

Message from Grace Delong, Honorary Junior Department President ALA Dept. of NC

I am honored to introduce myself to you. I am Grace Delong, your 2015-2016 Honorary Junior Department President. The junior members are already working hard on the auxiliary programs. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful junior advisors to lead, teach and help us understand and volunteer for our organization.

I have chosen EDUCATION for my project. Care for Ed is something that should be very important to all members. The project is simple and one many of your senior members may already be doing. With school just beginning, there are many students that need the auxiliaries help with their education and I want to share the ways you can help them and keep it in your community.

Part 1 of the project is Give 10 to Education, but I am making a minor adjustment to the national plan of action. My challenge to each junior member is to collect 10 school items each month for 11 months. This can be 10 pencils, 10 rulers, 10 erasers, 10 composition books, etc. You get the picture, right?



Part 2 of the project is to collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education (these are on soup cans). Donate these to a school participating in these programs, bring them to the 2016 Junior Meeting and I will present them to schools.

Part 3 of the project is going to be the most fun for everyone, even your senior advisors. At our Junior Meeting, we will hold the first "NC ALA Junior Scholarship Funny Fund Run" while we are here at Junior Meeting. There will be a \$10 entry fee per person and that includes a special T-Shirt created just for our event and part for the scholarship fund. The run is to promote physical fitness and to raise funds. It's time WE, the junior members, take the bull by the horn and put money where our mouth is and assist with our educational scholarship fund.

The junior members that attended the Junior Meeting last April received a copy of my entire Plan of Action so they could begin working on these projects. I encourage and challenge all senior units and members to climb on board and work this program with us. There will copies of the Junior President's Plan of Action/Project at Fall Conference so please feel free to get a copy and work this program. We love working alongside senior members.

If you have any questions regarding any part of my POA, please contact my unit Junior Activities Chairman, Martha Corriher @704-857-8825 or @ ncusa1993@hotmail.com and she will help you out.

For God and Country,

Grace Delong, 2015-2016 ALA Honorary Junior Department President of North Carolina