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President's Letter

Giving Thanks.

Dear Moms,

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Family and friends gather for a meal and fellowship. You can have your Christmas tree up or down, but you

don't have to give gifts. It's just about being together. In my family we pray before the meal and everyone announces at least one thing they are thankful for over the previous year. In preparation for this note I was intent on finding the perfect "Thanksgiving" picture. A picture that depicts love, fellowship, family, and thanks...or a great picture of my turkey.



This is not a Thanksgiving picture. But isn't it a perfect depiction of love, fellowship, family and thanks? When this picture was taken I was in a meeting that precluded my attendance, and I was so jealous that I could not be a part of this moment.

It was just about us being together. South Suburban is very special. I truly believe we have bonds and fellowship that go above and beyond just doing the work.

I am Thankful for living in the South Suburbs because I get to love and fellowship with you. I am thankful for being in the South Suburban Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated because I wholly believe that everyone's heart is for our

children. I am thankful for every day that I wake up. I am thankful for my family, Rob, Robert, and Kennedy. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

(The day after Thanksgiving is also one of my favorite days - let me know if you would like to go on a 12 hour shopping odyssey Friday November 24th at 5am!)

On Fire for South Suburban,

Dr. Tonya Coats,
President

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated
South Suburban Chicago Chapter

Prospective New Member Informational Tea

Our Prospective New Member Informational Tea will be held **Sunday November 19, 2017 2-4pm** at Flossmoor Community Church Community House.

If you are sponsoring a prospective new member, please forward [this Evite](#) to her email. Please note that either the primary or secondary sponsor must attend the tea as well. The tea is open to all JJSSCC Mother Members and Prospective Members at no cost. The deadline to RSVP is November 16th.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Community Service committee in collaboration with the Teen Group will be donating 25 Thanksgiving Baskets to families of the Boys & Girls Club of Ford Heights. We will distribute the baskets on **Tuesday, November 21st**.

Our goal is to create 25 baskets complete with a turkey and all the trimmings. To complete the trimmings we need each Group to contribute two of each of their assigned items.

Please round up your count from 50 and as we did last year. All remaining items will be donated to Respond Now in Chicago Heights.

Each Group is asked to donate the following items:

Group 1: Stuffing Mix, Cornbread Mix (Muffin)

Group 2: Cake Mix, Cake Frosting

Group 3: Cranberry Sauce and Glory Greens

Group 4: Box of Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Group 5: Canned Corn, Green Beans, Peas

Group 6: Box of Macaroni & Cheese and Canned Yams

We are less than 2 weeks away so please start your efforts in securing these items. We will notify you soon regarding the date and drop off of your Group's designated items. Also, we need volunteers of Moms, Jac Pac Dads and children to help pack and distribute the baskets. THIS IS A CHAPTERWIDE EVENT and community service hours will be given.

Michelle Hemp-Anderson
Foundation/Community Service Chair

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving...Sharing Our Stories



Public speaking and oratory skills are some of the most important skills for our children to master. As such, this year Jack and Jill of America, Inc is promoting every chapter to "Lift Every Voice" and promote our youth to become oratorical masters. In partnership with Story Corps, Jack and Jill of America will participate in "The Great Thanksgiving Listen." We are empowering our children to create

an oral history of contemporary African-American life by interviewing an elder in their family or community. Participants will need to download the Story Corps App free mobile application (App Store, Google Play, Amazon Store). The app will help young people prepare for the interview including preparing questions and finding the right environment for a conversation. After recording the conversation, the completed interviews can be published to the Story Corp Website and added to the Story Corps Archive at the Library of Congress. **Websites: storycorps.org and thegreatlisten.org.** In January each mother member will be asked to report if your child participated in this initiative. Let's make sharing our family stories a Thanksgiving tradition!

Splendor of the Season: A Jack and Jill Holiday Celebration

Our fabulous, annual Holiday Party is just around the corner!

Tickets are still available!!

Individual Tickets Sales End
November 27, 2017

JJ Adults \$50

JJ Kids \$35

Guest Adults \$65

Guest Kids \$45

Tickets are also available for purchase on [Eventbrite](#).

Any questions, please contact Chair Daleta Mitchell at AttyDee24@aol.com or Co-Chair, Danielle Broadwater at djbroadwater@gmail.com

Splendor of the Season Community Service Initiative

“Magical Toy Box” and Book Drive

We are so excited to bring holiday magic to the children of the Ford Heights Boys & Girls Club.

How can you help?

- Select the name of a B&G Club child and their holiday

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wish.

- Purchase
that
child's
holiday
gift
wish.

- Bring
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toy
with
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to
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Meeting,
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or
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Collection
date/location(s)

- Guest
Attendees
(non-
JJ
Families)
of
the
Holiday
Party
will
be
asked
to
bring
books
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donate

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Mother's Social

The Membership and Executive Board Committees invite all Mother Members to the JJSSCC Mother's Social, which will be a Paint & Sip Party at Bottle & Bottega Homewood on **December 10th 5-8pm**. There is no fee to participate but you must RSVP "Yes" to be included in the headcount. Please see the [Evite](#) for more details and reply by December 2nd.

Featured Activity - Chicago Symphony Orchestra

On October 14th Groups 3 and 4 ventured downtown to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and enjoyed an educational jazz concert titled "Jazz for Young People: Who is Count Basie?" performed by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. They also had a meet and greet talk with trombonist, and Noel Frierson-Lyttle's cousin, Vincent Gardner. Thanks for a great activity Noel Frierson-Lyttle and Angela Jackson-Gordon!



Kudos Corner



Congratulations to Jac Pac Dad Fredric Mitchell on his recent appointment to the Homewood Science Center Board of Directors! The Homewood Science Center is a non-profit organization with a great calendar of community STEAM events. They offer several classes and pop-up workshops for children and will host the November activity for Group 3. [Click here](#) for more information about their next public event during Homewood Holiday Lights.



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Group 5 eighth grader Wynton Wright was elected president of the National Junior Honor Society at James Hart School.



Teen Lauren Legardy represented Homewood-Flossmoor Girls Tennis at the IHSA State Championship last month.



Patrice St. Jean from Group 5 earned her Red Belt & Priya-Michele St. Jean from Group 2 earned her Green Belt in Tae Kwon Do in October! Each girl is one belt closer to her Black Belt!

2017 Up the Hill

Click [here](#) to view the new edition of Up the Hill! JJSSCC is featured on page 403.

Do you have information or news to share with our chapter?

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