



Salted for Service—Lutheran Women's
Missionary League



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EVERGREEN ECHOES FALL
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Mission Statement of the LWML

The mission of the Lutheran Women's missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

What an exhilarating convention! Interest session-leaders, Phyllis Wallace and Lynn Cooper, shared with us our ability to talk about our faith with others and to **Broadcast** it to everyone we meet.



Friday evening we were lifted up with the Spirit-filled words of our proclaimer, Reverend Dave Andrus. Nancy Cross our Bible study leader told us about the reason we run with perseverance. She said that God's Word gives us all we need to walk His pathway, sustaining us through every situation.

One of the highlights of the convention was LWML representative, Linda Arnold. She reminded us of the importance of being Women in Mission, to share your LWML story with others, and to keep on track with collecting mites.

Our Young Women, TEENs, Heart to Heart Sisters and Past District Presidents are the human bridge that connect us as Women in Mission. We are the FACE of LWML. Encourage others to use their talents in our zones and societies. Show them how much fun it is to love the LORD and Serve Him with gladness! Let's encourage one another to share with others in this huge mission field. Let's keep that spark alive and grow in the Lord.

Zone presidents and society presidents: share with your societies all the ideas and resources made available to you from LWML and the district. Make sure society presidents get the bulk mailings, *Evergreen Echoes* and the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazine and any other information coming from the District. The societies are the heart of the LWML. They need to know, and there is so much to learn. Give thanks and glory to God, for He enabled you to be an ambassador for Him through the LWML.

We are making plans for a new Biennium. Come be a part of this future. Plan to attend Convention 2014 Wenatchee, WA! Fall rally events are scheduled, plan to attend and bring a guest.

LWML is celebrating 70 years of "Serving the Lord with gladness." Do you have your LWML Sunday planned? — (Cont. page 2)

President's Message Cont.

I pray God will always bless you in all you do as you continue to serve Him through the LWML Washington-Alaska District.

I remain your sister in Christ, MaryLynn Huntwork

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10



Convention Memories and District News



Lorna Williams has a CD of over 350 convention pictures. She will be glad to send you a CD for \$4 (including postage).

Human Care

Greetings to all in the name of Our Lord!

How blessed we were at the convention in June. The blessings are so abundant I don't know where to start. The Servant Events - Love in Action was a great success. All the blankets were greatly appreciated by Lutheran Community Services. The calendars were taken back to St. Louis to be completed and given to the visually impaired. The Ingathering - Gifts from the Heart (52 Weeks of Blessings) was such a huge success that it took two pickup trucks and one suburban to haul everything to Lutheran Community Services. They were as overwhelmed as I.



Our opening ceremony was exceptional! And Oh My! how I loved Dorothy and her friends; not to mention all those Mitey Bees and their leader! The Skype with Serena and her husband was truly special. We got to put a face to those names we see in our updates.

We had six Friends Into Serving Him that popped in and out of all the events. I especially thank them and the YWR's for all their help counting the "Gifts from the Heart" for me. You were such a huge help!

Until next time, in His love, —Sandi Hall, VP Human Care



Meet Your New District Officers



VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Cheryl Beyer

Olympic Zone; 20 years active LWML

Society: President, Vice President/Christian Growth

Zone: Vice President/Christian Growth

District: Christian Life Committee, Convention Delegate, Retreats

National: Convention

Church: Sunday School teacher, VBS, Events planner, Choir Soloist

Community: Lawyer and pro-tem Judge

Clerical/Computer: Word Processing, Word, Power Point, Email, Newsletter

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Marilee Ryan

Mt Baker Zone; 14 years active LWML

Society: President, Secretary

Zone: President, Christian Life Chairman, Event Planner

District: Vice President Christian Life, Christian Life Committee, Gospel Outreach Committee – two Convention Power Point presentations

National: 2009 Convention – Director Charter Busses/Trains, Leadership Training, Convention Delegate

Church: Bible Study, VBS, quilting, former Preschool Chairman, Council Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, Altar Guild, Fellowship Committee

Community: MOPS – children, Tutor Trainer

Clerical/Computer: Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point, Quick Books, Print master – graphics



RECORDING SECRETARY

Peggy Lohse

Mt. Baker Zone; 20 years active LWML

Society: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Zone: Convention Delegate

District: Recording Secretary

Church: Altar guild, choir, cantor, co-chaired professional kitchen planning and installation, Bible Study, coffee hour, council secretary, worship service reader

Community: Part-time secretary, board member, and co-chaired annual auction for Interfaith Coalition

Clerical/Computer: Proficient in Word, Publisher, Access, email



TREASURER

Karen Schuster

East Inland Empire Zone; 40 years active LWML

Society: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Growth

Zone: Co-President, Christian Growth Chairman

District: Nominating Committee

Church: Church Council, Board of Directors, Chairman, Youth & Family Life Committee, Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, choir, altar guild

Community: Farm Bureau, PTA

Clerical/Computer: Proficient in Word, Quicken, Excel

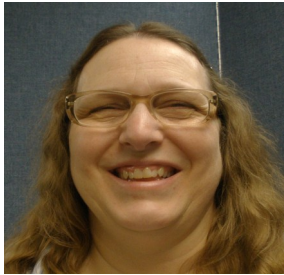
Financial Experience: 25 years on the job



Meet Your New District Officers Cont.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman



LeeAnn Tibbals

East Inland Empire Zone; 25 years active LWML
Society: President, Secretary, Treasurer
Zone: President, Secretary
District: Vice President Gospel Outreach, Vice President
Servant Resources, Recording Secretary,
Evergreen Echoes Editor
Church: Fellowship Board, Parament Care
Community: Girl Scouts
Clerical/Computer: Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Power
Point, Publisher, office equipment, pc,
copiers, etc.



Lynn Cooper

East Inland Empire Zone; 17 years active LWML
Society: President
Zone: Vice President Christian Life Committee
District: Leadership, Membership Development Committee
Church: Choir, Bible Study leader, Altar guild, office help,
Call Committee, Sunday School teacher
Community: Volunteer – Olive Crest
Clerical/Computer: Microsoft Word, Excel



Vicky Druge

Hood Canal Zone; 4 years active LWML
Society: President, Secretary
Church: Chairman 2011 Fall Rally, organized “Ladies Night”,
fundraisers
Community: Chamber of Commerce, organized Eagle Festival for
several years, organized the Great Strait Sale
Clerical/Computer: Typing, Windows, Excel, QuickBooks,
Microsoft office, shorthand, office skills

LWMW WA-AK District officers
2012-2014

**LWML Sunday Material
Available**

The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the celebration of LWML Sunday; however, the observance may be on any Sunday. The author of the is Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of the LCMS. The theme is “Salted for Service.”

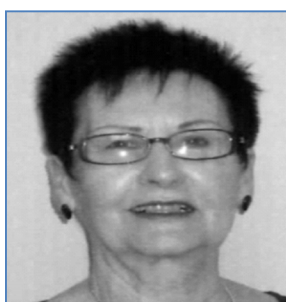


Nominating Committee Cont.



Tina Gilkey

Inter-Valley Zone; 10 years active LWML
Society: Member
Zone: President & Co-President
District: Inter-Valley Zone Representative
Church: Choir Director 2 churches, Hand Bell Director, Bible Study leader, Organist, Worship Committee Chairman, Wedding Coordinator, Soup & Scripture for high school kids.
Community: Boy Scout leader, Love, Inc. City Assistance Fund Drive
Clerical/Computer: Apple Computer System



Sharon Westman

Rainier Zone; 12 years active LWML
Society: President, Vice President
Zone: President
District: Co-Chair 2012 Convention
Church: Church Council, Fellowship Chairman
Community: DuPont Friends of the Library, Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation – Chair Distinguished Alumni Award, Lakewood Republican Women
Clerical/Computer: Moderate skills



Rev. Michael Wenzel

Rainier Zone; 11 yrs. in ministry – Now serving Trinity Lutheran, Olympia
Congregation Served: Trinity Lutheran, Olympia, WA
LWML Positions: Zone Counselor
LCMS Involvement: Puget Sound Pastor's Conference Secretary, President of Nisqually/Rainier Pastor's Winkel
Community: 10 yrs. Millersylvania Bible Camp 1 week a year, Live Nativity Presentation 3 years.



Convention Memories



Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to share the names of the recipients of our scholarship fund for this next year. Our recipients are a six men and women. They will be featured in the next few issues of the *Evergreen Echoes*. The scholarships awarded with our seminary grants total \$10,300. The money for the scholarships does not come from mites. It comes from contributions by individuals, societies, churches and scholarship memorials. Thank you everyone who helped to make this fund so ample by sharing generously. The scholarship fund was established by the WA-AK LWML District a number of years ago because there are few resources of scholarships for women pursuing church careers. With the recent changes in by-laws we were able to reach out to a male undergraduate student this year.

The recipients for 2012 and the schools they are attending are: **Matt Gulseth**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; **Gary Krumdieck**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; **Daniel Merz**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; **Ellyn Hanson**, Concordia Irvine, CA; **Patrick Winterstein**, Concordia University Seward, NE; and **Heidi Blair**, Concordia University Portland, OR. If you know anyone who could qualify this next year for a scholarship or seminary grant, please encourage them to apply this fall.

Sarah Edwards, Scholarship Committee Chairman

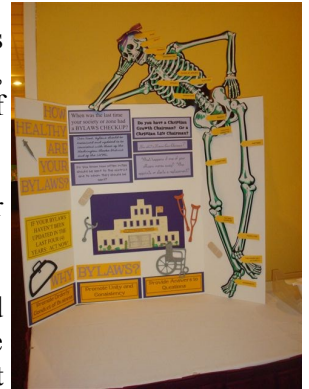
LWML WA-AK District News

How Healthy Are Your Bylaws?

At the June 2012 district convention, Bessie Lou Bylaws (see picture) attended the Bylaws Hospital and was there to ask the question “How Healthy Are Your Bylaws?” Marie Chow, Sandy Geisler, and Ruth Ann Shimoi, Doctors of Structure-Bylaws, were roaming the halls of the hotel, answering any questions people may have on their bylaws.

When did your bylaws have their last check-up? If it has been over four (4) years, then your bylaws need a check-up.

When you have checked your bylaws and made proposed revisions, you are ready to send them to the District Structure Committee. Check with the structure committee for sentence structure ideas. If you need sample bylaws, go to the Structure/Bylaws page on the website at <http://www.wa-aklwml.org/structurebylawspage.htm>, scroll down to the “Links” section, and you can download the sample bylaws. Any questions? Contact us.



Doctors of Structure-Bylaws, Marie Chow, Sandy Geisler, and Ruth Ann Shimoi

Friends Into Sewing Him®

Follow Jesus, Walk the Path! It was our convention theme... and what a convention it was. We had six teens there participating in the Friends Into Serving Him (R) programming. They were able to loom knit eight hats to send to Zambia to children and their parents suffering from AIDS. They also helped with the other servant events at the convention. Now that convention is over, I'd like to suggest another theme, "Follow Jesus, Lead On the Path." What does that mean? By forming a Friends Into Serving Him (R) Teen LWML group in your society, you can lead a new generation on the path of missions, service and LWML. It doesn't have to be fancy, just a few ladies willing to work with the teens to mentor them, make sure they are included in mission events and seek out service projects for them.

I attend Bethlehem Lutheran in Kennewick, WA and our Friends Into Serving Him (R) group will start meeting in the fall under the name of "Third Day Cafe." (It's the third Thursday of the month along with the resurrection reference). We will meet in a coffee house for fellowship, Bible Study, and plan service projects for our youth group to do. It is a simple way to begin having the girls gather and be mission minded. Please contact me for ideas on starting your own Friends Into Serving Him (R) group. I can speak with you individually, or share the Teen LWML message at your zone rally. In two years in Wenatchee, we need to be leading many teens to the 2014 Convention for their teen experience.

Julie Funfar, Friends Into Serving Him® Chairman
(Under the auspices of the Human Care Committee)



Gospel Outreach

I have so much to be thankful for, and I want to thank you for your support and confidence in me as VP of Christian Life these past four years. My committee and I had an amazing experience working together and planning the retreats and activities for you. Cheryl Beyer, as your new VP of Christian Life, will do an amazing job and Mite Bee will be making your LWML experiences amazing, too.

I also thank you for your continuing confidence in me in electing me as your VP of Gospel Outreach. My committees are ready to do God's work through LWML.

I have already received three requests for payment on grants that we approved at convention. Through your overwhelming generosity \$8,398.19 was given towards Mites at the convention! With all of the 2010-2012 grants paid in full, and with this great start on our new grants...say it with me... **Praise and Thank You, God.**

Marilee Ryan, VP Gospel Outreach

Whirlwind

That's what the "Event of the Biennium" was, especially for your Young Women Committee members, and the District Young Women Representatives (YWRs) in June at the district convention in Olympia. We followed Jesus and walked the path in a variety of fabulous (and frightening) shoes. The young women were such a delight, and shared snippets of our devotion with the convention body on Sunday morning.

As much fun as that was, it is time to start getting the applications in for the LWML national convention in Pittsburgh in June 2013! If you are between 22 and 35, apply now! If you aren't, find a young woman in your congregation, and encourage her to apply. Check out our website at www.wa-aklwml.org for more information.

On a personal note, I want to say that I truly appreciate the opportunities I have been given to serve since being sent to Portland as one of your YWRs in June, 2009. Spending the past biennium as the Chairman of the Young Women Committee has given me even more hope for the future of the LWML within the Washington-Alaska District, and I pray that we continue to grow and blossom as we Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Elizabeth Cook, Outgoing Young Women Committee Chairman



Christian Life

It's now nearing the end of July and that smile is still stuck on my face from the convention – well most of the time. What a mountain top experience! The Word of God – Jesus and forgiveness and renewed life and strength, excitement and a sense of urgency for the work to do in His service. Ladies! We have much to do... the souls of men (women and children too) are dying and the Master calls for you... and me! We share the foundation of Jesus Christ our Savior – His true Word in the Bible – His forgiveness of sins and promise to be with us always. We know the story... He wants us to tell the story to others – so they too can share the JOY! One of my favorite parts of any convention is seeing the faces... the faces of LWML around us and the faces of those who receive the mission service projects and grants. The Skype call to Serena and her husband in mission service in Macaw/China – once again made tangible the "Face of Jesus" in the work we do at home and clear around the world!

But what about now that we are off the mountain ...and on the plain? When the stresses of life have piled up I have not always been that smiling bubbly soul. Imagine this, I have been known to be grumpy and downright nasty at times with those I love the most! I recently heard an interview on the radio of a Christian woman who got really mad and "launched" all kinds of angry words at her husband. He just stood there quietly during her rant and when it was done he simply said, "How come you are a Christian to everyone but me?" OUCH! Boy that sure struck a nerve like a lightning bolt for me. How often do we forget that those closest to us need to see the love of Jesus...on our face of LWML at home too? 1 Corinthians 13:1-3(NIV) states, "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." Thank the Lord that He does not leave us to do this alone! "I can do all things with him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. "Onward then for Jesus! Let this be our aim... Serve the Lord with Gladness! Glorify His Name!"

Big Hugs, lots of Prayers! Your sister in Christ,
Cheryl L. Beyer



Recycling news for Evergreen Echoes

What an exhilarating experience at the convention. I hope some of you played Recycle Rumble Jeopardy and learned more about our participation in the Funding Factory recycling program.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in so many recyclables in the last 3 months. We earned 164.63 extra points (= \$65.85) for coming out ahead of our competitor during the Recycle Rumble. Those extra bonus points really add up. A check for \$327.45 was requested on July 14. It takes so little time to earn extra money for LWML.

Funding Factory now collects Digital Cameras, Laptops, GPS systems and MP3 Players. Pack the new electronics with other items following the 20/20 rule: at least 20 items OR at least 20 lbs. but no more than 40 lbs. When packing, wrap cartridges in newspaper so no ink will leak onto the electrical items. You can find out more information about recycling at www.fundingfactory.com.



“The earth is the LORD’S, and everything in it,” Psalm 24:1a

Judy Peraino, Recycling Coordinator
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Growing LWML

How does LWML grow? The most obvious answer is to increase our membership numbers - but we also grow when we broaden the range of our activities, for example, by taking on a project our society hasn’t done before. We grow when we broaden the scope of our activities, perhaps by reaching out to serve people or agencies that aren’t part of our LWML society. We grow in a personal sense when we challenge ourselves to step out and lead or facilitate an event or activity that goes beyond what we have done before. We grow in our walk with the Lord when we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all we do and say.

As your Leader Development Committee, Lynn Cooper and I, had a display at the district convention in Olympia back in June that included an interactive game in which participants identified ways in which they could, or would help LWML grow. We had more than 80 responses, and the results are:

- 35% will invite other ladies to society meetings
- 24% of responders will provide transportation to LWML meetings
- 20% would facilitate a Bible study
- 19% would advertise/publicize events and meetings
- 7% would chair a servant event.

We of the Washington-Alaska District are able, ready, and willing to grow, to bring other ladies with us, and to “serve the Lord with gladness”!

“ I (we) can do everything through Him who gives me (us) strength.” – Phil. 4:13

Marilyn Schaefer
Chairman, Leader Development Committee

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Washington-Alaska Zone and Society Corner



On April 28, 2012, the **Bethlehem LWML in Kennewick, Washington**, hosted a ladies tea with the theme "You, Me, the LORD and Tea." Deaconess Lorraine Roach from

Kamiah, Idaho, was the featured speaker. The event was advertised throughout Bethlehem Lutheran Church and

School, and young girls were encouraged to attend with their mother or



grandmother. 106 women and girls enjoyed tea and finger foods while sitting together at tables decorated to represent each month of the year. In addition to the presentation on the LCMS Deaconess program, the girls in attendance created their own fancy hats, and showed them off in a fashion show that ended the afternoon. Many ladies also enjoyed the photo booth, having a portrait taken with family or friends. A freewill offering was taken for mites, and \$160 was raised. The mission of LWML was shared with the women and girls, many of whom were participating in their first LWML event.

Rev. Michael Musegades was ordained and installed to **Trinity Grangeville** and Lorraine Roach (2010-2012 Mission Grant) was commissioned and installed at Grangeville. Pastor Nolting says it was a 'two-fer'! It was a packed house!

Below is a photo with Pastor Musegades and Deaconess Lorraine with all the LWML ladies who attended from several churches! Pastor Musegades is a new graduate from Concordia, St. Louis. He is originally from Montana, a retired Navy pilot and former Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) from Concordia-Pullman back when he was attending University of Idaho. It's nice to have him "home" again! Deaconess Lorraine graduated from Concordia's on-line course in Deaconess studies and is working with Trinity and the surrounding area.



From Trinity, Grangeville: Jenneane Musegades, Betty Alm, Judy Jeffery, Lorraine Roach, Linda Aiken, Lisa Davis, Alice Holl. From Concordia, Pullman: Beth Nolting, Corrine Molnau, LeeAnn Tibbals. From Good Shepherd, Lewiston: Edith Haber, Geraldine Babino. From Holy Cross, Spokane: LouAnn Bechtel.

Concordia, Oak Harbor enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Emily Bartelheimer on July 22nd. Emily is a missionary RN with the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission. Many of you have met Emily at different events in our zone and know how gifted she is! Emily has such a love for the people of Haiti, and the work she is doing there, that it is contagious! She had great pictures of the orphanage with updates on all the growth there. Our society sends monthly support to the Haiti orphanage, and it was moving to really get the full picture. We invited the Concordia congregation for Emily's talk, and they were glad we did! There were lots of questions for Emily, and her visit educated many on what our support means. Emily was also collecting backpacks for the students, and our congregation was able to help with that too. Our relationship with Emily grew with this visit. I think Emily could be the face of LWML.



2012-2014 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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MaryLynn Huntwork

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Meeting Manager

Pam Rafferty

Vice President of Servant Resources

Marie Chow

Circulation Manager

Denise Crawford

**Friends Into Serving Him
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Vice President of Christian Life

Cheryl L. Beyer - Olympic

District Editor

Sandi Schauer

**Heart to Heart Committee
Chairman**

Vice President of Human Care

Sandi Hall

Parliamentarian

Carol Coerber

**Leader Development Committee
Chairman**

Marilyn Schaefer

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Marilee Ryan

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**2014 District Convention
Co-Chairmen**

Linda Miller – S Columbia

**Young Women Committee
Chairman**

Amanda Haan

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Fall Rally Dates, Places Etc.

- ◆ Alaska:Zone Fall Rally and Fall Retreat, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 28-30, Homer AK
- ◆ Blue Mountain:Zone Fall Rally, Sat., Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Trinity, Walla Walla
- ◆ East Inland Empire:
- ◆ Hood Canal:*
- ◆ Inter-Valley:.....Zone Rally, Sat. Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bethlehem, Yakima; Theme:
◆ “Everyone Needs a Change Now and Then”
- ◆ Lake Washington:Zone Rally, Sat., Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-a.m. Bethlehem, Renton
- ◆ Mount Baker:Zone Rally, Sat., Oct. 13, Concordia, Oak Harbor. Speakers: Tom and Cathy
Benzler, Mission Grant Recipients
- ◆ North Columbia:Zone Rally, Sat. Sept. 15, 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m., Trinity, Republic; Theme: “Freedom to be
◆ Me.: Speaker: Julie Funfar, Friends into Serving Him Chairman
- ◆ Olympic:Zone Fall Rally, Sun., Oct. 14, 2:00 p.m. Program TBA
- ◆ Rainier Zone:Fall Rally, Sat. Oct. 20, Peace, Chehalis. Program TBA
- ◆ South Columbia:Zone Rally, Sat., Sept. 29, Bethel Coulee City – Theme: “Take it to the Lord
in Prayer”