

Banquet & Entertainment

Entertainment Tickets

If you want to come to the Houston Lutheran Chorale Concert tonight and aren't going to the banquet, you can buy a ticket to the concert for \$5 at the registration area. Doors to the Grand Ballroom open at 8 p.m., and the concert starts at 8:15.

Banquet Seating

We ask that you wait for your entire party to arrive outside the banquet room before you are seated by the ushers. Once you are seated, we ask that you locate the prayer card at your table

and then join hands as one of you says the blessing. Each table will say its own blessing. When you have completed your meal, please join us back in the Grand Ballroom at 8:15 p.m. for the patriotic performance by the Houston Lutheran Chorale.

Like What You See?

The centerpieces at tonight's banquet were made by the Lutheran High North woodshop department. Thank you! The host committee will be selling them after the banquet is over, so listen for announcements as to where to buy these great centerpieces.

Sparkle...Jewels... Beautiful...

... these all describe the YWRs at this convention. The Committee on Young Women hopes that you've noticed the YWRs because "they will sparkle in His land like jewels in a crown...and how attractive and beautiful they will be" (Zechariah 9:16b; 17a). These beautiful young women are excited to be here and welcome the opportunity to speak at your LWML society. Society Presidents, be sure and ask them for one of their "cards" before you leave the convention.

Convention Young Women and YWRs...

ALL of the young women attending the convention are invited TO-DAY to attend a fellowship lunch. If you are between the ages of 18-35, please come and join us. Bring your lunch and join the Committee on Young Women for this special fellowship time together. We will be meeting in the Rose Garden room. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget about the exhibits in the Grand Pavilion Foyer!

Gospel Outreach Winners!

- Sherrie Whitehead, Mid Coast Zone, won a candle
- Pauline Ryder, New Horizon Zone, won an afghan

Come by the booth to pick up your prizes. More winners will be drawn today and will be announced on Sunday.

Gospel Outreach Skit

The Gospel Outreach Committee performed "Make the World Bright!" (#59912) from the LWML Catalog on Friday. A special thank you to Kelli Alsup, Nancy Behn, Michelle Heckmann, Joanna Hoss, Melissa Houchin, Eva Miller and Laura Wilson for helping.

Banner Stands

Zones: Please pick up your banner stands from the baby quilts today in Briarpark 1&2.



Memorial Assistance Ministries

- 196 Toiletry Kits
- 23 packs of diapers
- 23 Household Bundles
- Many Boxes of Soap

LINC

- 123 First Aid Kits
- 211 Personal Care Kits
- 140 Laundry Bags
- Many packages of antiseptic ointment, bandages and alcohol swabs

Krause Center

- So far, ladies have completed 9 twin-sized quilts

Portland 2009

Got shirt? Got rose? Got hazelnut? Got purple carpet? You're ready for the Portland LWML convention in 2009!

If not, y'all mosey on over and see Julia and Edie at the Portland Exhibit.

Prayer Corner

We lift our hands in praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in thanksgiving for the love and fellowship shared during this convention.
Amen

THE HARVESTER

TEXAS DISTRICT LWML 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION ~ HOUSTON, TEXAS ~ ISSUE 2 ~ JUNE 28, 2008

Kathy Lowman elected president

Newly elected officers



Kathy Lowman
President



Sara Frank
Vice President of Human Care



Lois Teinert
Vice President of Servant Resources



Michele Tate
Financial Secretary



Rev. David Symm
Pastoral Counselor



Jan Spitzenberger
Nominating Committee, Chm.



Carolyn Rivers
Nominating Committee



Beth Lauterbach
Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee alternate: **Joann Gaede**

Selected mission grants

Scholarships for Seminarians, Texas District	\$50,000
Lutheran Braille Workers Inc. – Texas.....	\$27,200
Media Equipment – Jesus Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Austin....	\$10,000
Bibles/Student Helps for Students at Martin Luther Seminary Papua New Guinea.....	\$13,107
Coleman Christian Fellowship Center, Coleman, TX.....	\$10,000
Women in Outdoor Ministry LOMT – Camp Lone Star	\$8,000
Telling the Next Generation: Children's Bibles for Indonesia, Cambodia and Thailand	\$17,500
Portals of Prayer Braille Production Messiah Lutheran Church – Plano, Texas	\$4,000
Outreach/Mission by Austin City Church.....	\$8,500
Bible Study Curriculum – Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services.....	\$7,000
Hands of Mercy Training Center for People with Disabilities Literacy Classroom, Sudan	\$6,500
Pro-Life Brochures in Spanish – Lutherans for Life (partial) ..	\$10,424.65
TOTAL	\$172,031.65

Friday's Attendance

Board of Directors.....	42
Delegates.....	188
Guests.....	314
TOTAL.....	550

Stuck on Struck!

Prepare to laugh and learn this morning with keynote speaker Jan Struck. Jan is blessed to serve the Lord and is truly a blessing to the LWML as a popular speaker and retreat leader. Attendees of the last two national conventions will remember Jan as the "Humorous Interrupter," which we all got a taste of yesterday with a surprise visit from "Aunt Jane." Come to Portland in 2009 to see what Jan cooks up next!



Bushel Basket

Tote Bags for Sale

Want some extra convention tote bags to take home? Extras are being sold for \$5 a piece at the registration table.

Lost & Found

Lost and found is located at the registration area.

Goodie Bags for Sale

Like the goodie bags given to delegates yesterday? You're in luck! The host committee is selling them for \$1 a piece at the registration table.

Breakfast Buffet

The hotel is offering a breakfast buffet for \$12, which includes tax and tip. Make sure you tell them you're with the LWML to get this group rate.

Decoding Your Name Badge

The stars on your name badge are your tickets to the extras you ordered. If you have a yellow star, please pick up your T-shirt in the registration area. Orange stars are for your box lunch on Friday and pink stars are for Saturday lunches. Either a purple or red star is for the banquet on Saturday.

Grand Ballroom

Eating will not be allowed in the Grand Ballroom today.

Workers' Room

Host Committee Workers: Come relax with a light refreshment in the Workers' Room, hotel room 503.

Saturday Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

It's a great place to eat your lunch after you get it or take a quick break during the day.

Prayer Room Hours

6:15–8:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

4:30–6:30 p.m.

Short-Term Mission Team Challenge

At the February 2008 LWML Board of Directors meeting, LWML President Janice Wendorf issued this mission challenge: "In response to the need for more people to serve in the harvest fields, a challenge has been set for our 40 LWML districts: To send two short-term teams to the mission field by March 2010 to support our missionaries and partner churches."

This unique opportunity to serve in the mission field can be done in the United States, Latin America, Africa, Asia or Eurasia. Activities vary from helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina or the earthquake in Peru, to equipping women of Kenya for ministry, to teaching English to children in Hong Kong using scripture, or offering vacation Bible school for children in Slovakia. LCMS World Mission assists with preparation and organiza-

tion for the trips.

LCMS World Mission has compiled a list of opportunities that have been identified for the women of the LWML. It can be found at www.lcmsworldmission.org/lwmlgo. A copy of the service opportunities is also available at the LWML booth in the display area.

If you are interested in serving on a mission team or would like more information about this life changing experience, leave your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet at the LWML booth. Or you may contact the Texas District LWML contact person, Debbie Curry at jim-miecurry@consolidated.net or (936) 634-2720.

What an opportunity! As President Wendorf says, "Let's be Lutheran Women in Mission."



Convention Banner

The convention banner was created by Marilyn Schmidt, a member of the Ladies Aid at Immanuel, Giddings. Marilyn enjoys cross stitching and making banners for her church. In addition to making the convention banner, she also designed and created the baby quilt "banner" for the Post Oak Zone.

The Texas District LWML extends a big thank you and God's blessings to Marilyn for the gift of the convention banner.

Grants video

The edited mission grants video will be available for your use in August. We encourage you to present the video to your societies and zones so they can see all the wonderful ministries that benefit from our mites.

The videos are available from your zone president or Vice President of Gospel Outreach Kathy Schkade for the cost of mailing.

Evaluations

In your tote bag you should find a convention evaluation form. Please fill this out and turn it in to one of the boxes marked "Evaluations" that will be in the registration area beginning on Saturday afternoon after the Enrichment Sessions. The boxes will also be available in the registration area on Sunday morning.

Your input on this evaluation will help us plan for future conventions and LWML events.

Enrichment Session Locator

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT!!! Today there are more opportunities for spiritual enrichment than you can shake a stick at! Have you decided which enrichment sessions you will attend? Attend as many as you can — you will be encouraged and uplifted by our wonderful speakers.

For a description of each enrichment session, see pages 12 and 13 of your convention manual.

LOCATION	Session 1 9:45 – 10:45	Session 2 11:00 – noon	Session 3 2:15 – 3:15	Session 4 3:30 – 4:30
Grand Ballroom	Sherron Watkins	Sherron Watkins	Deborah Duncan	Deborah Duncan
Grand Ballroom A&B	Jan Brunette	Jan Struck	Jan Brunette	Jan Struck
Grand Ballroom G	MOST-Jakobeits	Prison Ministry	MOST-Jakobeits	Prison Ministry
Grand Ballroom F	Vivian Ernst	LINC-Houston	Vivian Ernst	LINC-Houston
Briarpark 3	Teens	Friends Into Serving Him	Teens	

Endowing Tomorrow

Congrats Golden Triangle!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Golden Triangle Zone LWML for having the highest percentage of its members participating in the 75th Anniversary \$1,000,000 Endowment Campaign!

16.7 percent of 84 zone members have made a commitment to the campaign. THANKYOU GOLDEN TRIANGLE ZONE!!! We hope you enjoyed your balloons!

Zone Percentages

Want to know what percentage of your zone has participated? Ask your zone president or there will be some copies of the report at the Anniversary Exhibit so you can check it out!

District Statistics

December 31, 2007, statistics reported a total of 4,373 district members of which 2.7% have made



commitments. Approximate dollar amount committed to the campaign is \$365,000.

Thanks to all whose hearts have been moved to participate! Let's keep the momentum going!

Sign Up for Door Prize!

Have you visited the Anniversary Exhibit to register for the door prize? If NOT, do so today! Drawing will take place at 4 p.m. today.

The flower image presented in the painting has been captured digitally for reference and painted to reflect the fascination Janet has with color and light and the organic shapes she loves in her home landscape.

Servant Events

On-Site Servant Events

Come to the Hands-On Room (Briarpark 1&2) any time during the Enrichment Session times today. There will be lots of hands-on opportunities, including stamp trimming, quilt tying, Bible marking, postcard writing, and bookmark and card making.

Serve the Lord with gladness to help troubled teens at the Krause Center, prisoners, hospital patients and international students.

Off-Site Servant Events

The "Pray the City Bus Tours" have been canceled due to an insurance issue with the bus drivers. If you planned to go on the tour, please consider visiting the hands-on room (Briarpark 1&2) instead. There's plenty to do!

9:45 a.m. Saturday: Project C.U.R.E. participants will assemble their car-pools, check in with the event hostess at the Servant Event table, and drive to the distribution center for a 10 a.m. video presentation followed by work at the center until noon. Please, remember to wear comfortable work clothes and closed shoes.