

# The Eastern District LWML



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Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness  
For  
70 Years



*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! 2014 will be a year of surprises and joyful events as well as events we did not wish to happen. One of the joyful events will be celebrated at the upcoming Eastern District LWML convention on June 6-8 in Buffalo, NY. The Eastern District LWML began its formal roots in 1944. At that point we grew in our societies and zones as a part of the national organization. There are many of you who remember those first conventions and served as officers and delegates. I wish to thank you for the work you did on behalf of the organization and paving the way for us who are establishing our own history.

In a past devotion from our district LCMS President, Pastor Chris Wicher, he spoke about the fact that anniversaries are not just for looking back, they are to look forward as well. We need to look where God is leading us as His people. As we the LWML of the Eastern District look forward to the tasks we are called to accomplish, we can be assured that God has a way of leading and guiding us to equip us for the tasks ahead. The time is NOW to make a difference.

The executive committee of the Eastern District LWML will be meeting in February to pray, review and discuss the 19 grant requests that we received. From this discussion the grants that meet the criteria will be presented on the convention ballot for voting in Buffalo. I can tell you this is a humbling experience for many reasons but especially this year because of the content of the requests. I am always so comforted and in awe of the ways you find to show God’s love to others. The need grows greater every year as I read these grant requests and this year is no exception. Again NOW is the time to make a difference.

As the plans are being made for the upcoming 35th biennial district convention and celebration of our 70 years of serving the Lord with gladness here in the Eastern District please select your delegates and young women representatives to come to Buffalo to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Yes, besides the voting of the grants that will be supported by our mites, we will have a few bylaw changes, one which includes moving forward in the planning of our Eastern District LWML endowment. I feel this is the time to celebrate 70 years and to move forward with a plan for financial support of future district activities as we are filled with the power of the hope from the Holy Spirit. I look forward to seeing you all in Buffalo.

**Linked together in Christ,  
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**Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**



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**God with us!**

**Matthew 1:20-23**— *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"(which means, God with us).*

The clock keeps ticking and here we go again, Christmas is coming, and Advent is here, the beginning of the new theological year, Joseph's judgment, Zechariah's quandary, the birth of John the Baptist, he leapt in the womb, the three kings, Caesar's tax, the journey, the manager, the shepherds, Jesus' birth. This is a time to anticipate, to hope, to take courage, to rejoice, because God is with us! That is the point of our text!

Consider the rollercoaster Joseph must have been on. First a marriage had been arranged. The relationship was only beginning to be formed. The home was being made ready for two with a family soon to follow. His family and his friends were prepared to celebrate. It wasn't exactly a secret any more. The papers had already been signed; the contract was already binding. The only thing that had not yet happened was for the marriage to be consummated. Then suddenly Joseph discovered that Mary was already pregnant. That may not be such a big deal in the year 2013, but in the first century, was more like the Amish community in the seventeen hundreds. A lesser man, filled with rage, would have simply exposed her to public disgrace and let the chips fall where they may, but Joseph, being a righteous and compassionate man, sought to protect her from public disgrace and had in mind to divorce her quietly.

It was the Holy Spirit who entered in, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." That which appeared to be the greatest of sins was actually an answer to prayer, the fulfillment of prophesy, the result of God's Promise, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Jesus was to be born that we might be redeemed, set right with God, forgiven of sin.

But that's all just the beginning, Advent is to be followed by, Christmas, and Epiphany to give Easter meaning, the Transfiguration to reveal His identity, Lent to set the stage, Easter that God and man might be reunited, and Pentecost that the hunt for God children might continue on. That is what the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League is all about. Mission! Being sent out to preach, teach, and proclaim the gospel! Primarily we gather to make missions possible, to support missionaries and their families. If it were not for the LWML many missions would not be possible, and if it were not for those missions, many families would not be redeemed. You did not redeem them, but you did facilitate the work of the Holy Spirit. It is all that God asks!



*This Christmas as we*  
**CELEBRATE**  
*The miraculous gift of*  
**JESUS**

*May we share with  
others the Joy that  
knowing Him brings!*

So let us rejoice and give thanks to God as we enter this Christmas season. Christ was born that we might have life and have it in abundance. God is with us, and He has blessed us that we might be a part of the work of redemption. There can be no greater honor, no greater blessing than to be asked to be a part of God's ministry. "For (if) God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life," and then he would in trust that ministry to you, what an honor it must be! And so I too am honored to be your chaplain.

**Merry Christmas!**

**Rev. Bruce C. Donley, Senior Pastoral Counselor**

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district 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*

Mission Grants

GRANT #5 IN ACTION



Thank you for the payment of Grant #5 which was used to purchase equipment for G and E Therapies which works with children who have special needs. They meet at Grace Lutheran Church in Vestal, NY. The older children meet twice a month during the school year and the younger ones have a six week program during the summer. The computers, tablets etc. which the LWML grant enabled them to purchase, are being used and enjoyed by both groups. They are most thankful for these teaching tools.



September 19-21, 2014  
 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center

Theme: Hold Fast to the Word  
 1 Corinthians 15:2

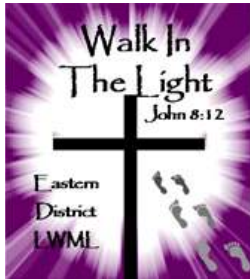
*"By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. "*



Speaker Ethel Chadwick  
 "Bagels and Blessings"

Ethel is a wonderful Jewish woman, mother, wife. She has a bubbly, joyful personality who will share a little about herself, her growing up in a Jewish home, how she came to the realization that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah





**Eastern District Lutheran Woman's Missionary League  
35th Biennial Convention  
June 6-8, 2014  
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, NY**

"Walk in the Light" (John 8:12) and celebrate 70 years of God's blessings to the Eastern District LWML at the 35th Biennial Eastern District Convention hosted by the Allegany/Cattaraugus and Buffalo Zones June 6-8, 2014 at the Millenium Hotel in Buffalo. Linda Reiser, past national president will be the featured speaker.

Gifts from the Heart---children's clothing up to size 14, infant car seats, cribs, pack and play cribs, newborn onesies and sleepers---will benefit Harvest House baby ministry in South Buffalo. Monetary donations are also welcome and necessary.

There will be special worship services and Bible studies, as well as a presentation of grant proposals for 2014-2016. **Come and be a part of this special celebration of God's grace.** Registration form can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this LINK—**Ruth Wurster—Convention Publicity Chairman**



**Buffalo Then and Now Tour. Friday, June 6, 1-4. Pick up and drop off at the hotel.  
Cost \$48.00 (minimum 30 people)**

Buffalo was the quintessential 19th Century boomtown. Its position at the western end of the Erie Canal made it the Gateway to the West - the departure point for immigrants on their way to the heartland. Enjoy an architectural, historical and also a look at our new emerging waterfront and then a historical tour of the historic 269-acre Forest Lawn Cemetery, founded in 1849. Forest Lawn contains outstanding examples of funerary art, including the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Blue Sky Mausoleum, as well as lakes, hills, wildlife, trees and so much more. Forest Lawn is also includes the graves of President Millard Fillmore, Seneca Nation Chief Red Jacket as well as many famous Americans. You might even meet one of our famous residents.

*GIFTS from the* 



*Baby & Children's Ministry*



Imagine the heartache of the mother who is unable to provide her child with something as basic as a pair of pajamas or the shame of knowing that her child's threadbare coat no longer fits, but must last another winter. This is why the Baby and Children's Ministry exists. At the Baby and Children's Ministry, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and other caregivers have their pride and dignity restored as they "shop" for the items their children need. In 2012, this ministry gave free items to more than 5,800 children. The Harvest House Baby and Children's Ministry is the largest provider of free baby and children's clothing and furniture items in the Buffalo area, helping families referred by nearly 200 social service and health agencies.

ITEMS NEEDED: Clothing infant up to size 14—Infant Car Seats with Base (less than six years old)—Car Seats (less than six years old)—Cribs with **stationary** sides—Pack N Play Portable cribs—*Especially needed: Newborn onesies, Newborn sleepers and Children's socks*

**Bottles for Babies Programs** – Empty Baby bottles were distributed at our district retreat. Individuals, groups or societies may fill them with monetary donations and return them to the convention.



Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks out to 2014 LWML Eastern District Convention. **PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO OUR CONVENTION IN JUNE IN BUFFALO.**



Convention Counselor  
Rev. Ron Sprehe

**In the next issue . . . . Look for:**

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**REGISTER NOW AND COME CELEBRATE OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY**





**REGISTRATION FORM (PAGE 2)**

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
**35th Biennial Convention - June 6-8, 2014**  
 Millenium Hotel Buffalo  
 2040 Walden Ave Cheektowaga NY 14225

<http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumbuffalo> phone: (716) 681-2400

**MITE WALK:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.

**CHOIR:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: \_\_\_ SOPRANO \_\_\_ ALTO

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form. Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Condition Convention Committee should be aware of:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicapped Accessible Room
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpreter needed for (circle one):      Hearing Impaired      Spanish Language      Other:
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**TRANSPORTATION:**

If you require transportation between an airport, train station, or bus station and the convention, please complete this TRANSPORTATION section! Please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.

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Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:

**PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:**

Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Make Checks Payable to: 2014 Eastern District LWML Convention**  
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# News From Around The Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE

At their Fall Rally the women of the Buffalo LWML were moved by a presentation by our Speaker Gail Galfo, who spoke to us on behalf of Women's Veteran Health Care. She talked to us of the plight of returning women veterans, many of whom end up homeless due to PTS and PTSD resulting in divorce. The VA is presently treating over 5000 cases of PTSD and has 35 homeless women veterans in residence. Part of her ministry is making gift bags and cards for the women in the VA to make them feel more at home. This is what our ingathering will be used for. We also took up a collection and donated \$103 toward her ministry.



The Buffalo Zone invites you to join us and the Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone as we host the 2014 Eastern District Convention in Buffalo June 6-8, 2014. Come join us as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Eastern District LWML. Register today!

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## NIAGARA ZONE



This past summer, the Grace Niagara Falls hosted our summer gathering/picnic. We began with a devotion based on the LWML national gathering theme "Quenched By the Water". Barbara Williams, our zone delegate reported on the convention. It was a joy to hear the enthusiastic re-

sponses to the convention by Barbara and the volunteers who were able to attend. For fellowship and fun, members donated item for auction for a fundraiser to fund our Zone's Delegate Travel Fund. Pastor Alan Bauch served as our auctioneer, an unknown talent.

On October 27, Redeemer North Tonawanda hosted our fall meeting. Our devotion was focused on the Reformation. We reviewed Mission and some of the resources available from the National LWML website. Elections were held and officers were installed. We praise God for continued service of our Recording Secretary Jane Christensen, Treasurer Alice Pfonner. We were pleased and grateful- that Barbara Williams has accepted the role of president of the Niagara Zone.

**Laurie Bauch, Niagara Zone President**



## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zones from the Eastern District and English District met at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church on Nov. 2 for our joint Fall Rally. The welcome was given by Susan Bell and the response by Kay Ardner of the English District. The opening worship service and the Bible study were given by our new Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Marcus Sims. "We Are God's Children" was the theme and our rally text was 1 John 3:1-3. Susan Bell & Rebecca Futty gave a pictorial report of the National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh that so many of us had a part in since our Districts were hosts. A wonderful lunch was served by the ladies of Christ Memorial and the ingathering was LSB Hymnals and Cate-



chisms for the new PLM church in Philadelphia, Shepherd of the City. Pastor Joshua Gale was our guest speaker. He talked about the work he and PLM have done at Shepherd of the City and his future mission work in Peru.



The next Philadelphia Board meeting will be on March 29, 2014 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. The Spring Rally will be at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia on Saturday, April. 26. Please plan to attend if you can. We are looking forward to the next Eastern District Convention in June in Buffalo!

**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

**2014 Convention Committee Chairmen—** Buffalo Zone President-Karen Blackmon; Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone President-Georgia Henry; Chariman-Bev Wicher; Co-Chairman-Claire Carlson; Secretary-Gretchen Putzman; Treasurer-Jackie Blank; District Liaison-Kathi Rickus; Counselor-Rev. Ron Sprehe; Banner/Logo Chairman-Pam Maconaghy; Displays/Exhibits-Sharon Wolff; Entertainment-Ruth Wurster; Favors & Decorating-Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone; Hospitality-Annette Hanchett; Housing-Dee Grzyb; Mite Walk-vacant; Music-Ann Werk; Properties-Claire Carlson; Photography-Wally Grzyb; Publicity-Ruth Wurster; Registration-Diane Pingel; Special Needs-Ann Scherff; Tote Bags-Fern Suckow; Tour-Maxine Ford; Transportation-Sharon McGuan; Ushers-Lucille Koeller





**TRAVELING BANNER**

Kelly Morrison, who was a page at the 2008 convention, with the beautiful banner designed and made by Adaline Busch from the Niagara Zone for the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. It has traveled from North Tonawanda, NY to Pittsburgh, Pa to Hilton, NY and maybe to your area, just ask. Contact Rebecca Bessell if you want to bring the banner to your church or gathering.



**STAMPS FOR MISSIONS**

96 pounds of cancelled postage stamps have been gathered by the women of the Eastern District during the Summer and Fall for the Canadian Bible Society.

They will be taken to two Canadian headquarters before the end of the year by relatives of the two coordinators. The participation, time and effort of those who gather, trim and save for this mission outreach project is very much appreciated and it is hoped that the enthusiasm will continue!!

The information again is: for every one pound of acceptable stamps sold (1/4 inch trimmed with no edges damaged) for \$5.00, one Bible is made. The various shipments of Bibles to the countries around the world are produced in the respective language of that country.

We continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and direction in this endeavor of sharing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter and Trudy Sallach  
Stamps For Missions Coordinators**



<b>Feb. 28-Mar. 1</b>	EC & BOD Meeting Buffalo, NY
<b>June 6-8, 2014</b>	Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY
<b>Sept. 19, 2014</b>	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 19-21, 2014</b>	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell**

April 1, 2012 – November 30, 2013

Mites: \$48,764.57

Memorials given in remembrance of (from September 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013):

- Paul Clark
- Arlene Holman
- Judy Nedell
- Verna Kimmell

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.

**REMINDER: LWML QUARTERLY:** Decreases in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1. All payments should be send through the Zone Treasureres.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:** Please make sure to update us on any directory changes, names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails of pastors, society presidents and zone officers. A new directory will be distributed in February, so if there have been any changes, let us know.

Don't forget to visit our website [east-dist-lwml.org](http://east-dist-lwml.org) for all the latest information, including recent LINK's, registration forms, etc.

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**Deadlines to submit articles:**

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## EASTERN DISTRICT LWML RECYCLING FUNDRAISING RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES, ETC.



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- Save printers or large computer monitors



### DO:

Contact District Recycling Coordinator Claire Carlson at 716-649-4678 or at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) if you have any questions. Please note the contact person for only Central New York North Zone is Pat Clark. Please contact her at [patsyjanclark@gmail.com](mailto:patsyjanclark@gmail.com).

# The Eastern District LWML



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Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness



*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves Philippians 2:3*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

February for a district president of the LWML tends to be a meeting month. First, I travel to St. Louis to meet with the national leaders and fellow district presidents and then a meeting in the district with those leaders and zone presidents. It is a good busy as we work together making changes and sharing ideas to glorify God.

Last June a quilt was given to the LWML President Kay which consisted of 40 squares representing the 40 LWML districts. Each district president shared a word that they felt represented their district which was sewn on the back of the quilt. I had provided the word **servanthood**. As we all met this past February, 20 of us who are going out of office this year were asked to share our word with the 20 that remain in office for another 2 years. I truly believe this word speaks to the women of the Eastern District. I see it in their actions and hear it in their words. The bedtime devotion that was shared at this past district meeting talked about humility, which I feel is what **servanthood** is about as well.

For the past almost 4 years my theme verse has been "Linked together in Christ" from Ephesians 4:6 which states "from him the whole body joined and held together...grows and builds itself up in love as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16. This was also the convention theme from the June 2008 LWML district convention. Without the **servanthood** and humility of the group and us joining together to work on things as a team we, would not be able to accomplish the mission we have had before us. It has been a wonderful experience to look back and see all that has happened, that is not to say we do not have challenges to face in the future. After the national meeting and as I shared with the district group the growth of the LWML is not about recruiting women for an organization but about connecting women with our mission and encouraging and supporting their embodiment of that mission in many and various ways through our congregations. Our passion is to encourage Lutheran women to be rooted in God's Word and to live out our response to God's grace through mission, service and fellowship with other women. Please join me as we move forward.

**Linked together in Christ,  
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President  
rlb54@rochester.rr.com; 585-964-7844; 585-415-6368 (cell)**



**Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**



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## Words from Rev. Cory Eckstrom

Shaped by suffering, no stranger to pain, familiar with rejection...all of these are phrases we may hear during Lent from our teachers and preachers. What's the purpose of this season? One member of my church says "I can't stand the funeral dirges we call hymns!" It may feel that way, but remember we decide faithfully to change our habits, even temporarily our songs and the mood of worship to underline the purpose of Lent, to remember and emulate Christ the Passover Lamb who takes away the sins (ours sin!) of the world. Even the children following God can get into bad habits; Hebrews 10 discusses "not giving up meeting, as some are already in the habit of doing". Here we are, the Christian Church is very young, and yet people are finding others things to be in worship and to regularly meet around the Word and encourage

to do rather than

each other. Have you been ridiculed for believing in God and following His Son? Hebrews 10: 34-ff state: *"you suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, 'In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.' And, 'But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.' But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."* (NIV)

We should not be dismayed if our groups struggle, but we do need to maintain, with His power, the marks of being a Christian. Regular attendance at church, giving of time, talents, and treasures, and especially our lives following Jesus need to be seen by others, so that even the unbelievers can say your lives are following God. Feeling weak or inadequate to the task? The Lord will bless those following, even those with most smallest or weakest faith. Jesus our Guide, our Example, and yes our Savior does all things well during Lent! He gathers, enlightens and sanctifies his people through the work of the Spirit to cause true Lenten growth! See you in church!

**Pastor Cory J. Eckstrom, Eastern District Junior Counselor**

## Mission Grants

## MISSION GRANTS PAID IN FULL

It is with a thankful heart that I can announce that all the Mission Grants have been funded for the current biennium. Praise God. Grant 8, our final grant, has been paid to the Buffalo City Mission (Cornerstone Manor) for exercise equipment.

Now it is time to move on and prayerfully consider the proposals on the ballot in June. Our Board had to choose from 19 worthy projects and they will be presented at the Convention and in materials given to each Zone. Our Lord will guide.

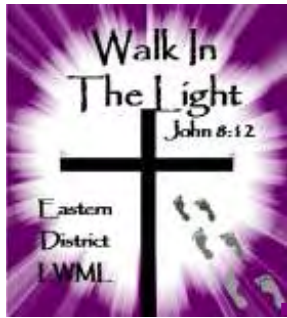
**Audrey Schneider—ED LWML Mission Grants Chairman**



*Thank You*

Thank you for all your cards, prayers and well wishes after my car accident. Your care and concern were greatly appreciated.

**Fern Suckow**



**Eastern District  
Lutheran Woman's Missionary League  
35th Biennial Convention  
June 6-8, 2014  
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, NY**

*[Jesus said] "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12"*

EVERYONE is invited to celebrate 70 years of God's blessings to the Eastern District LWML at 35th Biennial Eastern District Convention hosted by the Allegany/Cattaraugus and Buffalo, June 6-8, 2014 at the Millenium Hotel in Buffalo.

- ◆ We will celebrate the theme "Walk in the Light" based on John 8:12 and grow in faith through special worship services and Bible studies.
- ◆ Linda Reiser, past national president will be the featured speaker, Lois Anderson, national treasurer, will bring greetings and news from National LWML, Cynthia Kahn of POBLO Ministries will be our Mission Speaker and past Eastern District presidents will be introduced.
- ◆ Mission grant proposals for the 2014-2016 biennium will be presented as well as a slate of officers for delegates to select.
- ◆ Gifts from the Heart---children's clothing up to size 14, infant car seats, cribs, pack and play cribs, newborn onesies and sleepers---will benefit Harvest House baby ministry in South Buffalo. Monetary donations are also welcome and necessary. Please make checks payable to 2014 Eastern District Convention with the memo line for Harvest House.
- ◆ Learn about "Gifts of Love" presented by Linda Gage at an enrichment session and meet Lois Anderson and Linda Reiser as they each lead an enrichment session on Saturday.
- ◆ Join the mite walk, renew friendships, make new friends and celebrate the work of Eastern District LWML.

◆Come and be a part of this special celebration of God's grace◆

**Ruth Wurster**

**Convention Publicity Chairman**

**BUFFALO NOW AND THEN TOUR  
FRIDAY JUNE 6 1-4 P.M.**

Pick up and drop off at the hotel.

Cost \$48 (minimum of 30 people)!

Buffalo was the quintessential 19th Century boomtown and was at one time the 8th largest city in the United States. It's position at the western end of the Erie Canal made it the Gateway to the West before immigrants made their way to the heartland.

Enjoy an architectural and historical tour of Buffalo and also see our new emerging waterfront area.



Then travel to Forest Lawn Cemetery, founded in 1849, to see the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Blue Sky Mausoleum as well as graves of President Millard Fillmore, Seneca Nation Chief Red Jacket and others. Hear about famous people from Buffalo who are buried in Forest Lawn. Include your tour payment, which includes the bus with a restroom, with your registration fee.



Joy Belasic-Hospitality; Ruth Wurster-Publicity, Entertainment; Fern Suckow-Tote Bags; Sue Bethin-Meals; Jean Schultz-Registration helper; Diane Pingle, Registration; Dee Grzyb-Housing; Annette Hanchett-Hospitality; Karen Blackmon, Ushers, Mite Walk; Gretchen Putzman, Secretary; Maxine Ford-Tours; Bev Wicher-Chairman; Rebecca Bessell-District President; Lucille Koeller-Ushers; Kathi Rickus-Convention Liaison; Jackie Blank-Treasurer; Ann Werk-Music; Claire Carlson-Co-Chairman, Properties; **Not Pictured:** Rev. Ron Sprehe-Counselor; Sharon Wolff-Exhibits; Sharon McGuan-Properties, Transportation; Wally Grzyb-Photographer; Robin Swanson-Favors; Pam Maconaghy-Banner

**EXHIBITORS**—The following are the exhibitors that we have heard from to date that will be at the convention—Camp Pioneer, Concordia Deaconess Conference – LCMS, LAMP, LWML Gifts of Love Ministry, Eastern Dist LLL/Lutheran Hour Ministries, POBLO, Niagara Lutheran Health Systems, LINC Rochester, Thrivent, The LWML Store

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER—LINDA REISER—PAST LWML PRESIDENT

We are very excited to have Linda Reiser, 15th President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League as our keynote speaker for our convention. Linda Reiser was born and raised on a farm in Waterbury, Nebraska. She was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, Nebraska where fall mission festivals began to spark her interest in the mission work of the church. That mission interest was further realized in her years as president. As President of the LWML, Linda was able to witness firsthand the amazing 'mighty mite box' donations from the women of the church. Those millions of dollars as well as the prayers offered for the missions and missionaries have made an eternal difference throughout the world. In addition to other positions she presently holds, a very enjoyable task for her is serving as the Chair of the Gift Planning Council for LWML.



### NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE—LOIS ANDERSON

We welcome Lois Anderson, LWML Treasurer as our National Representative. Lois Anderson was inspired to become a member of the LWML by her mother who loved to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission and was a faithful participant for many years. This example led Lois into her own service because she believes in the mission of the organization. Lois has been a member of the LWML for 40 years, has held several LWML offices in her time with LWML. She was elected Treasurer at the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois. Serving as Treasurer and as a member of the LWML Executive Committee has been a tremendous blessing for Lois in many ways. Forming lifelong friendships with women of faith across the country ranks high on her list.



### MISSION SPEAKER—CYNTHIA KHAN—POBLO MINISTRIES

Cynthia Khan, Director of Women and Youth Ministries for Poble Ministries will be sharing with us as our Mission Speaker. Poble was a recipient of an Eastern District Grant for the 2012-2014 biennium. Poble Ministries—People of the Book Ministries is a mission movement which allows the Holy Spirit to work through congregations, individuals, and ethnic Christians desiring to bring the Gospel to those Muslims. Cynthia educates, trains and equips Christian congregations to understand how to extend the Love of Christ with the diverse neighborhoods and to the international community at large.



### LWML GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY—LINDA GAGE

We are pleased to have our good friend, Linda Gage joining us as LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Through LWML's Gifts of Love ministry, LWML has its own Gift Planning Counselor, Linda Gage. She serves as a guide to help develop, plan and implement your Christian estate plan that will bless your family and the Lord's Work. We are excited to have Linda share with us as The Eastern District LWML begins to plan their own Legacy of Love endowment fund.



Imagine the heartache of the mother who is unable to provide her child with something as basic as a pair of pajamas or the shame of knowing that her child's threadbare coat no longer fits, but must last another winter. This is



Baby and Children's Ministry

why the Baby and Children's Ministry exists. At the Baby and Children's Ministry, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and other caregivers have their pride and dignity restored

as they "shop" for the items their children need. In 2012, this ministry gave free items to more than 5,800 children. The Harvest House Baby and Children's Ministry is the largest provider of free baby and children's clothing and furniture items in the Buffalo area, helping families referred by nearly 200 social service and health agencies.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Clothing infant up to size 14—Infant Car Seats with Base (less than six years old)—Car Seats (less than six years old)—Cribs with **stationary** sides—Pack N Play Portable cribs—*Especially needed: Newborn onesies, Newborn sleepers and Children's socks*

**Bottles for Babies Programs** – Empty Baby bottles were distributed at our district retreat. Individuals, groups or societies may fill them with monetary donations and return them to the convention.

**Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks out to 2014 LWML Eastern District Convention.**

**PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO OUR CONVENTION IN JUNE IN BUFFALO.**



## ENTERTAINMENT—CUT OFF

**Cut Off** was originally founded in the summer of 2010 with seven original members. Over the course of the past three years, the group has seen many changes in the number vocalists, as many as 14 members at once. After a number of changes, they have found a sound they love with the current eight members. Of the current eight members, four of them have been members of **Cut Off** since 2010. Three of these four original members sang a cappella together in college. The other four members have joined the group at various times, hearing about Cut Off from either friends, social media, or the internet. The current group has been singing together for about one

year. **Cut Off** normally performs in the Rochester area, but have performed in various locations on the East Coast, including Boston, and their 2013 Summer Tour to North Carolina and Washington D.C.

The name **Cut Off** was chosen because most of the original members sang a cappella in college, and upon graduation, were cut off from singing a cappella. So a new, post-collegiate group was formed to continue their love of a cappella, taking on the name **Cut Off**. Something interesting about Cut Off is that none of the members are full time musicians. While we love singing and sharing our passion of music with others, during the work week members can be found working as teachers, bankers, sales-personnel, medical personnel, or students preparing for graduation in May.



### MISSION GRANTS ON THE COVENTION BALLOT

The Board of Directors approved the following mission grants proposals. They will be placed on the ballot for the 2014-2016 biennium and voted upon at the 2014 District LWML Convention.

<b>GRANT A</b> —Request to provide computers for Trinity Lutheran School, Wellsboro, Pa. <b>Requested by Trinity, Wellsboro LWML</b>	<b>\$4244.94</b>
<b>GRANT B</b> —Request to provide funds for the completion of a meeting room for Bible Study and Christian counseling, spiritual guidance by Faith members at Safe Harbor, Easton, Pa. <b>Requested by Faith Lutheran LWML, Easton, Pa</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT C</b> —Request for funds to purchase shelving for the new Orphan Grain Train warehouse. <b>Requested by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Annapolis, Md.</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT D</b> —Request for funds for the Eastern District LCML Scholarship Fund for church-work-students. <b>Requested by LWML Buffalo Zone</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT E</b> —Request to purchase equipment for the community Holy Yoga and Zumba exercise programs at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Fairport, NY. <b>Requested by LWML member Sheryl Reid of Risen Christ.</b>	<b>\$4346.00</b>
<b>GRANT F</b> —Request for supplies for the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Pittsburgh, PA. <b>Requested by LWML member Linda Breight and Rev. Eric Andrae</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT G</b> --Request to extend the Grace Lutheran Church Opportunity Center Mission project for one year to include meals for a year plus backpack of clothing and school supplies and tracts <b>Requested by Mary-Martha LWML, Grace Lutheran Church, Canastota, NY.</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT H</b> —Request for funds to help the members of Hananiah Lutheran Church further their ministry at their inner city Buffalo, NY church. <b>Requested by LWML member Katherine Rickus.</b>	<b>\$4700.00</b>
<b>GRANT I</b> -- Request for funds to provide scholarships for Eastern District members to attend a Church Reconciler Training/AOR. <b>Requested by Grace Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, NY.</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT J</b> —Request for funds to provide meals for 99 additional families for a year, through their food bank. <b>Requested by Hope Lutheran Church, Rochester, NY.</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>GRANT K</b> —Request for funds to initiate a Christ-Centered Cancer Care Ministry at St Mark, Mendon, NY. <b>Requested by St. Mark Ladies Aid Society, Mendon, NY</b>	<b>\$3750.00</b>



Speaker Ethel Chadwick  
 “ Bagels and Blessings”



Ethel is a wonderful Jewish woman, mother, wife. She has a bubbly, joyful personality who will share a little about herself, her growing up in a Jewish home, how she came to the realization that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah



**2014 Fall Retreat-September 19-21**

Ethel Chadwick-Speaker  
 Host Zone-Antracite  
 Eastern District LWML  
 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. Angola, NY

**REGISTRATION STARTING MAY 1  
 REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND  
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**LWML RETREAT CAMBERSHIP—APPLICATION**

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2014 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat. Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2014** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell  
 7048 Benedict Beach  
 Hamlin, NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential





## REGISTRATION FORM

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

35th Biennial Convention - June 6-8, 2014

Millenium Hotel Buffalo

2040 Walden Ave Cheektowaga NY 14225

[tp://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumbuffalo](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumbuffalo) phone: (716) 681-2400

Name:		LWML Zone:	
Address:		Home Church:	
City:		Church City & Zip:	
State:	Zip:		
E-mail:		Phone: (      )	
I will be serving as a (circle all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors Member <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker/Special Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Young Woman Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. Committee Member			
<b>REGISTRATION - Deadline April 30, 2014 !!!</b>			
Mandatory Non-Refundable Registration Fee - Registration after APRIL 30, 2014 add Late Fee \$35.00			\$35.00
<b>LODGING</b>			
Room Rates (includes taxes & fees). Please circle your choice of lodging:		I will be staying:	
1 person per room	\$ 125.00 per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Night	\$
2 people per room	\$ 62.50 per night per person	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night	\$
3 people per room	\$ 41.67 per night per person	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night	\$
4 people per room	\$ 31.25 per night per person	<b>Total Due for Lodging:</b>	
Spouse Attending?	No      Yes	Spouse's name:	
<b>Roommates:</b>			
<b>Note:</b> Roommates will be assigned if none specified and 2 or more people per room are requested.			
<b>MEALS &amp; HOSPITALITY</b>			
Meal Prices include gratuity and taxes, as well as hospitality refreshments provided during meetings.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner	\$28		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast Buffet	\$16		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch	\$18		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Dinner Banquet & Entertainmer	\$35		
Please select one <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Piccata			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$16		
			<b>Total Due for Meals:</b>
<b>TOURS &amp; LEISURE</b>			
<b>BuffaloThen and Now Tour. Friday, June 6, 1-4 PM. Pick up and drop off at the hotel. Cost \$48.00 (minimum 30 people).</b>			
Buffalo was the quintessential 19th Century boomtown, the Gateway to the West for immigrants on their way to the heartland. Enjoy the architectural and historical, as well as a look at our new, emerging waterfront. Then, on to the 269-acre Forest Lawn Cemetery, which contains outstanding examples of funerary art, as well as lakes, hills, wildlife, trees and so much more. Visit the graves of President Millard Fillmore, Seneca Nation Chief Red Jacket and many famous Americans.			
\$48 per ticket x _____ tickets =			<b>Total Due for Tour:</b> \$
Subtotal for Registration, Lodging, Meals & Tours:			\$
Less amount paid by District			\$
<b>Checks Payable to: 2014 Eastern District LWML Convention</b>			<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE:</b> \$
<b>For Registration Chairman only:</b>			
Received on:		Check #(s):	Amount:



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Millenium Hotel Buffalo

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<http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumbuffalo>      phone: (716) 681-2400

**MITE WALK:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.

**CHOIR:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: \_\_\_ SOPRANO \_\_\_ ALTO

### SPECIAL NEEDS:

We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form.

Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:

	Medical Condition Convention Committee should be aware of:
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.)
	Handicapped Accessible Room
	Interpreter needed for (circle one):      Hearing Impaired      Spanish Language      Other:
	OTHER:

### TRANSPORTATION:

If you require transportation between an airport, train station, or bus station and the convention, please complete this TRANSPORTATION section! Please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information.

Transportation details will be sent to you.

<b>AIRLINE INFORMATION:</b>		<b>BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Airport:</b>		<b>Station:</b>	
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:	
Airline:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:

### PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:

Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Make Checks Payable to: 2014 Eastern District LWML Convention**

**\*MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM, FULL PAYMENT, and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size ENVELOPE (for return confirmation) to:**

Diane Pingel, P.O. Box 1117, West Seneca, NY 14224

e-mail: [dmpingel@roadrunner.com](mailto:dmpingel@roadrunner.com)    phone: 716-954-3779



Name:	Phone: (      )	
Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Church:	Church City & Zip:	

<b>PART-TIME</b>	<b>PART-TIME Registration Fee:</b>	\$6.00	\$
	<b>Day use Fee: (no-overnight stay)</b>	\$8.00	\$
	<b>Lodging: (check one)</b> _____ Friday      _____ Saturday      _____ # of days X \$40.00 =		\$
	<b>Meals:</b>	Friday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Saturday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		Saturday Lunch \$ 10.00	\$
		Saturday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Sunday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		<b>Total</b>	\$
		Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee \$25.00
<b>FULL-TIME</b>	<b>Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2014</b>		\$
	<b>NOTE:</b> A \$20.00 deposit is required with a part-time registration.		\$
	<b>FULL-TIME Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals and Linens)</b>		\$
	Deluxe Cabin \$50 or Woodland Cottage \$150 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
	<b>Late fee if postmarked after September 1, 2014</b>	Total	\$
	<b>NOTE:</b> A \$50.00 deposit is required with a full-time registration.	\$25.00	\$
		Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$
		\$140.00	\$
		Additional Cabin Fee	\$

<b>LODGING</b>	<b>Standard Cabins</b>
	_____ Founders Court (Cabins 17, 19-28- 2 twin beds, 2 occupants required) (Cabin 18-1bunk bed and 1 twin.)
	_____ Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 10 bunk beds)
	<b>Deluxe Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>
	_____ Founders Court 1-4 (Queen Bed - no Futon)
	_____ Founders Court 5 -8 (Queen Bed, Bunk Bed)
	_____ Family Court A (Double Bed, Bunk Bed) Handicap Accessible
	_____ Family Court B-C (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Bed)
	_____ Family Court J,L,N (Double Bed)
	_____ Family Court K,M,O (2 Bunk Beds)
_____ Family Court P (Deluxe with 1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a double on the bottom)	
<b>Woodland Cottages (Extra \$150 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>	
_____ Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 (Each Cottage -1 Double Bed and 2 sets of Bunk Beds) (Minimum 4 per cottage)	
ROOMMATE _____ CHURCH/GROUP _____	

<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	Wheelchair: _____ Scooter: _____ Lower Bunk: _____ Hearing Impaired: _____
	other: _____ Dietary: _____

**NOTE:** A non refundable deposit of \$50.00 will hold your place for full-time campers. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis. No registration accepted before May 1. Balance due must be paid by September 1, 2014. REGISTRATIONS will not be accepted after September 1, 2014.

**CANCELLATION:** The \$50.00 deposit is non-refundable.

**CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS:** This cancellation will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE:** A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

**\*\*Please make Checks or Money Orders payable in the full amount to: Eastern District LWML 2014 Retreat \*\***

**\*Mail completed Registration Form, Deposit and also include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size Envelope to: Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc., 9324 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006. OR Confirmation emailed \_\_\_\_\_.**

# News From Around The Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo Zone is anxiously awaiting you to join us June 6-8 as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Eastern District LWML at the 35 Biennial LWML Eastern District Convention. All the details can be found

throughout this LINK publication. **REGIS-**

**TRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30 DON'T DELAY. REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 7 AND 8 OF THIS LINK.**

Our Spring Workshop will be May 10 starting at 9 am at St. Paul Batavia. We will be stuffing tote bags for convention, finalizing convention details along with tying quilts and writing cards for women vets. Please join us.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## CNY-SOUTH

Trinity Lutheran LWML of Wellsboro, PA (CNYS ZONE), had a Family Fun Sunday, Feb. 23 after church service. A way for Families to get out in the winter and have fellowship together, and get to know the new members and others within the church. After Church, we had a potluck lunch, and activities for everyone in the family, to enjoy from learning some crocheting and hints, jewelry making, Candy Bingo (prizes Hershey's miniatures) and our own Pastor Peter DeVantier did a presentation on his hobby of different gauges of trains, and the men and boys had a couple friendly games of inside Basketball, (the men won both games, but the boys did make them work for their wins).



**Anita Cohick Secretary Wellsboro, PA CNYS Zone.**

## NIAGARA ZONE



The Executive Committee of the Niagara Zone met on January 18, 2014 and has met three times since that date to plan for our Spring Christian Life Gathering. A one day retreat is planned for Saturday, April 26, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY to come experience God's extravagant grace through Café Chocolat. It will be a time to relax with friends, share

laughter, stories, and some chocolate. The day will be spent meditating on Ephesians 1:6 "We praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son." It is our hope that this exciting day will be something just a little bit different and appeal to all generations of our sisters in Christ in the Niagara Zone. If we continue to follow the model of "each one, reach one" and let the Lord do His work that day there is no better way to share the Gospel message. Please considering joining us and bringing a friend!

**Barb Williams, Niagara Zone President**

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone is praising God for 66 years of faithful sisterhood in LWML in the Philadelphia area! May we continue to serve the Lord with gladness for years to come!

The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board meeting will be on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Their pastors, Rev. Alexander and Rev. Sims will lead the opening worship service and bible study based on the theme, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" from John 20: 19-23. Our guest speaker will be former Philadelphia Zone member, Martha McGlynn, who will be speaking about her recent mission trip with Orphan Grain Train to Nicaragua. The ingathering will be items to help the after school program at St. Philip's. We look forward to a great time of fellowship, worship and sharing God's love with our sisters and others!



**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

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**STAMPS FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue saving cancelled postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society. Bring them -- undamaged, leaving 1/4 inch cut around the edge from white or light-colored envelopes--to the Eastern District LWML Convention in Buffalo in June. There will be a designated container in a location at the convention.

Thanks to all who are involved with this mission outreach endeavor.

Thank you -- in Him,

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter**



<b>June 6, 2014</b>	EC & BOD Meeting Buffalo, NY
<b>June 6-8, 2014</b>	Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY
<b>Sept. 19, 2014</b>	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 19-21, 2014</b>	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 25-28, 2015</b>	2015 Convention - Des Moines, Iowa

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

The names of candidates running for office is not available at this time.

Delegates will receive detailed information on the candidates running for office with your delegate information.

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell**

**April 1, 2012 – January 31, 2014**

**Mites: \$54,167.20**

Memorials given in remembrance of  
(from December 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014):

- Mary J. Thoreson
- Grace Holden
- Rev. Mark Heilman
- Linda Pagan

Monies given in honor of (from December 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014)

Judy & Gerald Grimm's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



**CONVENTION OFFERINGS**

**It was decided at the Eastern District Board of Directors**

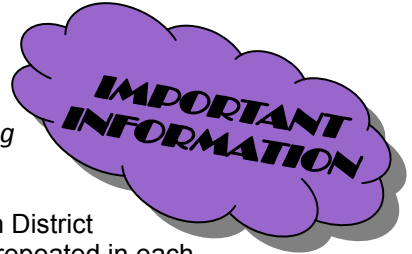
**Meeting in February that the offerings for the 2014 Eastern District LWML Convention will be as follows:**

- 1. Eastern District Treasury**
- 2. Legacy of Love Endowment Fund**
- 3. Young Women Representative Fund**

**Please give generously**

## FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-KATHY PAVELOCK

*Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17*



In this article, I try to share important notes related to the **LWML Quarterly**, the Eastern District LWML Directory and the Eastern District LWML Website. I realize that these notes are repeated in each **LINK**, but it can serve as a point of reference as needed. Please take a moment to read through them.

**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It's time to review the **LWML Quarterly** subscriptions. I have emailed the Zone Presidents and/or Treasurers with a list of the societies/individuals that receive the **LWML Quarterly**. I am asking them to contact each society (or individual) in their zone to confirm the information concerning the number of **Quarterlies** a society receives and to make sure the mailing address for delivery of the **LWML Quarterly** is correct. After each zone has verified their lists, I am requesting that they return the confirmed list to me. The deadline for submitting these lists is **MARCH 23, 2014**. **Decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is March 31, 2014. **Increases and changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You can mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below.

**LWML QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:** Societies/individuals are requested to send in their donation for the **LWML Quarterly** to their **Zone Treasurer**. The rate for the **LWML Quarterly** is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the **Quarterly** plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML **LINK** newsletter. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants! One copy of the **LINK** is sent to Society Presidents in care of the congregation unless the president has requested the **LINK** editor to mail it directly to her home. Society Presidents are asked to share the District LWML **LINK** with their members either by making copies available or posting a copy at church. The **LINK** can also be used to glean LWML news bits for church publications.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:** To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me any changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers as soon as they are known. Directories are published in February and September and distributed at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Sending the changes as they occur, allows me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

**EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ON THE WEB:** The Eastern District LWML website ( <http://east-dist-lwml.org> ) is a great source of information including convention information, the **LINK**, upcoming events and officer contact information. A Facebook page has been created for "Eastern District LWML." Feel free to upload photos or make announcements on our Facebook page. Search for "Eastern District LWML Facebook" and our page will come up in the search results. Don't forget to "Like" us so you will see what others are posting.

Please feel free to contact me any time at: **Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 or KMPavelock@aol.com.**

## 2015 Convention - Des Moines, Iowa - June 25-28, 2015



*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap*

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV).*

### Convention Goal Statement

Through Christ's bountiful love and blessings of Word and Sacraments,  
I am equipped by the Holy Spirit to work in my Father's harvest field.

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*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."  
1 John 1:7*

Wow! How awesome is our God! Twenty years ago, I was asked by my Society to attend the 1994 Eastern District LWML Convention in Rochester, NY as the Young Woman Representative (YWR) for the Central NY North Zone. Little did I know or even imagine that I would one day have the honor to serve Him as the ED LWML President. I thank God and I thank you, the women of the Eastern District, for this opportunity.

There is an interesting aspect of the 1994 and the 2014 conventions that I would like to share with you. The 1994 convention celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our District and the theme was "In His Light." Now it's not that I have a great memory, but rather I still have and use the convention tote bag! And, now twenty years later as we celebrate 70 years at the 2014 Convention, our theme is "Walk in the Light." So, what can we learn from this coincidence? I believe that we have the gift of Grace ("In His Light") and now is the time to actually walk the talk ("Walk in the Light").

Over the last two decades, the opportunities to serve Him have allowed me to see His Light brighter and brighter. And, I believe there is still room to grow brighter. I look forward to the LWML opportunities ahead that will allow us to shine His Light. We have lots of darkness around us that needs His Light. I invite you all to walk with me as we brighten those dark parts of our world telling the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Before we can begin our journey, there are some administrative items to get in order. My first goal is to get all the special positions and committee chairs appointed by September. I thank those who approached me at convention for your willingness to serve. And, as I approach still others over the summer, please prayerfully consider joining me and the LWML ED Executive Committee on our "Walk in the Light."

In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at any time. All of my contact information can be found in this edition of The Link.

**Walking in His Light,  
Kathy**



Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness  
For  
70 Years



**Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**

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## COUNSELOR'S

*"I will not leave you as orphans...but will come to you..." (John 14)*

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Summer greetings to you all...by the time you receive this issue, we will have already conducted our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWML and our annual Convention of the Eastern District. Praise God for the service of Rebecca, Pastor Donley, and other wonderfully valuable members of the Board, Zones, and Societies.

I invite you to consider two groups of orphans; earthly and spiritual and how our God comes to each one through our Lord Jesus Christ and thus through the members of the LWML. First, get a piece of paper and a pen. If you have computer, please proceed to [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org) and click on the link for (meet the children) and imagine yourself for a moment to be a new orphanage administrator. Select the number of boys and/or girls, any color and select "search." Once a list of children appears, take the very first 10 children listed and write their names for yourself. Open up their pictures and files and write a note how to pray for them based on what you briefly read there. If you know of a society member without a computer, write the next 10 names down and make a note about them, print it off and mail it to that member of LWML. If you need help as Zone officers, I will help, send me your addresses and I will send you lists with names and notes myself. Our goal? Get to know foster care children and orphaned children and pray for them. Imagine each LWML member praying for 10 children. How many could that be? It is worth the time, and they need your prayers. Jesus sought us out; He came to us while we were dead in sins, unrighteous before God, and Scripture says as a result we were "adopted" as sons and daughters. This is how we can begin to adopt someone spiritually. Identify and pray for them. The more of a stranger they are, the better! This is how we spread the seed of God's Word, establish relationships! This is how LWML grows; re-envisioning your goal; Every woman a member of LWML. Some are just more involved in meetings than others. Let's do the work God equips us to do; Scripture says, "work while it is light." We have much work to continue doing, without growing tired of doing it. My number is 607-591-5919. My email is [Coryecks@aol.com](mailto:Coryecks@aol.com); let's work together. More notes to come on this project; zone officers, please tell me the number of participating members. I will report on our progress in the next LINK issue! God bless your summers and especially the new officers!

**Pastor Eckstrom, Senior Counselor**



## SCARVES FOR HAITI

Bonswa! Mesi Anpil! Hello and Thank you to all you wonderful LWML sisters who so graciously donated your scarves from our National Convention last June. I was finally able to travel to Haiti this past March. I traveled with the team from First Trinity in Tonawanda to Torbeck, Haiti. We stay in the guesthouses at the Children Of Israel Orphanage now in Torbeck, where they have been building since the earthquake. We were able to work on the second cabin for the boys, sanding, priming, painting and also moved lots of stone for the driveways and courtyard, and also relocated some large rock and cinder blocks for the property wall. We do VBS a couple of times, in Les Cayes, and this year we traveled on Sunday to worship at First Trinity's sister church in Gran Plan, Ile A Veche. This year we toured the property where CIO is planting and growing their crops, hoping to become self-sufficient. Along with helping with the work, I was able to travel to my sister church in Maniche, Haiti. Pastor Touloutte, and his wife Jeanne drove me there in their truck, over the mountain and through riverbeds, about 1 ½ hour trip. I was able to take all 47 *donated* scarves with me. Yes 47 were donated from you wonderful women. They were thrilled to get this "uniform" that unites them together as they go into the community and witness to others. I presented them to their President, who said she would give them out at their next meeting, when everyone was there. I also took the picture of the Eastern District that was taken in Pittsburgh, so they could see some of the faces that so graciously gave to them. To see the growth in the group, and the goals and "harvest" that is happening from the small seeds that were sown over a year ago, was truly a blessing, and I look forward to returning there God willing. I ask that you continue to pray for the people in Haiti. **-Sharon Wolff, St. Paul Batavia**





## FINAL THOUGHTS

God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Genesis 1:3

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Summer greetings to all of my sister's in Christ as I write to you this my final article for the LINK as your outgoing president. It brings me joy to share some thoughts with you. First, the past 4 years when I look back started with a few feelings of now what do I do, then that grew after a few years to think I have a better handle on things. Your questions, thoughts and discussions helped me in so many ways to really dig in to things and have a better understanding of the workings of the Eastern District LWML.

This is something I thank each and every one of you for. Attending your zone events showed me how unique we all are yet we all have the common heart of Lutheran Women in Mission. I thank you whole heartedly for the opportunity you gave me to serve you and grow spiritually these past 4 years.

As I direct my attention to the position of Gift Planning Advocate for the Gifts of Love Ministry, please invite me to your zone to share and answer questions and ideas as you consider sharing what is on your heart with regard to the blessings God has bestowed on you with your family, friends, church, LWML and other extended ministries.

The second item I would like to share is how I find conventions a wonderful event to catch up with people, grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship with so many like-minded women. This past convention in Buffalo was all of that and I hope you were there to experience it. The business of the Eastern District is necessary and an important part of what God has challenged us to do. The voting of grants, bylaw changes and elections is what I consider an opportunity for all to share in the function of your district. Please continue to be a part of that and encourage others to participate.

A few words about hosting a district convention which may seem like an overwhelming task, but I can assure you from having done it and hearing from others who have, it is a rewarding experience. To see everyone come together with all the planning to complete the task is being blown away by God's goodness as one said to me. As it states in Proverbs 16:3, "commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed" just reinforces where our focus should be. I know I have mentioned this before but the impression we make on a convention site is where we are doing the Lord's work in someone else's environment along with the selection of the ingathering items that will show an overwhelming response to the selected need from all the ladies in the district. These are just a couple of opportunities we have to witness to the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So keep it up and see you at the next convention.

God's peace and blessings as we remember the time is NOW for us all to embrace and grow the mission through nurturing our faith, making our mission meaningful and sharing encouragement.

**Linked together in Christ, Rebecca Bessell**

## Farewell



### Testing of Your Faith

<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

In that this will be my last opportunity to greet you all, I would like to express, one last time my appreciation at having been given the privilege, and the opportunity to serve you. Some think it is a sacrifice to serve, and rewarding to receive, but in the world of God's love they've got it all backward. No one should understand this better than you and I, by giving of ourselves we are rewarded, and we grow. God's love is great, and by serving others, we are serving our Lord.

As members of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League you are given many opportunities to serve. First you may support mission opportunities, or you may serve to keep the ministry afloat. You may fill the offices, such as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer in the district, zone, and national LWML. You may help fill positions in larger missionary opportunities attempted by the league, or help reach out to woman seeking themselves for an opportunity to serve. You may also reach out to younger women seeking direction in raising their children, and above all else spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

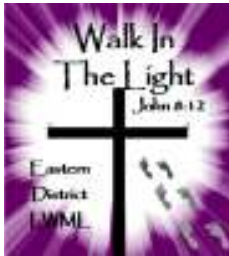
Your mission is a noble one and must never be forgotten. To assist each woman of the District in **affirming** her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use **her gifts** in Ministry to the people of the world. You are to care for one another, but only that together, you might shine the light of God's love upon the community in which you live.

Some may join the LWML because others have told them of all the blessing they might receive through their affiliation with this organization, and this is most certainly true. But it is our prayer that as time goes on they might come to realize that the greatest blessing of all comes in the mask of serving others. For in as much as we serve others, we serve our Lord, and we are blessed in return.

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<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Now, in that you have blessed me, by giving me this opportunity to serve my Lord by serving you, I pray that the Lord may bless you, that in turn you might serve the world. **Amen Pastor Donley**



**CONVENTION UPDATE**

“Walk in the Light” was the theme for the 35th biennial convention of Eastern District LWML June 6-8, 2014 at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo. President Rebecca Bessell opened the convention and Georgia Henry, Cattaraugus/Allegany zone president and Karen Blackmon, Buffalo zone president lit the convention candle, read the LWML mission statement and League pledge. The opening worship service was led by the District counselors, Rev. Bruce Donley and Rev. Cory Eckstrom.

After the service, six YWRs led pledges to the Christian and American flags and sang God Bless America. The YWRs were

- |                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Frances Szeto  | Anthracite Zone       |
| Amber Groeller | Buffalo Zone          |
| Rachel Jones   | Central New York Zone |
| Kelly Morrison | Genesee Zone          |
| Melanie Stange | Niagara Zone          |
| Carrie Hahn    | Pittsburgh Zone       |



**Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher** brought greetings and encouragement from the Eastern District.

**Linda Reiser**, past National LWML president, was the keynote speaker and spoke of creation of sun, moon and stars in Genesis 1:3. Light is important for growth, both physical and spiritual. She asked us to find commonality with one another and then she stated that our theme verse John 8:12 is used at the Feast of Tabernacles, and that Jesus is the Light of the world.

**Lois Anderson**, National treasurer, brought greetings from National and encouraged everyone to be a part of The Time is Now and sign up for 2-minute Tuesday email.

**Dee Grzyb**, treasurer, reported that all grants had been paid for 2012-2014 and there was a surplus in the mission grants fund of \$2049.09 which will be added to the mission grants goal for 2014-2016, making the goal \$29,949.09.

**Linda Tatu**, director of Harvest House baby ministry spoke about the project and accepted 2 van loads with 1000 items of children’s clothes, new pack and play sets, car seats and cribs as well as \$2112.71 from the baby bottle offering.



Other highlights of the convention include singing led by Ann Werk, who wrote several songs for the convention, and mission moments presented by Sharon Wolff, who has worked in Haiti, Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, head of the Eastern District disaster relief team and Alex Knowles, director of Camp Pioneer. Over 40 walkers participated in the mite walk Saturday morning at Galleria Mall. Cut Off, a group of young a cappella singers provided the banquet entertainment.

**Mission Grants**

The delegates chose 7 grants to receive a total of \$29,949.09 from our Mite offerings. The following grants were selected for the next biennium:

- \$5000 For supplies for campus ministry of Pittsburgh, Pa.
- \$3750 To initiate a Christ centered cancer care ministry at St. Mark, Mendon, NY
- \$5000 To complete a meeting room for Bible study and Christian counseling at Safe Harbor, Easton, Pa.
- \$4700 To help members of Hananiah Lutheran Church, Buffalo further their inner-city ministry
- \$5000 To extend the Opportunity Center Mission project in Canastota, NY
- \$3249.55 Eastern District scholarship fund for church workers
- \$3249.54 To help provide meals for an additional 99 families in Rochester, NY



**OFFICERS:** New officers elected are:  
**President:** Kathy Pavelock, Central New York North Zone; **Vice-President Gospel Outreach /Organizational Resources:** Dee Grzyb Buffalo Zone; **Vice-President Christian Life/Special Focus:** Karen Devan Central New York North Zone; **Treasurer:**

Darlene Byrns, Genesee Zone; **Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, Anthracite Zone

The officers were installed at the closing service on Sunday with current officers Ruth Wurster, Recording Secretary; Susan Bell, Financial Secretary; Bev Wicher, Editor; Claire Carlson, Public Relations; Gretchen Putzman, Parliamentarian and Rev.Cory Eckstrom, Pastoral Counselor.

**CONVENTION OFFERINGS:**

Offering #1 LWML Eastern District treasury	\$1065
Offering #2 Memorial/Honorarium Fund (funds YWRs)	\$1141
Offering #3 Eastern District Legacy of Love Endowment	\$1147
Mite walk total	\$2183.45
Harvest House collection from baby bottles	\$2112.71



The next Eastern District LWML convention will be in June 2016 in Binghamton, New York

**Ruth Wurster—Convention Publicity Chairman**

*Convention At A Glance*



More pictures can be seen soon on our website [east-dist-lwml.org](http://east-dist-lwml.org)



# Convention At A Glance



## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

*Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17*

Although, this Vice President position is currently vacant due to my election as LWML District President, I wanted to make sure that this important information was communicated to you. I will remain the contact for subscriptions and Directory changes, until we have someone to fulfill this role.



**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The last annual update to the **LWML Quarterly** subscriptions was on April 1, 2014. Please let me know if you have any errors or problems with the updates that were submitted. As a reminder, **decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1. **Increases** and **changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You may mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).

**LWML QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:** Societies/individuals are requested to send in their donation for the **LWML Quarterly** to their **Zone Treasurer**. The rate for the **LWML Quarterly** is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the **Quarterly** plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML **LINK** newsletter. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants! One copy of the **LINK** is sent to Society Presidents in care of the congregation unless the president has requested the **LINK** editor to mail it directly to her home. Society Presidents are asked to share the District LWML **LINK** with their members either by making copies available or posting a copy at church. The **LINK** can also be used to glean LWML news bits for church publications.



**Keep us Updated! DIRECTORY CHANGES:** To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me any changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers as soon as they are known. Directories are published in February and September and distributed at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as they occur, allows us to keep the Directory up-to-date.

**EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ON THE WEB:** The Eastern District LWML website ( <http://east-dist-lwml.org> ) is a great source of information including convention information, the **LINK**, upcoming events and officer contact information. A Facebook page has been created for "Eastern District LWML." Feel free to upload photos or make announcements on our Facebook page. Search for "Eastern District LWML Facebook" and our page will come up in the search results. Don't forget to "Like" us so you will see what others are posting.

Please feel free to contact me any time at: Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 or [KMPavelock@aol.com](mailto:KMPavelock@aol.com).



Over 1,000 items were collected and donated to the Harvest House Baby and Children's Ministry at the LWML convention. Items ranged from cribs, pack n plays and car seats to adorable onesies and sleepers, too much needed socks and blankets. Everything from towels and wash cloths to diaper bags were donated to help the babies and children. Much appreciated were the beautiful blankets, sweaters, booties and socks that were lovingly hand made by women attending the convention. The Baby and Children's Ministry is thankful for the overwhelming outpouring of love and generosity towards this project. (Editor's note—When I received this; we had not yet sent our check for \$2112.71 to Harvest House)

**Linda Tatu, Executive Director, Harvest House**

*Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest.  
Galatians 6:9*



Zone News

**BUFFALO ZONE**



Now that's what I call a convention! I didn't see one hitch. If there were any you hid them very well. Special thanks to Bev and Claire, of course, for putting it all together. But I also want to give a

special thank you to all the women who stepped up at the last minute to help collect and count the offering and who helped fill in as ushers. It was a tremendous help. Everyone did an amazing job-from the hospitality room to the prayer favors and table decorations to registration, totes, food, and properties- well, everyone.

Thank you for your service. I feel we have grown closer together as a zone. Now, put your feet up and have a nice cup of tea.

See you at the picnic July 9 at Camp Pioneer starting at 3.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**



**PHILADELPHIA ZONE**



The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board met on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. The Philadelphia

Zone Spring Rally was on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Their pastors, Rev. Alexander and Rev. Sims led the opening worship service and bible study based on the theme, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" from John 20: 19-23. Our guest speaker was former Philadelphia Zone member, Martha McGlynn, who spoke about her recent mission trip with OGT to Nicaragua. The ingathering was items to help the after school program at St. Philip's. We had a great time of fellowship, worship and sharing God's love with our sisters and others! We are praying for Martha's husband & former district photographer, Brian McGlynn who had recent prostate cancer surgery.

We just returned from an awesome District Convention in Buffalo hosted by the Buffalo and Cattaraugus-Alleghany Zones. It was spiritually uplifting and God pleasing. Excellent job, ladies!

We are looking forward to a wonderful Fall Rally with our English District sisters in October. Date and time to be announced! Hope to see you!

**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

Fall Retreat

Hold Fast to the Word!

I Corinthians 15:2



**2014 Fall Retreat-September 19-21**

Ethel Chadwick-Speaker  
Host Zone-Antracite

Eastern District LWML  
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. Angola, NY

Speaker

Ethel Chadwick

"Bagels and Blessings"



Ethel is a wonderful Jewish woman, mother, wife. She has a bubbly, joyful personality who will share a little about herself, her growing up in a Jewish home, how she came to the realization that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah

Don't Delay--Register Today





Eastern District LWML 2014 Retreat  
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.  
September 19-21, 2014

"Hold Fast to the Word"

1 Corinthians 15:2

Presented by Anthracite Zone

Name:	Phone: (      )	
Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Church:	Church City & Zip:	

<b>PART-TIME</b>	<b>PART-TIME Registration Fee:</b>	\$6.00	\$
	<b>Day use Fee: (no-overnight stay)</b>	\$8.00	\$
	<b>Lodging: (check one)</b> _____ Friday      _____ Saturday      _____ # of days X \$40.00 =		\$
	<b>Meals:</b>	Friday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Saturday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		Saturday Lunch \$ 10.00	\$
		Saturday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Sunday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		<b>Total</b>	\$
		Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee \$25.00
<b>FULL-TIME</b>	<b>Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2014</b>		\$
	<b>NOTE:</b> A \$20.00 deposit is required with a part-time registration.		\$
	<b>FULL-TIME Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals and Linens)</b>		\$
	Deluxe Cabin \$50 or Woodland Cottage \$150 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
	<b>Late fee if postmarked after September 1, 2014</b>	Total	\$
	<b>NOTE:</b> A \$50.00 deposit is required with a full-time registration.	\$25.00	\$
		Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$
		\$140.00	\$
		Additional Cabin Fee	\$

<b>LODGING</b>	<b>Standard Cabins</b>
	_____ Founders Court (Cabins 17, 19-28- 2 twin beds, 2 occupants required) (Cabin 18-1bunk bed and 1 twin.)
	_____ Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 10 bunk beds)
	<b>Deluxe Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>
	_____ Founders Court 1-4 (Queen Bed - no Futon)
	_____ Founders Court 5 -8 (Queen Bed, Bunk Bed)
	_____ Family Court A (Double Bed, Bunk Bed) Handicap Accessible
	_____ Family Court B-C (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Bed)
	_____ Family Court J,L,N (Double Bed)
	_____ Family Court K,M,O (2 Bunk Beds)
_____ Family Court P (Deluxe with 1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a double on the bottom)	
<b>Woodland Cottages (Extra \$150 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>	
_____ Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 (Each Cottage -1 Double Bed and 2 sets of Bunk Beds) (Minimum 4 per cottage)	
ROOMMATE _____ CHURCH/GROUP _____	

<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	Wheelchair: _____ Scooter: _____ Lower Bunk: _____ Hearing Impaired: _____
	other: _____ Dietary: _____

**NOTE:** A non refundable deposit of \$50.00 will hold your place for full-time campers. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis. No registration accepted before May 1. Balance due must be paid by September 1, 2014. REGISTRATIONS will not be accepted after September 1, 2014.

**CANCELLATION:** The \$50.00 deposit is non-refundable.

**CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS:** This cancellation will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE:** A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

**\*\*Please make Checks or Money Orders payable in the full amount to: Eastern District LWML 2014 Retreat \*\***

**\*Mail completed Registration Form, Deposit and also include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size Envelope to: Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc., 9324 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006. OR Confirmation emailed \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell**

**April 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014**

Mites: \$3,165.73

Memorials given in remembrance of (from Feb. 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014):

- Carol VanVranken
- Evelyn Larson
- Bob Clark
- Eleanor Clara Weddelman Meyer
- Don Heintz

Monies given in honor of (from Feb. 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014)

- Rev. Bruce Donley
- Dee Grzyb
- Linda Bahr
- Chris Gasslein
- Rebecca Bessell



2014 District Convention

Mites from BOD meeting-\$31.54

Mites from Mite Walk-\$2,183.59

Offering 1 to Eastern District Treasury-\$1,065.00

Offering 2 to ED Memorial/Honorary Fund-\$1,141.00

Offering 3 to Legacy of Love Endowment-\$1,147.00

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.

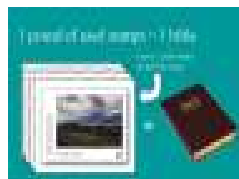
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Mark Your Calendars*



<b>Sept. 19, 2014</b>	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 19-21, 2014</b>	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>March 2015</b>	EC & Board of Director Meeting
<b>June 25-28, 2015</b>	LWML National Convention Des Moines, Iowa

**STAMPS  
for Canadian Bible Society**



The ingathering of cancelled postage stamps, for the ongoing distribution of Bibles by the Canadian Bible Society, at the recent Eastern District

LWML Convention was ***“truly overwhelming!”*** A special ***thank you*** to each and all—even from women in Florida—who have been gathering, cutting that 1/4 inch edge around the stamps and “funneling them down” to our coordinators. Keep up the good work!

**Trudy and Deaconess Nancy**

**LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION**

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2014 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat. Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2014** to:

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All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

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**The next deadline is June 1, 2014**

The Link is published four times each year.

April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

**Deadlines to submit articles:**

**March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1**

## EASTERN DISTRICT LWML RECYCLING FUNDRAISING RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES, ETC.



### DO:

- Save name brand ink cartridges.
- Save ink jet and especially laser jet cartridges.
- Save Cell Phones, Pagers, PDAs, DVD Video Game and Portable Players, I-Pods, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Laptop Computers, GPS Systems, scientific/ graphing calculators, Tablets, eReaders and iPads. Please note these do not have to be in working order.
- Bring to any zone meeting, rally, workshop or event.
- Bring to any district meeting, event, retreat or convention.

### DON'T:

- Save anything with the words:
  - Toner
  - Remanufactured
  - Refilled
- Save generic brand names ink cartridges.
- Save printers or large computer monitors



### DO:

Contact District Recycling Coordinator Claire Carlson at 716-649-4678 or at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) if you have any questions. Please note the contact person for only Central New York North Zone is Pat Clark. Please contact her at [patsyjeanclark@gmail.com](mailto:patsyjeanclark@gmail.com).

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# The Eastern District LWML



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Together  
Serving  
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For  
70 Years



I would like to begin by sharing a quote from <http://www.quotegarden.com/autumn.html>

*"Autumn is the perfect time to take account of what we've done, what we didn't do, and what we'd like to do next year." ~Author Unknown*

I like this quote because it mentions autumn, the current season and it says it *"is the perfect time"* or as we have heard the leadership of the National LWML quote, *"The Time is NOW."* So what better time than this to let you know what has been accomplished and what I hope to do in the future.

Since the LWML Eastern District Convention in June, the Executive Committee has been busy soliciting volunteers to fill appointed special positions. I am pleased to report that all special positions have been filled. Thank you to all of you who selflessly volunteered for these positions: Planner – Barb Williams; Parliamentarian – Gretchen Putzman; Editor – Bev Wicher; Public Relations – Claire Carlson; Archivist/Historian – Chris Gasslein; VP Communications – Beth Quinn. Also appointed during the last three months are: Legacy of Love Chair-Rebecca Bessell, Christian Growth Chair-Rebecca Futty, Mission Grants Co-chair-Anita Getty, and Leader Development Co-chair-Krystal Harmon-Burton. Again, I thank all of these Ladies who volunteered to work on these important committees. We are actively seeking to appoint the Standing Committee co-chair positions. Please contact me or one of the other Executive Committee members if you are interested in any of the following: Christian Life Co-chair; Special Focus Co-chair; Structure Co-chair.

We have also been busy preparing for the Fall Retreat, making plans for the 2016 Convention, establishing the Legacy of Love Endowment Fund, and obtaining acknowledgements from our 2014-2016 Mission Grant Recipients.

During July, I had the privilege to participate in a web conference with LWML President **Kay Kreklau**. During our conversation, President Kay asked me what goals I had for the Eastern District LWML. I told her that after I got the administrative appointments completed, my goal is to increase participation across the Eastern District. To do this, I would like to visit all of the Zones and find out the barriers that prevent the Women of the LCMS Eastern District from participating. Our mission is, of course, to assist each woman, and I want to equip the Executive Committee to enable us to assist every woman of the district. When you are planning your Fall Rallies and Spring events, please consider an invitation to me. If I am unable to attend, one of our Vice Presidents may be able to attend.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future. And, I pray that you all keep ...

*Walking in His Light,  
Kathy*





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### Matthew 19:6

*“So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

### Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for letting me serve you as the Jr. Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Eastern District. I do love to serve God's people, and you are a most blessed people of God! I am looking very much forward to getting to know you all!

Not knowing what to share in this first message of encouragement, I have been casting around for ideas. The one subject that I have been itching to write on is marriage. But it isn't so much because I gave away in marriage my first daughter, Erika, just short of two months ago. I have actually been itching to write after sitting in the barber shop getting my hair cut a couple days *before* the wedding. I should preface this all with the fact that for 26 years, since before we were married, my lovely wife had been the only person to cut my hair. So getting this haircut at the barber (at my wife's urging) was something of significance!

My barber was young (perhaps 25 years?) and I was sharing how important and unique this haircut was... and that the occasion was my daughter's wedding. I expected that he would express his appreciation of this big event and get on snipping my grey out. But what actually happened was that over and over again throughout the cut he kept saying (in various ways): “Boy, I sure HOPE that everything works out with your daughter!” He kept shaking his head. It was almost a statement of disbelief that anything good could come of this marriage, that it was a “hope against hope” that it would “work out”.

So, what is the encouragement that we need to learn from this? We are all tossed and turned by the storms of this world, and certainly one of the major storms that we are dealing with is the storm called (not Joyce, Kevin or Laura, but) Marriage! Now, of course, not any of us can claim that we are perfect in our marriages. Some of us have experienced tremendous loss and suffering in our marriages. We are sinners. But no matter what has gone before, or what we are in the midst of presently, our Lord loves to forgive and lead us again in holiness and righteousness. And so, as Christian men, together with you as Christian women, we have the privilege to uphold and bless marriage and its promise for us. As the world around us twists and distorts marriage and its promises, we can be faithful in our marriages, teaching that faithfulness to our children, and showing the world how beautiful they are. Our marriages point to the promises our Lord to makes us. We are His bride, made pure and holy by the shedding of his blood on the cross. Our marriages point to forgiveness and the true, unadulterated love of God. And finally our marriages point to the heavenly wedding feast that lasts forever! Praise be to God. Be encouraged! He is most blessed in our lives!

Rev. Kristian Bjornstad

*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:8 (NKJV)]*

  
Totally  
Awesome

At the Fall Retreat Anita Getty from Trinity, Wellsboro of the Central NY South Zone made and sold crocheted necklaces, of which she donate a portion to go to Mites. She raised \$54 for Mites during the weekend. Thank you Anita and ladies for your generosity in support of Mites.

## Mission Grants

The summer is past and autumn is upon us.

Do you know where your Mite Box is?

Is it healthy and supporting you in your mission for the LORD?

Give generously to Mites to help support our 2014-2016 Mission Grants

Ruth Mueller, Mission Grants Chairman



### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM 2012-2014 GRANT RECIPIENT

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The last dozen eggs have been packed; the last gallon of milk has been loaded into a waiting vehicle. The final bags of groceries have been eagerly anticipated by hungry children. The 2014 Summer Lunchbox Program is now complete.

The program is basic: a flyer outlining the program is prepared for distribution through the local schools toward the end of the school year. The criteria for need is simple: If a child or children receive free or reduced-price meals at school, then they are eligible for the Summer Lunchbox Program. The flyer provides details of the program and contact information for sign up. The amount of food distributed is based on the number and ages of children in the household. That is, a family unit with 4 teenagers receives different amounts of food than a household with 2 pre-schoolers in it. Every effort is made to keep information confidential. The majority of recipients are from our local school district; however, we make every effort to accommodate the need of surrounding areas if requested. The Program has grown over the past few years; we served 41+ families this year with a combined total of over 110 children.

In the past, food was distributed from our vacant parsonage. This year, the Fellowship Hall was utilized for food storage and distribution. Distributions are made bi-weekly during the course of the summer; this year we had 5. We double food quantities on the last one in order to keep hungry mouths fed prior to the resumption of school. A member of the Program places a reminder call to each household the Friday night before Saturday morning distribution as a reminder that wholesome, nutritious foodstuffs

await the family. A suggested pick-up time is offered, somewhere between 8 and 10 am in order to provide efficient traffic flow in our Hall. Volunteers help carry and pack the groceries for the recipients. Some volunteers are children themselves and their assistance provides a learning experience for them.

You may be asking what kinds of food are provided by this all-volunteer, grass-roots effort. We attempt to supply wholesome nutritious foods that are the best buy for our donated dollars. We shop local markets, "dollar" stores, discount food outlets (such as Aldi's), etc. The sites may change from one distribution to the next, but we are always looking for the best, nutritious foods we can find for the monies available. For example, we attempt to purchase low-sugar, whole-grain cereals, quality juices, etc. We are most grateful to area gardeners who shared fresh vegetables from the bounty of their plots. We have had several people who raise chickens donate "brown" eggs, a real hit.

For the first time this summer we contacted area churches, Scout groups and other organizations requesting donations of a specific food item. We were hoping to stretch our food dollars even further with the help of others. Grace Lutheran Church responded generously to our request with well over 600 cans of water-packed tuna fish. Another church gave us numerous jars of peanut butter. A Scout group contributed boxes of mac-n-cheese dinners. Still other individuals, knowing of our Program, donated items such as granola bars. The list goes on.

We also raise money through fund raisers to help keep our expenses to a minimum.

In closing, I thank you again for your generosity for supporting our program through your Mission Grants. Please continue to keep this program in your thoughts and prayers.



## LEGACY OF LOVE EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ENDOWMENT

**What is the Legacy of Love**.....the NEW district endowment which will provide funding for national and district event attendance scholarships, leader development which includes YWR and Heart to Heart sisters and ministry areas of highest need such as new projects, mission outreach and district events.

**Why**....an opportunity for an individual to leave a statement of faith, make a lasting impact on ministry, encourage stewardship in your children and heirs

**How**....contact Rebecca Bessell, chair of the Legacy of Love committee to find out how to go about transferring some of your blessings either today or at the time you are called home to further God's kingdom.

**Rebecca Bessell, Legacy of Love Chairman**

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### SOME THOUGHTS FROM VP CHRISTIAN LIFE/SPECIAL FOCUS



If your LWML Society is like ours you may have taken a break for the summer months. Now is when your group comes back refreshed and ready to begin again. At our first meeting we discuss the Fall Retreat at Camp Pioneer among other things. The gals are excited to be on their way to camp to renew friendships, make new friends, and energize themselves from God's word.

September is also the time our calendar is prepared for the coming year (we run like a school year, Sept.- June). Whenever you prepare your activities I encourage you to make use of your Quarterlies. They have some wonderful Bible Studies that can be easily adapted to your meetings. They have encouraging stories and important information that you can share with all the ladies in your congregations. Reaching out to your communities can be an activity added to your society calendars. Take on some children who may need backpacks for school. Even though school has started, many children can still use some new school supplies or maybe even a new outfit. Find a family in need and assist them with food or something special for the upcoming holidays. As you begin your Fall activities make sure you invite all ladies to attend your meetings. I recently found a copy of the Meeting & Event Planner 2009-2011. In it there was an LWML program #59979 titled "I'm Special". It showed a great way newcomers could feel special and a nice reminder to all LWMLers of just how special all God's children are. I know these ideas are nothing new but they may inspire you to come up with something that fits your Society or Zone.

God's blessings to you as you enjoy the colorful days of Autumn, knowing that our Creator has given them to you. May you share the joy of these days with a smile, a handshake, a kind word or a prayer with those you meet.

**In His Love,  
Karen Devan  
VP Christian Life / Special Focus**



## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS—BETH QUINN



*Show me how you work, God; School me in your ways. Take me by the hand; Lead me down the path of truth. Psalm 25:4-5a (The Message)*

Hi, my name is Beth Quinn. I have accepted to fill the unexpired term for the VP of Communications. My contact information is below. Thank you, Kathy Pavelock, for your clear instructions and compact box of materials to aid me in the transition. I attended my first Executive Meeting at Camp Pioneer this month. It was nice to be back on the board with familiar faces and meeting new ones. I served as our District's first Planner (1996-2002). It is a joy to serve you the ladies of the Eastern District and our Lord. As we continue to grow in our walk with the Lord may we reach out to others, taking them by the hand to know the Lord personally and serve Him with gladness.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:** Many of our societies and zones have new officers in the fall or over the summer. Don't forget to send me the changes shortly after your meetings or rallies. This helps keep our Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date. Please send me changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers. Emails are **critical** as we prefer to send you the LINK (this newsy paper) via email. This saves the District LWML money that we can put towards our Grants!

**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The rate for the **LWML Quarterly** is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the **Quarterly** plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML **LINK** newsletter. As a reminder, **decreases in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year**, and the deadline to do that is April 1. **Increases and changes of address can be made anytime during the year.** If you need more information, contact me.

**SOME MORE ABOUT ME** I have lived in PA since 1977 when my parents moved to Malvern from Salt Lake City, UT. I attended St. John's College, Winfield, KS for two years and then completed my bachelor's degree at Pennsylvania State University. I met my husband, Randy, at Penn State and settled in the Philadelphia area. I have two children, Maureen (19) a sophomore at Shippensburg University and Victor (18) working locally. I worked for Unisys Corporation for 26 years; being laid off in 2008. Currently, I teach part-time at Eastern University, a local Christian college and am a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor. I look forward to meeting more of you.

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## 2015 Convention Des Moines, Iowa - June 25-28, 2015

*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap*

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work*

### Convention Goal Statement

Through Christ's bountiful love and blessings of Word and Sacraments, I am equipped by the Holy Spirit to work in my Father's harvest field.

Convention attendees will be \* Fed by God's Word and Sacrament \* Nurtured through worship and fellowship \* Equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Father's field

**Save the dates! Mark your calendar for next June 25-28, 2015 to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Go to [www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines) for more information**

REFLECTIONS FROM YWR MELANIE STANGE

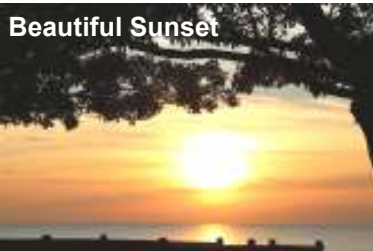
Melanie Stange, Niagara Zone YWR to the 2014 District Convention summed up her experience in one word – “Impressed”. She has submitted the following written report:

Participating as a Young Women Representative (YWR) at this year’s LWML Eastern District Convention was a wonderful experience that left me completely impressed with the LWML. While at the convention I learned about the structural aspects of the organization, the support LWML offers locally and around the world, the amazing women who make up this organization and give their time and talents in service, as well as the fact that worship is at the heart of a LWML convention. Over the three days at the convention the “Walk in the Light” theme remind me of the truth that it is our privilege and responsibility to let the light and love of God shine through each of us through what we say and do, and to share God’s love and grace to those around us. This at times can seem like a difficult task to fulfill, but fortunately we have Jesus’ promise found in John 8:12 that “[He is] the light of the world. Whoever follows [Him] will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” We know that with Jesus, we have new hope and strength to do what we are called to do because He is always with us and He has shown us the way through his Word.

I also learned the mission statement of the LWML 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.” By participating in this year’s convention as a YWR, I had the opportunity to see how the women of the Eastern District are doing exactly that while walking in the light of Christ. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to walk, learn and grow with you.

-Melanie Stange, Niagara Zone YWR

2014 RETREAT



Beautiful Sunset



Speaker Ethel Chadwick



Fun Entertainment



Wine & Fellowship



Retreat Session



Worship



At The Beach

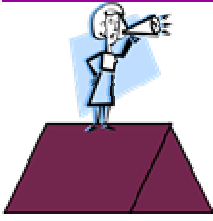


Singing Around The Campfire

...And so much more

## ZONE NEWS

### ANTHRACITE ZONE



LWML Anthracite Zone Fall Rally  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Hop Bottom PA  
Sunday Oct. 5th, 2014  
Registration at 2:30PM  
Please contact Dawn Corbin at:  
570-289-4822 Or dawn\_corbin  
@yahoo.com

### BUFFALO ZONE

#### FALL RALLY—

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 1:30 pm Reg Fee \$3**  
**Hananiah Lutheran Church**  
**900 Genesee St., Buffalo**

**Program: Mission & Ministries of Hananiah**  
**Including of tour of the facilities**

There will also be a brief business meeting,  
Election of President and Treasurer and devotions.

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART** Ingathering Items needed for  
Hananiah: Men's & Women's business clothing; non per-  
ishable food items; monetary donations

### GENESEE ZONE



#### The Genesee Zone Fall Event will be a **BODY AND SOUL SPA**

Based on the Bible verse:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not

know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who  
is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not  
your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor  
God with your bodies.

We have planned that our time together includes teach-  
ings and activities to rejuvenate your body and soul with  
devotions, health information on diet and skin, hand wax-  
ing, chair yoga, lunch and our Ingathering.

We will meet Saturday, October 11, 2014 at St Paul Lu-  
theran Church 158 East Ave, Hilton, NY.  
Registration starts at 9 am til 2 pm The \$5.00 registra-  
tion fee at the door includes lunch

Items for the Ingathering to support The Battered women's  
shelter: Body lotion, Body wash, Face cream (Full size  
bottles only please.) Bar soap, Wash cloths, Tea  
bags Pens, Sticky note pads

### NIAGARA ZONE

#### Niagara Zone Goes Red, White & Blue for a Day

The Niagara Zone celebrated a Red, White and Blue day at their recent summer picnic held on Sunday, August 10. A relaxing summer afternoon of fun and fellowship was hosted by the ladies of St. Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY. Tables were decorated in the theme colors and a special "Women In Mission" cake was shared.

President, Barb Williams presided over the business meeting and to go with the red, white and blue theme, the Pledge to the Flag and the Pledge to the Cross were recited. The meanings of the colors of the Christian flag were explained and some passages from scripture tied it all together. Each meeting will begin with sharing of something that makes us unique as LWML women. Vice-President, Bea Hapeman led a devotion from this past summer's District Convention titled "Walking in the Light".

The afternoon ended with Bible Bingo. The game was created for this event by Barb Williams to be used as a fundraiser for sending a delegate to the 2015 National Convention. Instead of BINGO at the top of the cards, the word was FAITH and the boxes were filled with different books of the Bible. Prior to playing, the women sang a song (to the tune of Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier) reciting the books of the Bible. Each participant brought a wrapped gift (wrapped in red, white or blue) to be used as a prize. In order to win when the typical bingo squares were filled, however, participants were required to exclaim "Serve the Lord with Gladness" the motto of the LWML. Our two junior guests in attendance called out FISH – for "Friends Into Serving Him". All in all a win-win for the Women of the Niagara Zone LWML.

The Niagara Zone looks forward to their fall rally to be held on Sunday, October 12 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tonawanda. Plans include celebrating a Zone combined LWML Sunday worship service and commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LWML. A catered meal will be enjoyed after the worship service with a program to follow. As a special thank offering for 70 years, a 6 month long ingathering of school or personal care kits is being undertaken. At the spring 2015 Zone meeting, the items gathered from the 15 societies of the Niagara Zone will be assembled into kits as a hands-on-servant event. These kits will be gifted to Lutheran World Relief.

**MORE ZONE NEWS**

**PHILADELPHIA ZONE**

The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board met on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. We were so happy to have our Secretary, Loretta Bungo, with us after surviving many cancer treatments. It was a great answer to prayer! After the meeting, many of us stayed for the PLM forum and got to meet the new missionary to the Philadelphia area, Rev. Adam DeGroot, his wife, Melissa & son.

The Fall Rally will be hosted by the English District Philadelphia Zone and will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ewing, NJ on Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you will be in the area, please plan to attend!

We had a great time at the Eastern District LWML Retreat at Camp Pioneer, Sept. 19-21<sup>st</sup> hosted by the Anthracite Zone.



<b>March 2015</b>	EC & Board of Director Meeting
<b>June 25-28, 2015</b>	LWML National Convention Des Moines, Iowa
<b>Sept. 18, 2015</b>	Executive Committee Mtg. Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 18-20, 2015</b>	Fall Retreat-Camp Pioneer
<b>June 10-12, 2016</b>	Eastern District LWML Convention— Binghamton, NY



**YWR'S FOR LWML CONVENTION IN DES MOINES, IOWA**

Do you know someone who you think might make a good Young Women Representative (YWR) to the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa June 25-28, 2015. If so contact your Zone President or

Kelly Gilbert (Kelly.gilbert1@yahoo.com) for the necessary paperwork. Deadline to get the paperwork to Kelly is December 1, 2014.

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell**

April 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014

Mites: \$11,544.02

Memorials given in remembrance of (from June 1, 2014 – Aug. 31, 2014):

Alice Wilson  
Karen Elko

2014 District Convention  
Mites from BOD meeting-\$31.54  
Mites from Mite Walk-\$2,183.59  
Offering 1 to Eastern District Treasury-\$1,065.00  
Offering 2 to ED Memorial/Honorary Fund-\$1,141.00  
Offering 3 to Legacy of Love Endowment-\$1,147.00

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



**NEW E-MAIL FOR LINK**

Please change my e-mail to [lwmlink@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlink@gmail.com) for all LWML correspondence. This should alleviate you getting e-mails from multiple addresses. Thanks.  
**Bev Wicher, Editor**

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district 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*

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