, a member of the Murray/Springville Chapter, has served

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY PATRONS—

Yes, I want to be a patron for the 2007 Victorian Tea Party sponsored by the FHU Associates!

Name as printed in the souvenir program:

\$50 Tea Lover Level \$100 Tea Connoisseur Level

\$50 or \$100 patron check, made out to FHU Associates is enclosed

Please, bill me.

I would like my tickets delivered or mailed to me.

I cannot attend the Tea Party, and I would like my tickets given to someone who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Please mail this form, along with your patron check, to FHU Associates, FHU Box 114, Henderson, TN 38340

eight years as president of the National Associates and for many years as National Projects Chairperson. Pamela Bucy, an Associate in the Stones River Chapter, is also a long-time supporter of Freed-Hardeman University. These two women have set the pace for the rest of us. We congratulate them for their dedication and financial contributions which make so many student scholarships possible. Thank you, ladies!

CHAPTER NEWS

JACKSON CHAPTER

The Jackson Chapter of FHU Associates is having a good year. A BBQ chicken and bake sale in September netted \$524. The chapter participated in homecoming providing food and servers. There was good attendance at the Christmas party. The chapter participated in the lectureship kitchen providing food and servers. There are plans for another BBQ in April. In between are knife and greeting card sales. **Submitted by Joyce Daniel**

ALCORN COUNTY CHAPTER

Our next fund-raiser will be our Annual Benefit Dinner scheduled for April 20th at the Foote Street Annex. Dr. Milton Sewell will be our guest speaker, and the program will be dedicated to the memory of Jewell Rainey. We hope to have a large attendance. In conjunction with this, we plan a Silent Auction, which will be a first for us. Our famous Salad Luncheon is in the planning stage to be held in May. This is one of our best fund-raisers. Knife sales continue to bring in good profits. We made over \$400.00 in our Craft Booth at FHU Homecoming. **Submitted by Ann Watson**

CHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER

The Chester County Associates have given \$10,500 toward the National Goal of \$75,000. We had two fall rummage sales netting approximately \$7,000. We donated \$1,000 of the profits to West Tennessee Children's Home who helped us. We continue to cater events, sell knives, cookbooks, study books, scrap booking supplies, etc. We helped provide food for the Lectureship and Homecoming Kitchens. We are starting a new project – selling roses for FHU and Chester County High School graduation and Mother's Day. We are planning the 5th Annual Victorian Tea Party May 5th from 1-4

p.m. at the Hardeman House. We will be honoring Rebecca Woods, one of our founders and the second National President. We invite everyone to come and help us honor this wonderful lady who worked so tirelessly in those early years for the Associates. The tickets are \$15.00 (adults) and \$8.00 (children above 3 yrs.) Come and bring a van load of ladies and be with us for this special fun filled day. **Submitted by Sylvia Harris**

TIPPAH/BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

The Tippah/Benton County Chapter is alive and doing well! We had our annual Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale in November and did quite well. Each February we have a benefit dinner. This year, we were privileged to have Dr. Milton R. Sewell as the guest speaker. As always, he did an outstanding job in his presentation. In addition, former FHU student, Kimberlie (Wilbanks) Helton entertained us with several songs.

We sell knives, cards, and cookbooks throughout the year. In order to better display our knives, we prepared a sample board which we set on an easel. Recently one of our members who is a teacher took the board and samples of our knife sets, etc. to her school. Another member then displayed it at her place of business. Orders were taken at both places totaling over \$800. A civic organization has asked us to bring it for an upcoming event. Perhaps other chapters might consider these ideas.

On the national level, we once again donated the green beans for the Holiday Luncheon at Homecoming and provided food and workers for Lectureship Kitchen. **Submitted by Jo Martin**

REMEMBER THE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

April 27, 2007, 11:30 a.m.,
Henderson Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

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