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THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

Remember that you must be considered a paid 2008-2009 member to receive the newsletter monthly. We will send a final reminder & newsletter next month and then all who have not renewed will be removed from the list. Thanks for helping us keep the records updated & the funds flowing to keep the RHAA a successful organization. If you know someone who is interested in joining the RHAA, please let us know, and we will be glad to send them a newsletter and application.

A Moment with MaryAnn

Greetings to all! I can't believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Where does the time go? I've turned around and the year will be gone. I don't know about you, but life goes way too fast for me.

We had a great October meeting and I am looking forward to seeing you all in a week. We have decided that we would use Sally Graham's quilt donation as money for our scholarship program. I hope that a picture will be sent with this newsletter, that is, if I can e-mail the pictures to Jean. If not, give me a call and I will mail you a copy of one so you can have a picture to sell tickets. We also are collecting money to use for our community project, so don't forget your change and if you are not able to attend please send any donation to the post office box earmarked for the families and we will forward the donation.

I hope you will join me at our November meeting and share a blessing or two. Don't eat supper and join those that go out to eat for some Hussar time.

Hussar Love,
Mary Ann

THE RHAA NEEDS YOU!!!!

The 2008-2009 Active Membership is now due! You can turn your application in at any RHAA gathering or meeting, or you can also mail it to our P.O. Box , which is listed at the top of the newsletter. The 08-09 RHAA Roster will be passed out at our Annual Christmas Party at Novrosky's. **If you want your name to appear in the Roster, your application MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOV. 26th**. Remember, that is a holiday weekend, so please allow enough time for that. Currently we have 39 members turned in for the upcoming year. Remember, that we base our budget on our current membership and now that the new fiscal year has begun, our funds will begin to dwindle down. Your membership is greatly needed to continue to do the RHAA community service and sponsorship. Even better yet, how about getting a friend or former classmate to join!

Our RHAA funds balance began the month of October at \$2049.51 and ends the month at \$2690.42. This is due to our rising memberships, so keep them coming.

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 7pm at the Library. We will be taking donations this month and next for our Thanksgiving Family & for our Christmas Families. The RHAA will also donate a \$25.00 gift card to put with the money collected to help the families buy their groceries for the upcoming holidays.

Also, Sally Graham White has been up to it again. She has made us a beautiful red, white and blue quilt that we will be raffling off on May 21st, 2009 at our Officer Installation. We will be using the money raised to go toward our Community Service projects. The raffle tickets will be available at the November General meeting. The ticket bundles will come in groups of 20, so you will owe \$20 for each bundle you are taking with you. **So bring any extra cash you can spare to help out with our worthy causes.**

For anyone who is unable to attend the meetings, please mail your contributions to the RHAA P.O. Box and put "Thanksgiving Family" or "Christmas Family" in the memo part of your check.

Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party

Once again it is time for our Annual Christmas Party. This has proven to be one of the highlights of the year for us. We will have our party on Saturday, December 6th at Novrosky's on Hwy 365 from 11am till 2pm. We had it here last year and really enjoyed the privacy of having our own room. For those who wish to participate in the ornament exchange, we are asking that you bring a seasonal gift and we like to keep it around a \$10 limit, so the gifts are around the same range. Traditionally the gifts started as ornaments, but through out the years, we have branched out to any seasonal gift that you would feel appropriate. Also, if you wish, you may bring door prizes, which only adds to the fun. The door prizes can be any price range and do not have to be seasonal. The more door prizes, the more fun. This would be a fun party to invite a friend or former classmate that you have been working on to join the RHAA! Hope to see you all there.

Mardi Gras Business

Anyone interested in participating in the Mardi Gras Parade this year, will need to write down the following dates for practices. Remember, it is not required, but definitely beneficial that you make as many practices as possible. First practice will be Jan 10th at 9:00am in the TJ Parking Lot. We will practice every Saturday till February 14th. Then the Mardi Gras Parade will be the following Saturday on February 21st at 6:00pm. We will probably line up around 4:30, but just keep checking the newsletter for further details. We will be decorating our RHAA float on Sunday, February 15th at Cammie's house. Thanks Cammie. She will give us more details later. Also, anyone having Mardi Gras beads left over from last year and wanting to donate them to the RHAA, please let Christine know and we will be glad to put them in the storage building.

Anyone need a Scholarship?

We will be accepting scholarship applications on February 1, 2009 & the deadline will be March 31, 2009. If you have a family member who is a High School Senior and you are a 2008-2009 member of the RHAA, you can have them fill out an application and turn it in for review. Helen Wyble is in charge of applications and will glad to assist you with the forms. Please give her a call if you are interested. We will begin selling Scratch-Off Raffle tickets to help support this effort at the Mardi Gras practices, which will begin January 10th at the TJ Parking Lot at 9am.

Important RHAA Dates

Nov 20th – Thursday, General Meeting - Library 7pm
(remember - donations for our two families & quilt raffle tickets will be available)

Dec 6th – RHAA Christmas Party @ Novrosky's, 11am-2pm (donations for family)

Dec 18th – NO GENERAL MEETING

Jan 10th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot
(scratch-off tickets will be available to help raise money for our scholarship)

Jan 17th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 24th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 31st - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

February 7th - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

February 14th - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot (scratch off money is due)

February 15th – Float Party at Cammie's house

February 21st – Mardi Gras Parade (meet at Rose Hill)

(Also remember; Quilt money will be due April 16th)

In Remembrance

We just wanted to give you an update to all of those who contributed funds in remembrance of our beloved Cathy Scott Lopez. The sisters of the RHAA were able to collect \$670 to present to the family to help with expenses that accrued during her battle with cancer. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in helping the family when they needed it most. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Nancy McClain had Cataract Surgery on October 7th. We were delighted to see her at our October meeting and want to continue to keep her in our prayers.

Let us continue to remember our troops that are over seas and let us not forget to pray for our president elect & the decisions that he will be making that will affect our country.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those who were affected by Hurricane Ike. If any one knows of anyone whose home was damaged by the storm, please let us know so that we can put them on our list. Also, if anyone knows of anyone who is in need of clothes, food or furniture, we can get the word out on that also. We want to help out any way that we are able, so please keep us posted.

If you would like to have your newsletter "mailed" to you in addition to your e-mail, please let me know and I will be glad to mail you one also.

Also, If you have any news or information that you would like to pass on to our fellow Red Hussars, please let us know and we will be glad to pass that on for you.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 General Meeting 7pm Port Arthur Library	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange 11am @ Novrosky's
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 NO GENERAL MEETING	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			