

Tips & Trends

Girls' Ministries—Staying in Touch

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Baby Hope Club Changes

Since its introduction in 2000, Baby Hope Club has featured the cute little bank that looks like a baby's shoe. Unfortunately, our supplier for that bank has gone out of business. After a long search (both by us and our promotional suppliers) we could not find a suitable replacement. Therefore, we are now offering an alternative that will be both easier and cheaper for those participating in the ministry.

I went to a local retailer (yes, the big one!) and purchased several different baby bottles (8 oz. size). Then, I created a master sheet of a new design (shown at top of page) to be printed onto labels. There are ten 2" x 4" labels on each sheet. Place a label on each bottle and you're ready to go.

My preference in bottles was the evenflo® classic. It is a clear bottle and the multi-sided design still allows for a smooth application of the label. It is a harder plastic than some of the bottles. The girls can write their names on the bottom of the bottle with a permanent marker. The master sheet (available at www.girls.iphc.org/babyhope.html or through your conference GM coordinator) is designed for the White Shipping label made by Office Depot (item #612-051).

Another alternative is to purchase permanent markers and let the girls decorate their own baby bottle to use as a bank.

Baby Hope Club funds are to be sent on your quarterly report to the conference GM treasury.



They will send all funds directly to The Royal Home (ATAM, Inc.). This allows Girls' Ministries and Baby Hope Club to get credit for the funds.

2006 Club Charters

Please make sure that your charter for each Missionettes club is up to date. Clubs should be chartered for 2006 during the month of January. All charters are filed through your conference Girls' Ministries Coordinator. The fee is \$10.00 per club. Contact your conference coordinator if you need a charter application.

2005 Annual Report

The annual Girls' Ministries report is due in January as well. These reports are **vital** for the general GM office to com-

pile annual statistics. Thank you for taking time to prepare this for your conference coordinator. Mail it with your 4th quarter report for 2005.

Brand new web sites

The Girls' Ministries web site has recently undergone a redesign along with the entire IPHC site. We now have our own dedicated web address that is separate from Women's Ministries and the IPHC. However, you can still navigate between departments while on any IPHC site. Our new web site address is www.girls.iphc.org and Women's Ministries is www.women.iphc.org. Both have not only a new design, but new pages to help GM and WM leaders find helpful resources. Check these out and send us news items and photos for our news pages.

TRENDS

New Food Pyramid for Children Information available at www.MyPyramid.gov



ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 28, 2005 – Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today unveiled a child-friendly version of the new MyPyramid Food Guidance System called MyPyramid for Kids.

"This is a fun approach to addressing the very serious problem of childhood obesity," said Johanns. "As teachers take advantage of the lesson plans and children learn what it takes to win the game, messages about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity will take hold. We know that MyPyramid

captured America's attention and our hope is that MyPyramid for Kids will inspire the same level of interest and help to improve the health of America's kids."

The interactive computer game, called MyPyramid Blast Off, involves a rocket that needs fuel to blast off. The game reinforces the key concepts of MyPyramid for Kids by challenging students to select a healthy variety of foods and physical activities to fuel their rockets. The MyPyramid for Kids lesson plans provide nutrition and physical activity information that can be included in Math, Science, Health, Language Arts and Physical Education curriculum for elementary school students. Students participate in active learning assignments and handouts are provided for students to share with their families.

Check it out for use with food units for the various Missionettes clubs!