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The Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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Greetings!

As I write this letter I am reminded of the blessings we receive in Christian fellowship with one another in Presbyterian Women, for the friendships and support we receive and in turn, give to others.

Your plans and programs for the rest of the year are probably in place as you seek to know more about our God through Bible study and service. As your PWP moderator for this biennium, I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. I am interested in getting a better sense of what is happening in the Los Ranchos Presbytery and particularly your PWC and would like to visit your church. Possible ways to do this are:

- Send me your program schedule for the year. If you don't mind, I may want to visit one of your meetings but you will be forewarned.
- Invite me to a PWC event at your church. During the next two years, one of my goals is to visit most of your churches.
- Host a gathering at your church (70 to 100 women)
- Host a Coordinating Meeting at your church (about 20 women)

Please make plans to attend the fall gathering on November 12 at Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church. The Canyon Hills PWC is the newest organized PW in Los Ranchos. We are grateful for their willingness to host us for this event.

- Our speaker, Susan Skoglund, has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with us. She is currently serving as our Synod's CCT representative. She is also moderator of the committee planning the plenaries for the churchwide gathering in Orlando.
- Our worship leader is Rev. Jenny Mambu, a minister ordained in Indonesia, who works alongside her husband Rev. John Mambu at the Fullerton Indonesian Presbyterian Church. Jenny is currently serving on our Coordinating Team as our Member-at-Large for Asian Women. She recently attended the Women of Color Consultation in North Carolina.

We also are grateful to the PWC at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for hosting our last PWP Coordinating Team meeting in October. The women at St. Andrews still meet in Circles for Bible study, but are no longer functioning as a PWC as in previous years due to changes in membership and restructuring of the adult ministries at St. Andrews.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 12, at Canyon Hills...

Sharon Wakamoto, PWP Moderator



Nurturing Faith Engaging in Mission Working for Justice and Peace

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF LOS RANCHOS PRESBYTERY



“C.o.n.n.e.c.t.i.n.g t.h.e D.o.t.s”

SPEAKER: SUSAN SKOGLUND
Churchwide Coordinating Team Representative

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. JENNY MAMBU
Indonesian Presbyterian Church of Fullerton

Saturday, November 12, 2011
9:30 a.m.. - Refreshments, Registration & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. - Program
12:00 Noon - Luncheon

Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church
190 South Fairmont, Anaheim, CA 92808
(714) 637-7660
(Shuttle will be available from parking lot to the sanctuary.)

Early registration paid by Saturday, November 5, 2011 - \$12.00.
Registration after November 5, 2011 - \$14.00

Print name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
Church _____ E-mail Address _____

Mail checks payable to PWP and registration to:
Nancy Phillips, 2874 Fidler Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815. *Phone: 562-429-1981*
Early registration ensures that everyone will be served lunch provided by the Canyon Hills PWC.

Name / age of child, if childcare is needed: _____
Please bring a brown bag lunch for your child/children.
Childcare is available only if requested by Saturday, November 5

OUR THANK OFFERING

GOD HAS DONE WONDERS AMONG US

The 2010 Thank Offering of \$724,780 received is doing wonders all over the world, from low cost car repairs, for housing recipients in Alaska, to installing cereal bank silos so that over 1,000 farmers can safely store harvests in Rwanda. The gifts traveling over the world total 26 projects (14 in the United States and 12 internationally) The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, promote health and improve the lives of women and children throughout the world.

The 2011 offering is to do more with the \$1,000,000 needed to respond so more life-changing projects can be funded. Donations can be made in your own PWC.

Beautiful promotional materials are online at WWW.presbyterianwomen.org/thank, or call Jen Lenard Benson, 888/728-7228, ext. 5308. You may also find out how to apply for a grant by calling Cindy Goodman, 888/7228m ext, 5387. I also have material that you are welcome to use.

Ann Seufert
MAL/Peace/Justice.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Invitation to all Women to the Fall Gathering of the **Hispanic Presbyterian Women** to be held on Nov. 5th (Sat), 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Downey. 10544 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

Registration at 8 AM. Meeting will start at 9 AM.

THEME: "Blessed Are You, Rejoice!"

Mail registration to: Ana M.Castro, 14333 Corby Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650

Cost \$12.00 before 10/28, at the door \$15.00 (this will include lunch and material)

Note: The conference will be in Spanish, but Esther Aguilar tells us that any English speaking person is welcome, as there will be many present who could translate!

BIOS OF YOUR PW LEADERS

(We will be presenting two or three bios to you with each newsletter this year, so you can get to know everyone better)

Eloisa Velasquez

Eloisa Velasquez was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a graduate of Menaul High School, and has a degree in Business Administration. She worked in Banking for over 10 years and retired as a Career Counselor.

Eloisa is active in her church, serving as Elder and on various committees, is a Leadership committee member for PWP, Vice-Moderator for PWS (SYNGAC), and is the Los Ranchos Presbytery Representative for CPC. She volunteers with various other organizations in her community. (Whew!)

She is married to Del, has a daughter and two adorable granddaughters. She loves to dance, especially to country music, and loves traveling. Her latest trip to Alaska was the best!! Eloisa tries to utilize the gifts God has given her in all she does and to live out her faith everyday!

Ann Seufert

Ann's first memory of "circle" was when she was in Junior High school. Her church in Long Beach, where she was raised, had a young women's circle. She wishes we had more young women's circles today. From that circle to many more, she progressed with great studies provided and then with Bible studies.

She tells the funniest story: "I guess my family always knew where I was as my son, young at the time, answered the phone one day to say I was at the "Round Club"!!!

Anne grew to leading the Bible studies in her circle (with help from her pastor), then "Women's Association," to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery -- serving in any way she could. Attendance at the triennial national gatherings gave her even more regard for what we do as PW. But, the greatest gift she says she has been given is the friendship and fellowship she has received by being a Presbyterian Woman.

Well, aren't we so blessed to have such women in our leadership? And, whether you belong to a Bible Study of PW women, a "Round Club" or just a Circle, being a PW woman has made all of us just a little richer, more knowledgeable about what's going on in our world, and full of ideas about ministry around the world!!!



\$\$\$\$\$\$ REPORT FROM THE MISSION TREASURER **\$\$\$\$\$\$**

. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Year: 2011

Mission Goal: \$22,568

| | Quarter One | Quarter Two | Quarter Three | Quarter Four | Year-to-date |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Mission | 9,620.82 | 5,043.00 | 2,867.00 | | 17,530.82 |
| Birthday Offering | 10.37 | 2,023.52 | 1,868.68 | | 3,902.57 |
| Thank Offering | 1,674.22 | 1,689.84 | 79.55 | | 3,443.61 |
| Honorary Life | | 190.00 | 190.00 | | 380.00 |
| Memorial | 75.00 | 75.00 | | | 150.00 |
| Least Coin | 125.26 | 41.15 | 635.92 | | 802.33 |
| Hunger | 187.05 | 211.15 | 53.00 | | 451.20 |
| Other | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$11,692.72 | \$9,273.66 | 5,694.15 | | \$26,660.53 |

Date: September 15, 2011

Judy Schmidt, Mission Treasurer

DID YOU KNOW . . . ???

INDIA

Kathleen Julian is in India at the time of this printing. She is representing us through the Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange to India. If your church hasn't already signed up to host Kathleen for a report or presentation, please send her an e-mail with your preferred date, so she can respond when she returns. Her report should be really exciting! You can reach her by e-mail: :

Kathleen_julian@hotmail.com

Also:

AFRICA

Anne Sivley is in Kenya at this time representing our East Africa Partnership and delivering our letters to your sponsored children at the orphanages. She is also taking our love to our Kenyan sisters and checking to be sure that all the children in our orphanages are provided for and are well.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BOTH OF OUR SISTERS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR WORLD, THAT GOD WILL SURROUND THEM AND KEEP THEM SAFE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to get these dates in your calendars!
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRESBYTERY FALL GATHERING

“Connecting the Dots”
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011
Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church
190 South Fairmont, Anaheim
9:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERY WINTER GATHERING

“Global Mission Exchange to India”
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012
Community Presbyterian Church
32202 Del Obispo Street, San Juan Capistrano
9:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERY SPRING GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012
New Hope Presbyterian Church
191 N. Orange Street, Orange
9:30 a.m.

SYNOD SPRING GATHERING

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

SYNOD FALL GATHERING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012

CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

JULY 18 – 22, 2012
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

DON'T FORGET TO CALENDAR NOW!

“Rivers of Hope”

Church wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

July 18-22, 2012

Gaylord Palms in Orlando, Florida

****Put these dates on your calendar and start planning now to make it happen for you!***



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