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NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello! It seems like such a long time ago that we met during Lectureship. A personal thanks to all of you who provided food and/or worked during our Lectureship Kitchen. It always seems that things just fall into place—but that comes from some great planning by so many of our ladies. It is always good to have so many visitors to our campus.

Many of our students, staff, and faculty went on campaigns during Spring Break week. It is always encouraging to see our students give up their free time to be able to do so many good works.

By the time you receive this, we will have already had our Makin' Music presentations. The students are so busy working to make this a great performance.

April 29 is the date for our Associates' Appreciation Luncheon. The day will start with our very own Sylvia Harris speaking in chapel at 10:30 a.m. in Loyd Auditorium. After chapel we will go across to the Fellowship Hall of the Henderson Church of Christ for our luncheon. Since the University has to give a count to the catering service, we want to be able to give them the correct number of who will attend. Your chapter will be contacted closer to time of who will be coming to the luncheon. Please try to give an accurate count since the University will be charged for the numbers we give them even if we don't have that many come.

It is exciting to hear about all the good things our chapters are doing. Please let your national officers know if we can be of any help.

Diane Smith, National President



A VICTORIAN TEA PARTY MAY 7, 2005

Ladies, it's springtime in Henderson! And for the last three years, springtime has meant the arrival of the Victorian Tea Party at the Hardeman House. This year the steering committee has once again planned a fun, fabulous, and very special event for ladies of all ages – for grandmothers, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, aunts, nieces, in-laws, and cousins. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, 1-4 p.m. at the Hardeman House in Henderson!

Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 4, and may be purchased from the FHU University Store, the FHU Welcome Center, Lookin' Good Beauty Salon, Essary's Florist, from any steering committee member (Debbie McLaughlin, Laurel Sewell, Stephanie Finton, Adana Buttrum, Beverly Bradford, Kristen Hester, Karen Walker), or by calling Doris at the Hardeman House (989-2641). Ticket prices are the same as last year - \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-10. Children 2



and under are admitted free of charge.

What do we have in store for you this year? A full afternoon tea with savory and sweet treats such as tomato tea sandwiches, marmalade cheese tarts, and Earl Grey truffles. Venues for all ages including The Language of Flowers, The Art of the Thank You, decorating Victorian fashions, doily purses, and crocheting delicate snowflakes. We'll also take your family's photograph in a beautiful setting. 5x7 photographs are available for only \$1 each. We'll have a dress-up area for our beautiful young ones and a small tea table that's a perfect photo opportunity! There will be croquet on the lawn, weather permitting, and melodious piano music from our baby grand.

One new venue we're particularly excited about this year is our Tea Boutique. For the last two years, we've had guests who absolutely loved the teas and delicious foods we served and wished they could take some home with them. Enter the Tea Boutique. Since we serve fine teas not normally found in retail outlets, we're making them available to you. Our Tea Boutique will have available for sale packages of tea from our menu this year as well as delicious teas from past years such as Cream Earl Grey and Peach Apricot. And, if you like those Earl Grey truffles and marmalade cheese tarts, we'll package some up and send them home with you! The Tea Boutique will also have other tea-related items and will accept cash or your check. Remember, proceeds from the Tea Party go toward scholarships to FHU. So, come prepared to eat your fill then shop till you drop – oh, and make a tussie-mussie, a snowflake, and get your picture made as well!

How can I be a part of 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!
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 pro-

Victorian Tea Party Patrons—

Yes, I want to be a patron for the 2005 Victorian Tea Party sponsored by the FHU Associates!

Name as printed in the souvenir program:

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

Please mail this form, along with your \$50 or \$100 patron check, to FHU Associates, FHU Box 114, Henderson, TN 38340



gram. 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. (The gift will be the part above the retail value of the tickets received.) We've included a Patron form at the bottom 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, truffles, cookies, etc. it takes to feed 200 people. Here's a special invitation to away chapters: We realize that the Tea Party has become 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 cook all of the marmalade cheese tarts. We'll get together and have a cooking party with an assembly line and get this done." Thanks to Jo Martin and her Tiplersville ladies - they've done just that and will be completely responsible for the marmalade cheese tarts! 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!
4. If you or a group of you would like to coordinate a venue, that would be most welcome. Currently, we need someone to get together the kids' crafts venues. Contact Debbie or a steering committee member.

We hope to see you May 7. If you would like some more information or would like to volunteer for a job, contact Debbie McLaughlin at 731-989-5576 or mclaugh@aeneas.net.

ATTENTION LADIES: DISCOUNTED STUDY BOOKS

Would your Ladies' Bible Class like to study "How Shall I Be Remembered" Vol. 1 for a very low cost? The Associates have a large number of these books

that are very slightly soiled. We would like to sell these @ \$3.00 each. (They normally sell for 6.50.) Many of them are so slightly soiled that it is not noticeable at all, but, of course, bookstores cannot buy them to sell.

If interested, call 1-888-348-6216 or 731-989-2641. You would be helping the Associates and getting a real bargain at the same time.

WAL-MART MATCHING FUNDS

Wal-Mart stores will match money raised by Associates up to \$500 each calendar year. If you have a Wal-Mart store in your area and want to have them match money your chapter has raised, contact Diane Smith @ 731-989-6004 or dsmith@fhu.edu so that she can send you an official letter from FHU approving your chapter to use their numbers needed by Wal-Mart. More information will be sent to you when you contact Diane.

When your chapter receives money from Wal-Mart's Matching Funds Project, please designate the amount when your treasurer sends money to our National Treasurer, Mrs. LaVonne Scott. We are trying to keep track of these funds

CHAPTER NEWS

TIPPAH-BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

The Tippah-Benton County Chapter is alive and well! Our chapter is made up of women from the following area congregations: Ripley, West Ripley, chapman, Ashland, Beech Hill and Tiplersville.

In October, we had our annual Spaghetti Supper along with a bake sale. We also sold knives and cookbooks. We raised \$1,613.00 which was almost \$400 more than last year. We were unable to work at Homecoming, but we did donate all the green beans for the Holiday Dinner.

In January, we were able to send a check for \$2,500.00 On February 17th, we had our annual Benefit Dinner at the Ripley Church of Christ fellowship building. Our guest speaker was Mark Finton from Freed-Hardeman and we were entertained by the West Virginia Boys, all FHU graduates. Although our number was down a bit from last year, due to illness and some conflicting events, we had an enjoyable, profitable evening.

We have gained some new members, and

several of us hope to attend the spring meeting and Appreciation Luncheon in April as well as the Victorian Tea.

We feel blessed to be a part of the Associates as we continue to help young men and women receive a Christian education at Freed-Hardeman University.

ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Greetings from the Alcorn County Associates. We have gotten off to an exciting year. The FHU Makin Music Showband performed at the beautiful Corinth Coliseum on March 5th and we made approximately \$2,900.00 We were so excited that we did so well considering that was our first concert to sponsor. Next year we should do even better because we learned so much and will know more what to do. The band members were great. We got to know them better at the luncheon we provided and it was so much fun being with them. We have our annual benefit dinner coming up on April 15th and our spring luncheon in May so we are very busy.

BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

The Booneville ladies have a very busy spring planned with a yard sale in April. Then in May the annual Bike-a-thon will be held.

The largest single annual project is the salad luncheon in June. This brings in between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each year.

Pies and cakes are furnished to a local restaurant three times a week year-round. This project is working really well and does not place a hardship on anyone.

CHESTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The Chester County Chapter continues to stay busy with our catering. Our Rummage Sale will be April 14-16. A bake sale is planned for May 14. The Victorian Tea Party will be at the Hardeman House on May 7. For more information for this event call 731-989-2641 or 731-989-5576.

Newly elected officers are: President—Sylvia Harris, Vice-President—Stephanie Finton, Treasurer—Teresa Hanger, and Secretary—Carla Richardson.

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