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Washington-Alaska District Convention Everett, Washington June 17-19, 2016

# Greetings from the LWML Washington-Alaska District President Marie Chow



COMING June 17, 2016...The first day of the LWML Washington-Alaska District 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Everett, Washington! Are you excited yet? I have been for a long time! I am excited to see old friends, make new friends, worship and praise God together, and study God's Word. It will be exciting to hear from the recipients of our mites within and outside of our district. Of course, there is a little business that we need to get accomplished too! Convention registration form, hotel information, and highlights may be found in this issue. Your society should have received the bulk mailing that includes more details. Invite someone new to attend an event that happens every two years! Let's get together to see how we can use "God's Gifts for God's Glory." Makes plans now

to attend. It is my hope that I will see you there.

In early February, it was my privilege to attend the LWML Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis, Missouri where this photo of me with LWML President Patti Ross was taken. I am thrilled that LWML President Patti will be our LWML Representative at our convention where attendees will have the opportunity to meet and hear her message.

Load up a car or airplane with your sisters in Christ and join me this summer at the Holiday Inn in Everett, June 17-19!



## Our Dear One is with the Lord



Our 10<sup>th</sup> District President, Betty Ross, went to the Lord on January 21, 2016. She was born on January 17, 1934, in East St Louis, Illinois to Pastor Arthur and Anina Hillmann. Betty married husband Joel Ross in Seattle on December 26, 1959.

Besides serving as our district president from 1978 to 1982, Betty was a

Licensed Practical Nurse, worked in the University of Washington Histology Department, helped to develop the Northshore and King County Senior Services programs, and created a vibrant catering company. She was also involved in Lutheran Hour Ministries and Epiphany Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband Joel, daughters Lori (Bill), Linda, Lisa Thurmond, and Lea (Tom) Jones, grandchildren Jennifer, Kali, and Christian Thurmond, Rebecca and Savanna Jones, and siblings Dick Hillmann, Bob Hillmann, and Ruth Grimm.

Services were held on February 13 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Kenmore, Washington. Remembrances can be made to the LWML Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund or to Epiphany Lutheran Church.

### LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention June 17–19, 2016 Holiday Inn – Everett, Washington



#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

Submit ONE form PER registrant. Make a copy of this form for your records.

Badge Name			
Address			
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Check appropriate cate	gory (only one):		
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Voting Delegate*			Delegate Alternate
Voting Board M	ing Board Member* District Committee Mem		District Committee Member
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Check all that apply.  Registration (v	vaived for clergy)		\$95.00
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Total Remittance			<b>\$</b>
This is my	first convention.	I w	ould like to sing in the choir.
Special medically requi	red dietary restrictions or a	llergies _	
Please make your check the Convention Registra Sorena Brusseau 3448 N Woodland	ar: <u>scbrusseau@g</u>	mail.com	Convention Fund and mail with this form

Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Only those who send a self-addressed stamped envelope will receive written confirmation and additional convention information. Otherwise, you will receive the same information by email.

Questions? Contact Sorena Brusseau (see above) or Doris Hildebrand 661-301-0850 mrscgh@yahoo.com.

Please refer to the Hotel Information Sheet on the next page for reservations at Holiday Inn in Everett, Washington.



#### LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention June 17–19, 2016 Hotel Reservation Information

#### Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine Street, Everett, Washington 98201

To ensure availability and the convention rate, you must make your hotel reservation by **Monday, May 23, 2016**. After that date, prevailing rates and availability will apply. Make your reservation early!

Use one of the following options to make your hotel reservation:

- Contact the hotel at 425-339-2000 and request group code LWM or the Lutheran Women's Missionary League rate;
- Use the e-booking link: <u>http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/everett/paewa/hoteldetail</u> and include the group code LWM; or
- Contact Jessica Reid via email jreid@hieverett.com or telephone 425-789-5709.

All rooms are \$109.00 per night, plus 11.2% hotel sales tax and \$1.00 per night Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) tax. Be sure to confirm the room rate when you make your reservation. All hotel reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Room Preference: King or Two Queen(s). All rooms are non-smoking. If applicable, inform Hotel Reservations that you need a handicapped accessible room or any specific needs.

Check in time: 4 p.m. Check out time: 11 a.m.

If you wish to have the room bill split between roommates, please ask to do so when you check in. Note: If your room will have roommates, determine which person with a credit card will call Holiday Inn to make the hotel reservations to ensure that you will not be billed for more than one room.  $\odot$ 



Check out the bulk mailing for more 2016 district convention information!

Send your Delegate Information Form to President Marie by April 15, 2016!

## 2016 District Convention Personalities

LWML Representative President Patti Ross

Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker

Donna Pyle

Friday Opening Worship Service Proclaimer

LCMS Northwest District President

Paul Linnemann

Mites in Action Speakers

Cathy Benzler, Elwha Ministry-Hope House

Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort

Dog™ Ministry

Jim and Donna Cox, Light of Christ

Community Garden

Saturday Entertainment Enrique Henao

Read their biographies found in the bulk mailing!

2016 District Convention Agenda Highlights

Friday, June 17, 2016
Love in Action Servant Events
Choir Practice
Delegate Orientation
Mite Dance Party
Opening Communion Worship Service

Saturday, June 18, 2016
Bible Study - Donna Pyle
Mission Grants Presentation and Vote
Keynote Speaker - Donna Pyle
LWML Report - President Patti Ross
Mites in Action Speakers
Proposed Bylaw Amendments
Election of Officers
Dinner Banquet - Enrique Hanao

Sunday, June 19, 2016 Mites in Action Speaker Closing Worship Service with Installation of Officers

# Nominating Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman

The Nominating Committee has been working to present a slate of candidates for the upcoming district convention June 17-19, 2016. While several individuals have answered the call to run, a few positions remain open for nominations. Prayerfully consider how you or someone you know may serve the district in a leadership capacity. The Nominating Committee will contact the names submitted to get their approval to run.

Working at the district level is both fun and rewarding. It is also a great way to make new friends and keep old friendships alive.

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following positions:

- Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2016-2020)
- Recording Secretary (2016-2020)
- Nominating Committee (2016-2018)

If you would like to have someone considered for nomination, please contact the committee chair, Pam Rafferty, as soon as possible. Pam's contact information is found on the district roster.

Pam Rafferty, Chairman

Committee Members: Judy Ikerd, Linda Huyck, Cristina McAnulty, Marilyn Schaefer



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.

Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.



## **District Counselor**

Pastor Timothy Winterstein, Junior Pastoral Counselor-East

With an early Easter this year, Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is on February 10. Lent has a number of purposes, but none of them (fasting, praying, giving) are meant to remain only in Lent. Lent, as Advent, is a time to practice the same Faith we practice the entire year. Just as we wouldn't "give up" a sin during Lent, and then go back to it when Lent is over, so we also should not begin Christian habits, and then give them up at Easter. However, as we all know, bad habits are easy to pick up, while good habits take work and constant vigilance to preserve.

We tend to think that spiritual habits should come naturally to Christians. Insofar as we are Christians, they do! But insofar as we are still sinners, spiritual habits are formed like any other good habit: through work and perseverance. So what are some habits that you can cultivate during Lent? The three traditional ones are fasting, prayer, and charity (or giving to those in need). These are the three things Jesus speaks about in Matthew 6 (which you probably heard on Ash Wednesday). As with all the practices of Christians, they have two main purposes: to discipline our sinful flesh—which wants everything *now* and does not know how to use God's gifts in thankful moderation—and for the sake of our neighbor, whom God helps and serves through us. Against our selfish desires and for the sake of those around us, Lent gives us an opportunity to practice those habits and, even more, to rejoice in the Christ who is our righteousness before God. Take the opportunity that Lent provides to renew your hearing of His Word, your reception of His gifts, and your service to your neighbor—rejoicing at all times in the Resurrection of Jesus, which He has given freely to you in your baptism.

## Christian Life

Cheryl L. Beyer, Vice President of Christian Life

Life is full of storms. As we travel from Christmas, to Lent, to Easter, we have some dark days (literally and figuratively); however, the sun and more importantly the Son is always present and lighting our way. Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). God knows that we are so poor and sin deprived that we are completely lost and helpless. Yet God in his grace and mercy knows our needs and well provides them. God kept his promises and sent his Son Jesus – as our Savior. We are told, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6). Therefore, as we progress toward Easter, let's remember this... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33). From this solid foundation, we can graciously use "God's Gifts for God's Glory" as we know that "God enables us to boldly and actively use our variety of gifts and talents as we enthusiastically share the Good News and His love with each other, our neighbors, and people throughout the world." Let's all plan on meeting at the district convention in June!

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings!
Your Sisters in Christ,
The Christian Life Committee

Be sure to read the Lenten devotion on the District website: http://wa-aklwml.org/downloadspage.htm

#### Marilee Ryan, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Grant money for the Scholarship Fund is disbursed on a semester or quarterly basis to the schools where our graduate and undergraduate students attend. The Scholarship Fund also depends on your direct donations. Thank you for supporting our future church workers with your generous donations and prayers.

Of the remaining fourteen mission grants, **ten have been paid in full**, and four grant recipients have received partial payment with **\$8,750 needed for full payment**. Total grant money paid as of January 31, 2016, is \$62,450.

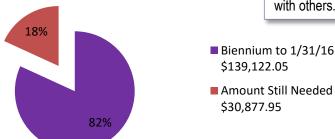
# Our 2014-2016 biennium ends on March 31, 2016. Please send in your mites by then in order to get all of our grants paid! THANK YOU!!

And on to the next biennium – New grant proposals are being organized for delegate vote at the district convention in June. Please pray for God's will in the process and the outcome of the mission of LWML.

For those of you attending the district convention (all of you, right?), **you're invited to A Dance Party.** We'll be **Movin' to the Music for Mites** on Friday afternoon, June 17, 2016. Sign up for the event on your convention registration form, and you'll be sent a pledge sheet. Bring comfortable dancing shoes!



Just a reminder that the 2014-2016 biennium MITE goal is \$170,000: \$89,000 goes to mission grants, \$42,500 goes to LWML (national), and \$38,500 goes to in-reach (operations). Praise God for continuing to bless our district as we can share our blessings with others.



## Scholarship Committee

Sarah Edwards, Chairman

The recipients of our LWML Washington-Alaska District scholarships and seminary grants through the years have finished their schooling to go on to bless the church at large in its various ministries of sharing the love of Jesus with the world. The Scholarship Fund itself aids the undergraduate students pursuing full-time church careers through one of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) higher institutions with their tuition expenses. The fund is supported by donations made directly to it by any individual or group. As the funds are gathered, they are currently disbursed each year to applicants who apply for a scholarship by the March 15 deadline. Our fund currently needs more donations. However, the seminary grant, that the convention votes on through the grants presented at the district convention every two years, goes directly to the seminary students who have applied for scholarship help and are currently enrolled at one of our synodical seminaries. The seminary students have priority for the mission grant, and then if there are any funds left over, they will be allocated to the undergraduates.

The process of working with these two types of financial support to our undergraduates and our seminary students is a noteworthy cause for us to continue for the future. Our prayers and contributions encourage the men and women to whom God has called into a life of service to Him, the church and the world. If you have known someone who has benefited from this help, you will hear their appreciation for the gift that made a difference and aided them in completing their training to follow the call God placed on their hearts to work for Him.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial gifts. They are to be sent to the LWML Washington-Alaska District Financial Secretary.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11).



# **Public Relations Committee**

Janet Rust, Chairman

Does your church have a central spot for Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) news? If you do, check it out for the latest on the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention, June 17-19, 2016, in Everett, Washington. If you don't have this information <u>area</u> in your church, why don't you ask if you can be responsible to keep it up to date?

In cooperation with the LWML Washington-Alaska District's Executive Committee, the Public Relations Committee works diligently to make sure you have the information you need to be an active and effective LWML member. We mail information to your societies two or three times a year and provide you with the *Evergreen Echoes* newsletter four times a year. We also mail the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazines to your societies and make sure the LWML district website at <a href="https://www.wa-aklwml.org">www.wa-aklwml.org</a> can answer your questions about the organization.

Your society president has received the registration form and information about the exciting convention plans being made. You will also find information about scholarship opportunities for LCMS ministry students, as well as opportunities to serve the district as an executive committee member. You can also offer "God's Gifts for God's Glory," the theme of this year's biennial convention, by serving on a district committee.

But get that information bulletin board at your church filled first! See you at convention!

Want to order a shirt or jacket to wear to the convention in June?

Find LWML clothing at cph.org and choose the "LWML Store" button. Check out the apparel and order something (purple?) for the convention! District logo clothing will be available at the district convention in June!

# Recycling

Judy Peraino, Recycling Coordinator

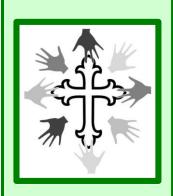
Between May 2014 and October 2015, \$676.05 was raised through recycling. There has been a balance of \$12.40 at Funding Factory for several months. When we reach \$25, we can request a check. Earnings are down, but I believe we can increase them once checking the qualifying lists becomes familiar.

Please go to <a href="https://www.fundingfactory.com">www.greenhippo.com</a>, to compare your cartridges and laser toners (plus cell phones, tablets and small electronics at Green Hippo) with their qualifying lists. I have found that Green Hippo accepts more than Funding Factory.

A third option is <a href="www.maxback.com">www.maxback.com</a>. Thanks to their partnership with Funding Factory, when you sell your cell phone, tablet, smartwatch, or fitness tracker to MaxBack, the cause of your choice (LWML number is 27489) will get a 10% donation. You are sent a check. You can choose to send that amount to LWML WA-AK District, attn.: Donna Chow for Recycling Fund. Her address is in the roster.

For more information and registering please go to <a href="www.maxback.com">www.maxback.com</a> or <a href="www.greenhippo.com">www.greenhippo.com</a>. Smartphones, iPads, and tablets are worth more than cartridges.

If you have any questions or would like shipping labels, my contact information is in the roster. Thank you very much for your support.



**District Theme 2014-2016** 

God's
Empowerment...
Our Variety...
For God's
Purpose

God enables us to boldly and actively use our variety of gifts and talents as we enthusiastically share the Good News and His love with each other, our neighbors, and people throughout the world.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

### Teen Committee

Elizabeth Cook, VP Special Focus Ministries

Teens in your congregation are finding their lives building with busyness as the school year starts its downward slide to finals. But it's a great time to start talking to your youth group leaders about organizing a joint event for the summer. You might want to see if there is a mission activity that your society would support that would also be something that the teens might be interested in. If you can't find something active to do, consider hosting a pizza party and inviting a mission speaker to talk about a mission opportunity in your area. Remember, our goal is to help the teens in your congregation see that the LWML is available as another opportunity to help with mission work.

### Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

Magandang tanghali po Bung zina Selam Male Shalom Dobryy den Privet Aloha Hola Konnichiwa Bog Hej Nyhao Xin chao Bonjour Ciao

Hello! These words say "hello" in many of the languages spoken by women in Washington. If you are one of the many multicultural women living in the LWML Washington-Alaska District, we invite you to our district convention in Everett, June 17-19, 2016.

There is a special program for multicultural women. The Heart to Heart Sisters Program is designed to "motivate, equip, and ensure opportunities for multicultural women to serve the church, participate in LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ." Our purpose is to "mutually encourage one another, support each other, and work together, living out the beautiful diversity that is the body of Christ."

Come and experience the love and joy that comes from sharing with other multicultural women. There is a special bond formed when we, from different ethnic backgrounds, are able to share our hopes and dreams, as well as the struggles and fears that we have in common. For further information, my contact information is on the district roster found in the back of this newsletter.

## Young Women Committee

Heather Selset, Chairman

The Young Women Committee is very excited about the upcoming convention! The young ladies will have time to connect with each other, have Bible studies, visit the convention exhibits, and see the convention sessions. It's really the best time for them to see what LWML is all about! The biggest thing I'm looking forward to is for them to experience the fellowship of all the women in the district, and see just how far our ministry spreads. Seeing the presentations about the mission grants and hearing from the recipients really impacted me as a young woman, before I knew what all LWML encompasses. I'm so grateful to provide the opportunity for more young women like me to dive in and see the love of Christ spread through our mites and our actions. More information about the convention can be found in the bulk mailing, but please don't hesitate to contact me with questions! My contact information is listed on the district roster.

#### SPRING JOYSHOPS

ALASKA April 16 Anchorage Lutheran Anchorage, AK

BLUE MOUNTAIN APRIL 23 BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN KENNEWICK, WA

EAST INLAND
EMPIRE
APRIL 16
CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN
COEUR D'ALENE, ID

HOOD CANAL APRIL 16 PEACE LUTHERAN BREMERTON, WA

INTER-VALLEY
APRIL 30
MESSIAH LUTHERAN
PROSSER, WA

LAKE WASHINGTON APRIL 30 ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN BELLEVUE, WA

MOUNT BAKER APRIL 9 TRINITY LUTHERAN MOUNT VERNON, WA

NORTH COLUMBIA APRIL 2 HOPE LUTHERAN TONASKET, WA

OLYMPIC APRIL 23 MESSIAH LUTHERAN SEATTLE, WA

RAINIER APRIL 9 TRINITY LUTHERAN OLYMPIA, WA

SOUTH COLUMBIA APRIL 16 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN WENATCHEE, WA

#### Alaska Zone

Cristina McAnulty, President

Happy New Year from Alaska!!! I pray that everyone had a wonderful holiday season during Thanksgiving, Christmas and ringing in the 2016 New Year. Several societies had a holiday celebration at their churches, or opened up their homes to friends during these wonderful times of year. We had our first zone board meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Anchorage Lutheran and we discussed our upcoming Joyshop and Fall Retreat. It was wonderful to have six of the nine societies represented at this meeting. We were able to accomplish quite a bit and were able to enjoy some wonderful fellowship as well. Our Alaska Zone Joyshop will be held at Anchorage Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 16, 2016. We're finalizing the details about the theme, and I'm certain it will be enjoyed by all.

Blessings always.

## East Inland Empire Zone

Heather Selset, President

Greetings all! I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas season, and are now turning your hearts and minds toward Christ's journey to the cross, followed by the triumphant resurrection for our salvation! What a wonderful time of year! The East Inland Empire Zone is looking forward to our Spring Rally, which will be held at Christ the King, Coeur d'Alene on Saturday, April 16. We'll be hearing from Pastor Jon Muhly about mission work in Russia, and collecting items for Union Gospel Mission Center in Coeur d'Alene. Churches have been working on various mission projects. For example, the ladies at Holy Cross Lutheran in Spokane have been gathering plastic bags, tying them together, and crocheting mats for the homeless! The mats are light-weight, temperature-controlled, and waterproof. I encourage you to get together with your ladies and see what you can come up with for a project in your area!

## Lake Washington Zone

Deaconess Ruth Ann Shimoi, President

Hello from Lake Washington Zone!

We are getting pretty excited for our Joyshop.

When: Saturday, April 30. Registration at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:15.

Where: All Saints Lutheran Church

5501 148th Ave NE Bellevue, Washington

Theme: A Cup, Building Relationships, using the PowerPoint presentation from

LWML, "A Cup of Coffee"

Plans are to order plain mugs (using a Thrivent Community Impact Card) having those in attendance decorate them, then deliver to the care center All Saints Lutheran visits every week. We may also put together goodie bags.

# **Society Corner**

Please copy this issue for the women in your church!

Print it in grayscale for copying on the copy machine or print out all the copies in color.

If you would like to receive a colored issue via email, contact the Circulation Manager. (This is the best way!)

A special thank-you to Donna Chow who put together this *Evergreen Echoes* issue!

## Fidelia Guild, Immanuel Lutheran, Everett

Kay Thomsen, Secretary

Fidelia Guild hosted a baby shower on January 12, 2016, to benefit Everett's Pregnancy Resource Center.



## Zion Lutheran Church Society, Auburn

Sherril Robertson, President

The general fund money we collected from our society members, and profits made from a bake/craft sale we had in November, are used to support different ongoing missions. One mission is the Lind family with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in Congo. We also fund CareNet Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound, Federal Way, with a monthly contribution. Zion Lutheran will also host a baby bottle campaign for CareNet in the month of May.

We are very excited to sponsor a Fashion Show Luncheon on March 5, 2016. Our models will exhibit the fashions worn by the Presidents' wives over the decades. All profits made from the sale of tickets will benefit the Seattle Children's Hospital. With this event, we are able to connect with other women in our community.

Our society at Zion works together for God's purpose, using our gifts for His Glory.

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## 2014-2016 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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Judy Peraino



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## Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention June 17–19, 2016 Holiday Inn – Everett, Washington



#### Convention Theme God's Gifts for God's Glory

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

#### **Convention Goal Statement**

Knowing that God empowers everyone with different gifts, service, and activities, I seek to use those gifts, service, and activities to minister to others, so that others may know and experience the love of Jesus.

#### **Convention Objectives**

Convention attendees are given opportunities for and motivated to:

- Praise and worship God for His love and His gifts;
- Use their varieties of gifts and talents in service to Christ; and
- Share the love of Christ and the message of salvation in Christ alone to those near and far.