

Gifts from the Heart

Project C.U.R.E.

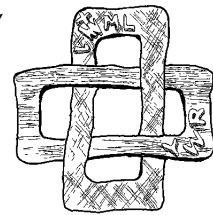
- 21 Reams of Paper
- 15 Notepads
- 10 Boxes of Staples
- 3 Boxes of Colored Markers
- 1 Packaging Tape Dispenser
- 7 Rolls of Packaging Tape
- 16 Sharpies
- 60 Box Cutters
- 4 Black Markers
- 4 Boxes of Invisible Tape
- 2 Rolls of Nylon Twine

We'd like to thank the Marriott for their generous donation of a box full of supplies for Project C.U.R.E.



The Jewels Among Us?

We hope you've had a chance to meet the younger "jewels" among us at this convention. The YWRs and Committee on Young Women thank you for all of the support shown to these young women. They hope to be invited to your society to share with you their experiences and some exciting ideas on how to incorporate young women into your LWML society.



Portland 2009

Thank "y'all" for your warm and friendly Texas hospitality for making us feel so welcome. Please come to Portland June 25-28, 2009, for the national LWML convention. It's the chance of a lifetime! See y'all there! Julia Reiss & Edie Norris, Portland 2009 Host Committee

Saturday's Attendance

Board of Directors.....	42
Delegates.....	188
Guests.....	411
TOTAL.....	647

Offerings

Offering #1.....	\$2,395.35
Offering #2.....	\$3,672.60
Door Offering	\$1,449.37

The Capitol Zone invites you to come to Austin in 2009 for the 36th Biennial Convention!

College Station 2012!

The Bluebonnet and Post Oak zones won the bid for the 37th Biennial Convention, which will be in College Station in 2012. Mark your calendars now!

Prayer Corner

O, Lord, You are so gracious, we lift our voices in thanksgiving for this successful convention. Now we ask you fill us with your Spirit so that we return home eager to serve you and do our best to spread your Word around the world. Grant us safe passage home and bless the efforts of the LWML.

Amen.

THE HARVESTER

TEXAS DISTRICT LWML 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION ~ HOUSTON, TEXAS ~ ISSUE 3 ~ JUNE 29, 2008

Opened hearts, opened eyes

Off-site Servant Event

Three car loads of servants headed for the Project C.U.R.E. Sorting and Distribution Center located just across Westheimer from the hotel.

After they delivered our Gifts from the Heart, they sorted mounds of stethoscopes and surgical equipment into cartons to await shipment to undeveloped areas of the world.



Quilt Tying

Life-long quilt tyers, eat your heart out! While it is true and admirable that the tyers in the Human Care Room churned out 9 quilts for the teenagers at the Krause Center in Katy, the Young Women Reps tied at least 11 at last count.

On-site Servant Events

Family stories, vacation plans, personal heartaches, and worries about adult children with broken marriages. What do they have to do with stamps, Bibles, greeting cards, and bookmarks? These were topics of conversation as ladies served unseen friends with their hands, while they listened with their hearts to nearby friends sharing scis-

sors and glue.

Such was the scene in the Human Care Room as stamps were trimmed; cards were fashioned for troubled teens and cancer patients; bookmarks were decorated for International students; and Bibles were marked for kids in a juvenile detention center. Once again our ladies discovered the personal joy and ministry in serving others.

Bible Marking

The Bibles marked at the Bible Outreach table will be sent to a juvenile detention center in Western Texas. The boys who are residents at the Center have been pleading for scripture of their very own so they can "learn this stuff better."

By 4 p.m. on Friday, 166 Bibles had been marked. Praise the Lord! A huge "thank you" goes to the ladies of Texas district LWML.



A big thanks to the Host Committee (above) for all their hard work! When people congratulate Chairman Jennifer Klawitter on a job well done, she says the thanks go to the host committee for doing *their* job so well!

A huge Texas "thank you" goes to

outgoing President Dorothy Hunger (right) for all her joyful service and dedication to the district over the last four years, and welcome to incoming President Kathy Lowman (far right). We are truly blessed to have both of these ladies serving the Lord in our district!



Bushel Basket

Getting to Heaven

For anyone who wants a copy of "How to Get to Heaven from Central Texas," which Rev. John Heckmann talked about in his Bible study on Friday, e-mail him at pastor@stpaulthegrove.org.

Plants for Sale

The two plants decorating the convention stage are for sale for \$25 each. There are only two, so hurry to the registration area if you want one!

Evaluations

Don't forget to turn in your evaluation forms! Evaluation boxes are available in the registration area.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Michelle Zwernemann, Annette Menzel, Janice Droemer, Lorine Peterson, and Adeline Wachsmann of Immanuel, Giddings, for helping to print and assemble the Festival Worship folder. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him through the LWML.

Decorations Thanks

Thanks to all of the ladies of the White Oak, Bayou City and Mid Coast zones for their assistance with assembling delegate goodie bags, banquet center pieces and gifts. Decorations Chairman Sarah Fisher would especially like to thank Sandra Hall, Anna Helmich, Monica Murray and Karen Wilkins for their support and hard work as the core committee for the decorations.

Page Purses & Leis

Linda Banes would like to thank Debbie Garcia for sewing the beautiful leis and the pages' cute purses. She donated all of her time and talents. Linda considers Debbie a personal blessing to her and to everyone who found enjoyment in these.



Teens have tons of fun

Ten Terrific Teens participated in this convention from 5 different societies! They had a blast Friday and Saturday nights having devotions and swimming. Two enrichment sessions especially for teens allowed them to make new friends, make bead lanyards and a banner. They had a Bible Study on "vision helps" to finish their time together. You might have even seen them giving hugs and getting signatures while on a scavenger hunt!

Endowing Tomorrow

Painting Winner

WOW! We're so sorry that everyone can't be a winner, but we are delighted to announce that the winner of the "Like the Lilies of the Field" water color painting is — Karen Avenson.

New Commitments

Thanks and blessings to the following people who have made a commitment to the 75th Anniversary Campaign at this convention as of yesterday evening at 5 p.m. All praise and glory be to our God — the Giver of every good gift!

- Marlise Armstrong, White Oak
- Mildred Emshoff, Mid Coast
- Sharlyn Fritz, Bayou City
- Lori Haseloff, South Plains
- Sharon Manske, Bluebonnet
- Lisa Martischnig, Red River
- Janet Matschall, West Texas
- Annette Menzel, Post Oak
- Deanna Schroader, Red River



- Andra Smith, Red River
- JoAnn Truelock, Metropolitan
- Terry Wells, West Texas

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider leaving a portion of your estate (any amounts are welcome) to this very worthwhile campaign. With the Lord's blessing and in keeping with His good and gracious will, the \$1,000,000 goal is to be reached by the year 2017. However, not one of us knows when we may be called to our heavenly home. It is urgent that we "take care of business" while we are able.

This campaign is an effort of the entire Texas District LWML of which YOU are a part!

Convention Chuckles & Eye Openers

- A couple of LWML elves gave birthday boy Rev. Mike Mattil the royal treatment for his birthday, covering his entire hotel room from top to bottom with Over the Hill paraphernalia.

- After going to Jan Struck's enrichment session, many ladies were plotting and planning how to stage a "ta da" moment at their own churches. Pastors should prepare for Ta Da's around Texas!

- Host Committee member Linda Banes took it upon herself to convert the men's restroom into a women's restroom whenever necessary, physically blocking men from entering to protect the ladies inside. (see picture)

- While working hard in the Human Care hands-on room, Barbara Rablee refused to trim *common* stamps, saying her time was too valuable for anything less than commemorative!

- A registration worker was explaining how much she loved her host committee apron — because it had pockets to warm up her freezing hands!

- The hotel contract for setting up



the room for Saturday night's entertainment read "Texas Corral" rather than the Houston Lutheran *Chorale*. Yeehaw!

- Newly elected pastoral counselor Rev. David Symm almost fell out of his chair — but not from laughter! VP of Communication Teresa Mesman

popped the back of her van open, and almost inadvertently "dumped" Pastor Symm out the back!

- If you happened to get a strawberry breakfast bar in your convention tote bag, you got an extra treat! One of the registration workers slipped the bar in her *own* tote bag, which was then promptly given to the next registrant!

- Amy Heard of Trinity, Amarillo, attended her very first LWML meeting in December, where she jumped head-first into LWML! Now at her first convention, she designed and made her zone's baby quilt banner, is serving as an alternate delegate, and is decked out in a hot pink boa as the Panhandle Zone's YWR!

- Joann Gaede, on the Human Care Committee, was overjoyed with the greeting cards people donated because she recycles pretty cards and sends one to every member of her church on their birthdays. Many are lonely and have no one else who sends them anything. Jo will take our leftover cards for her personal ministry of love.

Beautiful Banners!

A big thank you to all the zones that brought baby quilts that were used as banners during the convention. The creative and beautiful quilts illustrate Jesus' love for children. Most of the quilts will be donated to Foundation for Life, and some of the more banner-like quilts will be shared with Houston-area and San Marcos Crisis Pregnancy Centers for display. LWML members Ethelene Marshall, Marlene Parker, Liz Hinkle and Mary Noel volunteer for centers in Texas.

Exhibit Booth Winners

Exhibit booth winners: Please pick up your prizes at the registration table.

Gospel Outreach

- Sherry Etie Wakasch, St. Paul Austin, candle
- Christine Hunt, Post Oak Zone, afghan
- Mary Ann Waldon, Gulf Coast Zone, cross

Austin 2010

- Liz Ankeuy, North Alamo
- Gerda Dee Bose, Capitol
- Harriet Grof, Golden Harvest
- Doris Tritsche, Post Oak
- Mary Embry, New Horizon

- Lyla McCarty, Panhandle
- Karen Rackel, Dal-North
- Linda Wilson, Dal-North
- Eva Miller, Bayou City
- Linda Powell, Longview
- Mayorial Schiseder, Bayou City
- Pat Schmelter, NE Houston
- Tillie Remmert
- Dan Zeschang, Capitol

Lutheran Braille Workers

- Dot Haverly, Eustace
- Elaine Kieschnick, Warda

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

- Winners, please call Room 653.