Thank you all for a successful and smooth running fall semester. We enter the Spring semester with high hopes for finishing out our second year as a chapter on a high note. This is a busy season for the Frisco YMSL board. Our membership drive has started and we are asking you to sponsor and help us find a great new incoming ninth grade class for next year. Paperwork to return for next year will be due soon. We hope that you and your sons have had a great experience this year, and that you look forward to returning next year. Soon you will be asked to fill out surveys. Please take the time to give us your opinions. The board will be meeting to put together next year’s calendar and to come up with the budget for next year, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions, please email a board member. We like hearing from our members and appreciate your help and time with the running of this chapter.

Many of our board members have served 2 years and will be vacating their board positions. We hope that we have members willing to step up and help bring new ideas and new leadership to the Frisco chapter. Consider taking on a board position. If you are interested please talk to the board member in that position this year to get more information. All board positions are open every year, even if a board member is willing to return, you will be considered by the nominating committee. New people and new ideas are always welcome.

Thank you for all the hours you have spent on your committees and doing philanthropy work with your sons. Your time is appreciated by the board and by those in the community that we serve.

**Key deadlines & meetings for our chapter’s final three months of the year:**

- February 1 – Email Board Interest Forms to Missy Smith
- February 12 – Prospective member meeting
- February 25 – Turn in membership paperwork and fees
- April 20 – New member meeting
- April 22 – Final mom’s meeting for the year (note date change)
- May 5 – Banquet

**Mission Statement:** To assist, serve and support those who are in need in our community.
What’s happening with the boys?

On October 21, the YMSL 11th grade boys meeting took place at Stonebriar Church. Jameson discussed the importance of college visits, how to schedule them, and make the most out of the time there. Hayden spoke about the importance of respect, Caleb spoke about Boys and Girls Club, and Ryan outlined the rights, responsibilities, and privileges of U.S. citizenship. After the meeting was adjourned, two members of the League of Women’s Voters highlighted the history of voting, races in Collin County and the state of Texas, and how to be a well-informed voter. Additionally, Anne McCausland facilitated a trivia game to see how much the boys knew about the political process and those in public office. -- Hudson Wood

On November 11, 2012, the 11th grade boys held their third meeting of the year at Hope’s Door, which is “a shelter and counseling center that offers comprehensive programs and services that are designed to help break the cycle of domestic violence.” Corey spoke about the Miracle League, Griffin discussed the importance of sleep, and Hayden talked about respect. After the meeting, we filled out confidentiality forms and were led to a women’s shelter by Ms. Snyder, a current staff member. Once there, we completed two philanthropy hours by performing light landscaping skills, which included turning soil, weeding, raking leaves, planting new flowers, and applying new mulch to a flowerbed located in front of the shelter. We then departed after the conclusion of the service. -- Austin Scheibmeir

The 10th grade YMSL Boy’s meeting on Nov. 11, 2012 was conducted in the parking lot of the CVS on Legacy Drive in Frisco. Ryan Lents presented the Leadership skill “Courage”, and the group voted on the Boy’s Choice Award for the April meeting. The winner was Pole Position Raceway in Frisco. The Life Skills presentation was done by Grant Kassing on how to handle a dead battery by jump starting a car. He demonstrated safety measures and the proper placement of jumper cables.

-- Regan Railey
The boys are busy!

Are you curious about what the boys do during their meetings? Here is a brief synopsis of the meetings each grade level has had this year! The Grade Level Chairs for the three grades along with their Committee Moms have done a phenomenal job with the boys’ meetings and have ensured that we stay true to the curriculum put forth by YMSL National for the Boys’ Meetings. **By: Anjali Shirvaikar and Robin Kassing**

Grade 11 meetings:
- **September Practical Skills Meeting** – Was held at the Frisco Sci-Tech Center. The eleventh graders did a practical skills activity which also assisted one of our philanthropies! During this meeting the young men helped the Frisco Sci-Tech center by prepping and painting a wall and scraping the floors.
- **October Civic Responsibility Meeting** – Representatives of the League of Women’s Voters gave a presentation on voting and told the boys about why to vote, the process to register, and the importance of making an educated, thoughtful choice for the well-being of your community and country.
- **November Philanthropy Meeting** – Was held at Hopes Door. The young men cleaned/prepped flower beds & planted seasonal flowering plants for the Hopes Door Shelter.

Grade 10 meetings:
- **September Practical Skills Meeting** – Was held at the Frisco Central Fire Station in their Emergency Operations Center. Lt. Scott Vetterick led the tenth graders on a tour of the Emergency Operations Center for the City of Frisco. He taught the boys the meaning of the different outdoor warning sirens, and how to prepare themselves in case of severe weather.
- **October Civic Responsibility Meeting** - Municipal Judge of Frisco, Judge Drewry spoke about how civic responsibility starts early and leaves a lasting impact on our lives. He emphasized that choices made early in life are very important and influence later life. He spoke about the curfew, safe driving, substance abuse and making proper choices among other things.
- **November Philanthropy Meeting** – Worked with the Frisco Adopt a Street philanthropy. This was a joint tenth and ninth grade meeting, where the young men picked up trash and helped keep Frisco beautiful.

Grade 9 meetings:
- **September Practical Skills Meeting** – Was held at the X-Factor Boot Camp. Eric Wrona spoke to the boys about healthy habits including good nutrition, drinking plenty of water and following an exercise plan. The boys got to work-out with Eric and enjoyed themselves while learning important life lessons!
- **October Civic Responsibility Meeting** – Was held at the Frisco City Hall. Ben Brezina, Frisco City Manager gave a 40 minute presentation called "City Government 101" which was followed by a 20 minute Q&A and a tour of the City Hall Chambers.
- **November Philanthropy Meeting** – Worked with the Frisco Adopt a Street philanthropy. This was a joint tenth and ninth grade meeting, where the young men picked up trash to keep Frisco beautiful.

Also, every boys meeting has a presentation on one Leadership Quality, one Social Skill and one Philanthropy organization. This year these presentations across the different grade levels included:
- **Leadership Qualities** covered in all grades this year: Citizenship, Duty, Courage, Integrity, Respect, Patience and Tolerance.
- **Social Skills** covered in all grades this year: Face Washing, Locker Hygiene, proper communication when meeting someone, Heimlich maneuver, how to pump gas, how to jump-start a car, texting etiquettes, college visit planning, and getting the right amount of sleep.
- **Philanthropies** presented include: Minnie’s Food Pantry, Miracle League, Meals on Wheels, Frisco Sci-Tech Center, Boys & Girls Club, Frisco Family Services, and Prairie Estates.
Philanthropy Opportunities

The Philanthropy Committee has been diligently working to fill the calendar with opportunities for serving. We only have 3 months left to support our philanthropies and complete this year’s hours. Sign up on the website today!

The 9th grade boys met at our YMSL Adopt-A-Street location on Legacy Drive for the November meeting. 25 freshman showed up to clean our street. We all had a fun time finding & picking up the miscellaneous articles of trash. Cleaning up Legacy taught us all cleanliness and integrity (doing the right thing when others aren’t looking).

~Adam Naumann

The 9th & 10th grade boys gave back to the community through Adopt-A-Street.

After the November business meeting the 10th grade boys participated in the Adopt-a-Street philanthropy in Frisco. Members of the group collected litter alongside a stretch of Legacy drive using grabbers and wearing vests and gloves provided by the City of Frisco. They stood by our chapter’s adopted street sign for a picture to remember the fun they all had while providing service to our community. It was a great opportunity to help beautify the area, teach good citizenship, and give back to the community.

~Regan Railey
Mom’s Meeting

At our January Mom’s meeting, we were privileged to hear Cheryl Jackson, the founder and president of Minnie’s Food Pantry. Minnie’s provides healthy, nutritious food and red carpet treatment to every person they serve in the community. Their organization focuses on reaching beyond their walls to address the issues of food, insecurity and poverty.

For more information on Minnie’s, check out their website...
http://minniesfoodpantry.org/

I was born in the Midwest but have lived in Texas the majority of my life. I graduated from Plano Senior High in 1987 and attended Texas A & M where I graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Biomedical Science. After working six years in the pharmaceutical industry, my husband and I were blessed with our first child, Jacob (14 yrs.). Two years later, my daughter Madelyn (12 yrs.) was born. After multiple relocations, our family settled in Frisco in 2008. We have two dogs, a rescue Chihuahua named Layla and an Aussie named Bear who keep me on my toes! I enjoy a good workout, reading, gardening, fine dining, travel and family & friends.

I am so happy to be a part of the Young Men’s Service League with my son Jacob and share in meaningful life experiences that reinforce character, civic duty, integrity and community stewardship. My goal in life is to produce amazing young adults who understand how fortunate they are and how giving back to others creates a happiness that money cannot buy. We look forward to growing with the Frisco Chapter and creating lasting friendships with fellow members of our league.

PICTURES PLEASE!!!

We need pictures from each grade for scrapbooks and also for the banquet video. Please upload and label pictures on our snap fish account...

www.snapfish.com
Username: friscoymsl@yahoo.com
Password: boys2011

Meet a Board Member
Jill Hicks
Secretary

Thanks to our Mom’s Meeting Committee for the yummy refreshments and hospitality at each meeting.

Special thanks to Cissy Hoffman and Lori Grubbs for donating the gifts for our January meeting.

You are doing a fantastic job!!!
Wish List Guidelines

- Wish List donations are to be a minimum of $5 value EACH per mom and per son ($10 minimum for both Mom and Son), but most give more. Please be generous.
- Maximum of five (5) Wish List hours will be counted towards a member’s required philanthropy hours.
- Only one (1) Wish List credit will be given per mother/son for each Wish List opportunity no matter the amount or value of items donated.
- Members have the ability to receive up to two (2) wish list credits per month.

Questions about Hours?

Hours Requirements:
- 20 philanthropy hours
  - 10 mother/son work together
  - 5 of the 20 hours may be wish list (only 1 wish list credit per meeting or philanthropy event).
- Moms must attend 3 meetings
- Boys must attend 5 meetings
- For every meeting missed 2 additional philanthropy hours must be worked after February 15th
- 4 different philanthropies must be served during the provisional year

Hour Submission Deadlines:
- Feb. 1, 2013 for hours Nov 1- Jan 31
- Apr. 15, 2013 for hours Feb 1- April 15

50% of required hours (10) need to be met by Feb 1, 2013.

Banquet 2013

The YMSL Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Stonebriar Country Club located at 5050 Country Club Drive, Frisco, Texas.

The cost of the banquet is $30.00 per person and attendance is strongly encouraged for each member and her son.

Please remember that this is a financial obligation and the banquet ticket cost is assessed for every mother/son team, whether or not they attend the banquet.

If you have not paid your fees, please send your check - made out to YMSL Frisco - to:

Charlyn Plunk
6391 Chamberlyne Dr
Frisco, Texas 75034

Mark your calendars:

February 1 – Hours due
February 4 – Boys’ meeting
February 11 – Board meeting
Feb 12 – Prospective member mtg.
February 25 – Moms’ meeting

Note: the April Mom’s meeting date has been changed to April 22

Wanda Foskey, Newsletter Chair

If you would like to submit an article, photo, or any information to be included in the Spring newsletter, please e-mail fosk@bellsouth.net by April 19, 2013.