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Keepers At Home

Keepers at Home will meet on Monday, December 10, to celebrate Christmas by doing a craft project and singing carols. The meeting will be from 1-3 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4256 Hartley Bridge Road.

On Monday, January 28, 2008, we will be making a Valentine card with *Stampin' Up!* materials. Meeting time and place will be the same as above.

Keepers Committee

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Art Classes for the New Year

Creative Alternative will be offering art Classes starting in January. All ages are welcomed.

One hour classes will be held every other Saturday. We will rotate Basic Drawing & Painting, and Clay. There are nine open spots, so call to reserve your child or children.

Contact Teresa Robertson at 737-2700 to sign up.



From the Editor

Don't you just love the Christmas Spirit in the Shopping Malls? Ah yes, the spirit of giving and brotherly love. I got to witness it first hand recently. After a successful shopping trip, I stopped in at the cookie shop to grab some much needed nutritional fuel to keep up my energy level. So I get in line behind three other people and their children. Lo and behold the two moms in the front get into a 'discussion' over who was next in line. I had no idea who was next. I walked up too late to witness it. Finally one of the ladies said, "Go ahead, but just know we were here first." After the woman grabbed her cookie for her little boy and took off, the person in front of me turns around and says, "She **was** wrong. The other family was here first."

After I got my cookie and drink, I sat down at a table to check my list. When I glanced to my right, I realized I'd sat down next to the 'winner' in the battle of the Cookie. I wondered about her. She was dressed in festive Christmas clothing as was her son. The other family was obviously not as well off as she was if clothing is anything to judge by. I had to wonder if winning that place in line was worth what it cost her. She lost something very important in that skirmish over a place in line. She lost her witness to her son. She taught her son that if you are obnoxious enough, you'll get your way. She taught him that it is important to be FIRST. And finally, she taught him that it is better to receive than to give. I guess some people would think the other mom was the loser, weak even....after all, she didn't stand up for her rights. She should have fought for her place in line. She earned the right to be first.

But it struck me that of the two women, the mom who gave up her place in line embodied a Christ-like attitude. Put other people first, be humble, and give to others. I doubt she realized that in those moments she gave her children much more than a cookie. She gave them a lesson in life. She and her children walked away rich for they were 'poor in spirit.' God says Blessed are the humble (poor in spirit) for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature of God did not consider equality with God to be something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Phillipians 2:3-7

Keep the Faith, Amy

Merry Christmas



For your Directory

Welcome New MGCHSA Members

Scott and Brandi Avery
265 Amy Clegg Drive
Gray, GA 31032
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Joseph-6th
Jordan-4th
Jonathan-3rd
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Gordon, GA 31031
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*Chaffin--7th

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Macon, GA 31220
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*Brookelyne--1st

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104 Chisom ct.
Bonaire 31005
478-922-4102
* Colin-12th

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424 Southland Trail
Byron, GA 31008
478-956-1085
*Drew --college
*Cory--12th

“The Play’s the Thing”

American Theatre Arts for Youth will be coming to Macon again this school year with some great musical productions. I would encourage anyone

whose has never been to one of their productions to attend one this year. The productions are usually very well done. They are performed at the Macon City Auditorium and are about 70 minutes long. The group price is \$7.25 per person (with groups of 10 or more). They also offer a 2 show discount rate of \$12.90 per person if anyone is interested in seeing more than one show this year. This years offerings are as follows:

Feb 7th (Thurs), 10am - **Ellis Island: Gateway to Dreams** (Deadline to sign up is Jan 10)

This play portrays the experiences of immigrants who came through Ellis Island. It shows their courage and spirit, as well as, they

challenges they faced in a new land. My family has been to see this one and we enjoyed it so much that we plan to see it again this year.

Apr. 1st (Tues), 10am - **Sleeping Beauty** (deadline to sign up is Mar 1)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

May 13th (Tues), 10am - **Beauty and the Beast** (deadline to sign up is April 13th)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

There are no age ranges listed in the brochure for these shows; but from past experience, the first 2 shows will probably appeal more to older children and teenagers, while Sleeping Beauty and Beauty & the Beast will probably appeal more to younger children.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in seeing 2 of the shows, please consider ordering both tickets at the same time as this will save you money. To sign up, please mail a check along with a note stating which play(s) you wish to see and who will be attending to the following address:

Lisa Johnson
966 Santa Fe Trail
Macon, GA 31220

If you have questions, call me at 478-477-3149 or email me at johnsonllk@yahoo.com. One question frequently asked in the past has been about very young children. If your child is small enough to sit in your lap for the 70 minute show, then they can get in free.

Otherwise, if they take up a seat, you will have to pay for them.



Career Guidance for High School

By Leanne May

I want to share with you an exciting opportunity available through Veritas FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members to all MGCHSA members at an excellent rate. Crown Financial Ministries offers an online assessment system for high schoolers that combines biblical principles of stewardship of talents with cutting edge career guidance technology. Please read the following excerpt from their website (www.crown.org):

What is Career Direct? Career Direct is a revolutionary assessment system that combines biblical principles of stewardship of talents with cutting-edge career guidance technology.

What makes Career Direct unique?

- ◆ Career Direct is one of the few assessment tools that approaches the field of career guidance from a biblical perspective.
- ◆ Most career assessments examine just one or two areas. Career Direct examines four essential components of career selection: personality, interests, skills, and values. As a result, Career Direct is one of the most comprehensive guidance systems on the market today.
- ◆ Career Direct was developed over a 10-year period and has been rigorously tested and validated, using standard psychometric principles of testing and measurement. Over 120,000 adults and students have benefited from taking the Career Direct Complete Guidance System.



How long does it take to complete Career Direct? The assessment component can be completed in about an hour. You receive a comprehensive, easy-to-read, personalized report that can be immediately viewed or printed. Normally, the cost of this online assessment is \$80. Crown Ministries, however, offers an institutional rate available to our group. The cost will be \$30.00 per student. Please let me know as soon as possible if your son/daughter plans to take the test. You may go to their website at: <http://www.careerdirectonline.org/about/>

The test is administered online and will be available starting at the end of January or the beginning of February. You will be notified of the date. **Please be sure to include your phone number and email on the form. Your check is your sign up. Please fill out the form below and mail your payment to me postmarked by December 28th (make special note we have moved and the address on the form below is correct...directory info is NOT correct).**

You can contact me at pdmlm@aol.com or 471-7763

-----Student
Name: _____

Address and Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Checks payable and mail to: Leanne May, 109 Jennifer Way Macon, GA 31210

Thank You! Let's Dance.

Thank you for the opportunity for our family to give a square dance demonstration at the annual Prairie Party. We had a lot of fun. If anyone would like further information on square dance lessons, please contact Teresa Kilpatrick at 478-745-7028 or e-mail me at promise10@cox.net. It's great exercise and good clean family fun, too.

Mock Trial Opportunity

Homeschool Students needed

For a Mock Trial

**This is a wonderful experience
and impressive on your College Transcript**

Please contact Terry Yost

At Hopewell Academy

478-935-8066

Music Lessons

Are You Looking For A Piano or Fiddle Teacher? If so, call Kim Leatherwood at 478-994-6805 or e-mail me at mkleatherwood@earthlink.net. I'm a homeschooling mom of four children. I have been teaching all of my children how to play the piano and two of my children are learning the fiddle, as well as other students. I've got 28 years experience playing the piano. I'm the pianist at our church. I have 5 years experience playing the fiddle. Any questions, give me a call or drop me an e-mail.



Let's Play Day

Who says home school children don't have an opportunity to socialize? Come out to play at Kangaroo Bob's on December 12 from noon until 3:00. Teresa Robertson has reserved a special rate of \$6.42 for MGCHSA members. This fee is for the entire day (10:00 am to 6:00 pm) and it allows you to take a break from playing without paying another entrance fee when you come back. To get a look at all the fun activities and games that Kangaroo Bob offers, go to www.kangarobobs.org Recommended ages are 0-10 but even the grown-ups get involved in the games. — For more information about the play date, contact Teresa Robertson at 478-737-2700.