

Spirit Splash



Waco, Texas Convention Center

Issue 2 & July 7, 2018

Welcome to Day 3 of Convention!

2018-2020 Election Report

Delegates have elected the following to serve the LWML in Texas District. May God bless their time of service to the women of LWML Texas District and their Lord.

Vice President of Christian Life – Kelli Alsup
Vice President of Communication – Janna Atkins
Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Joy Cowan
Recording Secretary – Patti Samsel
Treasurer – Kelly Bernhardt
Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Mark Moldenhauer
Nominating Committee
Karen Avenson
Whitney Lee will serve as Chairman
Janet Matschull, Alternate
Lois Teinert

2018-2020 Mite Goal Adopted: \$350,900 \$180,000 for Mission Grants

LWML is one of the few organizations providing mission-focused grants. VP of Gospel Outreach, Sally Krueger shared, “You are encouraged to remember the word *mission*. When we refer to ‘mission grants’ we are reminded of who we are and what we do. Just say ‘grants,’ and we may project a sense of dependence or entitlement. ‘*Mission* grants’ reminds us, the recipients, and those outside our organization of the bigger picture. These funds aren’t just to complete a proposal but also to share the saving love of Jesus Christ with whomever we may encounter. It helps us keep our focus on the main thing – the *mission* of sharing the Gospel message.”

Fajita Buffet - Brazos Ballroom Doors Open at 6 p.m. for open seating

Those of you attending the Fajita Buffet on Saturday night need to head to Brazos Ballroom for delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Doors will open at 6 p.m., but you may arrive anytime between 6 and 6:30 p.m. There is NO NEED to arrive early because there will be plenty food and seating. Once you arrive you may grab a seat, then get in line, or head straight to one of two buffet lines and then to a seat. There will be food lines on each side of the room. Once seated with your food,

there will be meal prayer cards on the table to bless the food. After your meal enjoy a piece of cake to celebrate the 75th anniversary of LWML. Then head to Chisholm Hall to enjoy Wendysue Fluegge's performance.

Wendysue's performance of *BOLD Life* is open only to those registered for the convention (white and yellow badges) beginning at 7 p.m. All guests of the performance may enjoy open seating for the evening.

The Schedule

Saturday, July 7

- 6:30 a.m. Mission in Motion Prayer Walk
7 a.m. Wake Up with the Word Bible Study Donna Pyle – *Where Love Abides* Brazos South
7 a.m. Exhibits Open
8:15 a.m. Singing
8:30 a.m. **THIRD MEETING**
Host Committee Recognition
Bible Study: Rev. Timothy Appel
Mites in Action Speaker: Rev. Naveen Nischal
Scholarship Committee
75th Anniversary Campaign
Mission Inreach Speaker: Jan Brunette
11:30 a.m. Lunch Recess
Pastors' Luncheon – Coach's Smoke Restaurant
(Pre-registration; pastors only)
Bring Your Box Lunch: Young Woman's Gathering (includes former YWRs) – Brazos South
Lunch with My Friends – Brazos North
12:30 p.m. Deadline for *Gifts from the Heart*
1 p.m. Off-site Servant Events leave
1:15 p.m. On-site Servant Events begin
1:15 p.m. First Enrichment Session
2:30 p.m. Second Enrichment Session
3:45 p.m. Third Enrichment Session
5 p.m. Exhibits close
6 p.m. Dinner Recess for Fajita Buffet – Brazos Ballroom
7 p.m. Entertainment – Chisholm Hall
BOLD Life by Wendysue Fluegge

More Details in Convention Manual

Planning for the Mission of LWML in the Future

Have you made an estate or planned gift to an LWML endowment? Please enroll in the Legacy Circle.



Legacy Circle is a group of women (and men) who have included LWML in their estate and/or gift plans. A gift plan could be a bequest, IRA designation, charitable trust, gift annuity or other instrument that will eventually terminate with a gift to LWML. LWML Gifts of Love wants to know about these gifts and asks you to register using the *Gifts of Love Enrollment* form in your tote bag.

Legacy Circle donors will be invited to a lunch/brunch with a featured speaker at the 2019 LWML Convention. Eventually similar events will be held regionally throughout the U.S. Each donor will receive a certificate of appreciation.

During the LWML Texas District 75th Anniversary Campaign, there were over 150 planned gifts made to Legacy Deo (formerly Lutheran Foundation of Texas). If you have named LWML in your estate or gift plan (local, zone, district or national), please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided in your tote bag. If you are unsure of the value of your gift and it was made through Legacy Deo, Joyce Best will be at their exhibit to assist.

Young Woman's Gathering

All young women (ages 18-35) attending this convention are invited to the Young Woman's Gathering at lunch on Saturday in Brazos Ballroom South. All former Young Woman Representatives are invited to join them. Grab your box lunch and join the fun!



Filled to Overflow Bible Study

Want to share Donna's Bible study *Filled to Overflow* with others?

Donna Pyle has provided LWML Texas District with her Bible study from this convention in a format that can be shared when you return home. All proceeds from the sales will go to the mission grant goal of our district. The cost of the booklet is \$3. You may purchase your copies at the registration desk. Please note that you may make multiple copies for use in a one-time group Bible study within the local LWML society. Mass duplication is prohibited.

Be sure you purchase enough to share! It may not be available after convention.



Report of the President

President Debbie Curry opened her remarks expounding on the theme of this past biennium: JOY – encouraging the LWML women to JOYFULLY serve the Lord; OPENLY confess the Gospel; and YEARN to grow in God's Word. She finds building relationships key to working and serving together and creating a solid basis for mission – sharing the love of Jesus with others. She credits her family, introduced in a slide show, for the support, love, and understanding of her service to the LWML. She encouraged the LWML membership to stay connected with her on social media, closing with an affectionate, “consider yourselves hugged,” as they go out to live and serve with joy.

Good Things to Know

Meal/Dining Information

If you purchased a boxed lunch for Saturday, pick up your lunch in McLennan 207. There will be tables in McLennan 207, Chisholm Hall, and the Brazos Ballroom for dining and fellowship. If you did not order a boxed lunch, the Café at the Convention Center will be open July 5-8 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Convention Badges

All registrants and volunteers must wear their badge throughout the convention.

Convention Seating

Delegate seating will continue for Saturday. There will be open seating for Wendysue's Saturday evening performance. Delegate seating resumes Sunday morning.

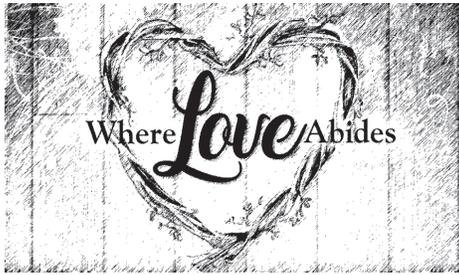
Reminder

No outside food or drinks may be brought into the Waco Convention Center. This includes food purchased at the hotel, food trucks, or brought from home. You may bring in your own personal water container, just no purchased bottled water.

Convention Prayer Room

The Prayer Room, located in Lone Star Room 105 on the lower level of the Convention Center, will be open for prayer on Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Prayer request cards in your tote bag, in the Prayer Room, and at the back of the convention hall may be placed in baskets at the entrance to the convention hall and in the Prayer Room. Your prayers can be included in the corporate prayers led by our pastoral counselors. Please indicate on the prayer card that you wish to have the pastors include your prayers. Be sure to fill out the contact information in case they have questions about your request.



Donna Pyle – Where Love Abides Bible Study

LWML Texas District was given the privilege of introducing Donna Pyle's latest DVD Bible study, *Where Love Abides—Connecting to the True Vine to Bear Fruit That Lasts* (based on John 15) for LWML. Copies of the Bible study will be available for purchase and Donna will gladly autograph.

Please note, that the Leader's Guide is on the disk as a PDF file. Order individual participant guides from Concorida Publishing at www.cph.org. Search for *Where Love Abides*.

\$800 Raised for Mites!

Rev. Mike Mattil brought a copy of Donna Pyle's newly released Bible study, *Where Love Abides*, to the podium with the offer of a DVD and workbook set, signed by Donna Pyle, video site host Linda Gage, and LWML President Patti Ross to the highest bidder.

Starting at \$100 for the \$88 retail valued set, bidding bounced back and forth across the audience, until a final bid made by Nancy Beckham of \$800 was made to be given to the new Mite Goal of \$350,900 for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Clearance Sale

Extra manuals, tote bags, etc. will be offered for sale Saturday at the Registration Desk. Cash and checks only, please.

Blessed Together

Gathering at the Prayer Room, hundreds of guests began the 40th Biennial Convention to ask God's protection and blessing on each area of prayer, meeting, and fellowship. Rev. John Heckmann led with Scripture and responsive readings appropriate to the use of each space.



Don't forget to make a stop at the Photo Booth in the upper lobby to capture and share your experience at convention!

Say "I ♥ LWML!"

Enjoying the Music and Message of Convention?

Take a piece of the experience home with you!

1. Purchase Wendysue's CDs "Bold" and "Everyday Christian"
2. Invite her to YOUR church or retreat
3. Cruise with her and sisters Feb. 9-14, 2019

Brochures and information are on her exhibit table in McLennan 209 and at www.wendysue.com.

Good Things to Know

Crisis Management

The Crisis Management Team is President Debbie Curry, Pastoral Counselors Tim Appel and John Heckmann, Carolyn Rivers, Whitney Lee, Kathy Walther, and any medical staff on the premises. In case of a medical emergency please go to First Aid, in McLennan 207. For any other emergency needs, please find a member of the host committee wearing a red convention t-shirt who will notify the Crisis Management Team.

First Aid

The First Aid Station can be found in McLennan Hall, Room 207. Look for the signs leading you to the privacy-draped section by the exhibitors and Meet & Greet tables. A mini-triage station can be found at the back of Chisholm Hall. If not attended, please phone 254-563-9214 for assistance.

LWML Store

One more day for shopping at the LWML Store located in McLennan Hall – Room 209.

Store Hours:

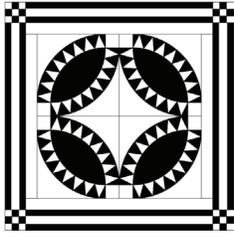
Saturday 7 a.m.–8:15 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday Luggage Storage

Your hotel will be pleased to hold your luggage Sunday morning. There will *not* be secure storage available at the Convention Center.

CPH Features Texas Authors

The Concordia Publishing House exhibit offers a wide variety of items for sale, including books by three Texas authors: Donna Pyle, Sarah Baughman and Rev. Michael Newman. Check the schedule posted at their exhibit in McLennan 209 for times to meet your favorite author and have your copy autographed.



Are you connected?

If not sign up and we would love to give you a quilt!

Visit the LWML exhibit table and sign up to receive the newsletter and other official communications electronically from LWML Texas District and from LWML. Place the form in the container at the exhibit and you will then be entered to win a special quilt (drawing on Saturday at 5 p.m.). Your information will be entered after the convention and you will receive an email to verify your subscription(s). Emails are sent out approximately four times a month to LWML Texas District subscribers. LWML emails vary according to the types requested.

The quilt was made by the Golden Triangle Zone in the 1990's. Five squares were sent to each congregation and joined together to make the quilt. The theme was we can each do our own things but come together and be even more beautiful. The original raffle of the quilt benefitted Lutheran Social Services of the South and D'Lana Erickson was the winner. Mike and Sharon (Bertrand) Kasper, Redeemer, Nacogdoches, have donated the quilt back to LWML.

The *Spirit Splash* is published in three issues during the convention by the Host Committee. Drop news items at the Registration Desk by 3 p.m. each day.

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Filled to Overflow - Serving

Saturday servant events take place both at the convention center and in the city of Waco. This will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. In the Human Care area, we will be doing *Personal Care Kit* assembly for Lutheran World Relief, assembly of *Cookie Bags* for Waco area first responders, *packaging meals* for Kids Against Hunger, *Spanish Bible marking* for Ysleta Mission, and packing *Blessing Bags* for distribution to the homeless in Waco, Temple, and Killeen.

Service in the city of Waco will be at *Care Net*, teaching young mothers the value of good meal preparation; *Caritas*, sorting through donations of clothes and small appliances; and working at two *Mission Waco nursing homes*. Those sign up for one of these projects will need to meet at the fountain outside the convention center at 12:45 p.m. to meet the vans.

The Carter Blood Mobile Units will be at the convention center Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those registered in advance have been given an assigned time to report. Please report to the Blood Donor area ten minutes before your assigned time. If you have not registered and would like to donate, please come by the donor desk Saturday and a time will be assigned to you. Announcements will be made as to where the buses and donor desk will be located.

Gospel Outreach – Mission Grants

Did you know ...?

- Items to promote our Mission Grants (mite poster, prayers, etc.) adopted at this convention will be available at www.lwmltxdist.org.
- Any time you need information about our Mission Grants, be sure to check out our website as all information is posted there.

Enrichment Sessions - Saturday, July 7

Session I – 1:15–2:15 p.m.

Rev. Michael and Donna Coppersmith – *Covering Our Mission in Prayer* **Lone Star 103**
Rev. Naveen Nischal – *Reaching Indians for Christ in the U.S.* **Texas Room South**
President Patti Ross – *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy* **Texas Room North**
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* **Ranger Room**

Session II – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Eloise Kuhlmann – *Strategic Planning in Our Zones and Societies* **Lone Star 103**
Rev. Dr. Johannes Mengsteab – *An Evangelistic Movement to North America* **Texas Room South**
Rev. Gerry Harrow – *Sharing God's Love Where You are Planted* **Texas Room North**
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* **Ranger Room**

Session III – 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Cheryl Mattil – *Leadership Training* **Lone Star 103**
Dr. Barbara Geistfeld – *Life – Gift from God* **Texas Room South**
Steve Cohen – *BOLDLY Declaring Y'shua as Messiah* **Texas Room North**
Jan Brunette – *Building a Bond of Unity in Christ in Ethnic Communities* **Ranger Room**