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Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District



LIVING THE GRANDE LIFE CONVENTION BAG NEWS FLASH

WHO: All attendees at the Rocky Mountain District convention

WHAT: **B.Y.O.C.B.** (BRING YOUR OWN CONVENTION BAG)

WHEN: JUNE 22-24, 2012

WHERE: EL PASO MARRIOTT

WHY: To be better stewards of our finances

The Rocky Mountain District LWML is joining the “loop”, that is the **RECYCLE, REDUCE, and REUSE loop**. In order to be better stewards of our resources, everyone attending the LWML District Convention in June will be given their convention materials in a complimentary plastic bag that can be reused or recycled once you return home. If you prefer to have one bag to carry your convention materials and personal items; then: **Bring a bag from a previous convention.**

Did you attend a national convention? A previous district convention? Or maybe even an international convention? Bring your bag and we will reminisce about the past! If this is your first convention, create a bag that will be your special LWML bag! Prizes will be awarded in several categories so stay tuned for details!

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Carol's Corner

RMD LWML 2010-2012 Vision Statement



Build Up In Love Daily

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
(English Standard Version)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Convention 2012

Will you be attending the LWML Rocky Mountain District convention June 22-24 in El Paso, TX?

Come celebrate the 70th anniversary of the LWML with your sisters in Christ in the RMD. You'll see details in other sections of this newsletter highlighting the great worship services, Bible studies, and enrichment sessions planned for the convention. Don't miss this opportunity for "Living the Grande Life". There is something of interest for everyone – no matter your age, experience, or service background.

Certain questions come up at each convention. I'm devoting my article this month to answer a few of them:

1. Why is there a registration fee? Registration fees cover the expenses of the convention like room and table charges, audio visual equipment rental, 22% service charges, and speaker honorariums.

2. Why should I stay at the convention hotel rather than another location? Aside from the convenience of staying right where our convention is held, our contract with the Marriott is based on reserving 100 rooms for lodging. Your room reservation helps us meet our contract and means less meeting room rental expense.

3. Why should I buy a meal package? We work hard to negotiate reasonable meals with the convention hotel. Similar to the lodging rooms, we contracted to purchase a certain amount of food and beverage items.

4. Why is there business during our time together? This is the only time during the 2012-2014 biennium the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Rocky Mountain District will meet to conduct business. We will vote on a new Mission Goal, elect new officers, and select new grant recipients.

5. Why should I REALLY plan to go to this convention?

- Grow spiritually during Bible studies and worship times
- Hear stories of hope, healing, and faith
- Experience uplifting music
- Laugh with other women who share your faith
- Spend time with the One who wants you "Living the Grande Life"

Your sisters on the Executive Committee work hard to locate comfortable, attractive hotels while also keeping costs down. Please keep these dedicated servants in your prayers as they finalize conventions details.

Prayer requests: LWML RMD Board of Directors meet February 24-25.

Prayers would be appreciated for safe travel, God's guidance on the work of the district, and growth in each individual's faith while attending trainings. Make your plans, check out the candy bar fund-raising idea from the Nov. *Tidings* (or on the website) and register for a high ol' time in El Paso!

Joy in His service,
Carol von Soosten



Ride the Bus to El Paso

Itinerary (all times are approximate):

7:00 am Thursday: Leave in a luxury motor coach from Mt Olive Church in Aurora*.

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Sightsee in Santa Fe, NM and enjoy a group dinner.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Continue on to Socorro, New Mexico for the night.

7:00 am – 8:00 am Friday: Enjoy free breakfast at the hotel and check out.

11:00 am Friday: Arrival at the El Paso Marriott with enough time to check in before the convention starts.

12:30 pm Sunday: Return directly to Denver. Enjoy dinner on the bus. Hotel accommodations available in Denver if needed.

All for around \$250.00**. Only 47 seats available...get one before they're gone! Fill out the form below and return it plus \$125.00 deposit to Andi Noblitt by **March 31st**. Deposit is not refundable once the bus has been reserved. More information will be sent out once participation is confirmed.



Andi Noblitt
10048 Elizabeth St
Thornton, CO 80229
303-520-0368
andimarkin@hotmail.com



***Can add additional bus stops if required**

****Price based on 30 participants with two people per hotel room and may vary depending on enrollment. Price does not include entrance to the convention or accommodations in Denver or El Paso.**

Traveler Information

Traveler name	
E-mail	
Phone	
Address	
Accommodations Required in Denver?	

Enrichment Session Speakers



Elaine Bickel - Roots and Wings

Elaine is a child of God, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, MI, the author of numerous materials for Concordia Publishing House, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Guideposts, and a variety of other publications. She is a frequent humorous and inspirational banquet and retreat speaker.

Roots and Wings - Elaine will talk about family in a humorous way. What are the four phases of a family's life? What can we learn from and smile about as we go through each of these phases? Those who have heard Elaine repeatedly comment, "She made me laugh. She made me cry. She made me think and grow."



Kay Kreklau - LWML

LWML President Kay Kreklau knew she wanted to be a part of this wonderful organization after attending her first Assembly of Leaders in 1992. The fellowship, seeing the "big picture," and the Bible study on Moses stirred a curiosity to learn more and become more involved. Kay has held many LWML positions including all local offices, most zone offices, many district offices and at the national LWML level, she has served as Recording Secretary and on the Leader Development committee. In 2011 at the Peoria convention, she was elected LWML President.

LWML - Would you like to hear the LWML President share her thoughts with you in an enrichment session? Here's your chance! Hear what President Kay has to say about LWML and her vision for this organization.



Rev. Gary Rahe – You “Mite” Be a Lutheran...

Rev. Gary Rahe, Senior Counselor of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, serves as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Holyoke, Colorado. Over the past 34 years, Pastor Rahe has served the LWML in a variety of ways including Northeastern Zone Pastoral Advisor and has previously served as a Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Rocky Mountain District.

You “Mite” Be a Lutheran – Hear the story behind your mite-giving. What does this mean to you? Pastor Rahe will share his gift of humor and his view on how you “mite” be a Lutheran.

Enrichment Session Speakers

Mary Marten - LWML and the 21st Century

Mary considers herself a child of God and is blessed to have been raised in the LCMS. She attended Lutheran schools, taught for many years, and served in LWML on the society, zone and district levels - most recently as Rocky Mountain District President from 2002 – 2006 and MMV until last October.

LWML and the 21st Century - Does your LWML fit into the society of the 21st century? Do we need to change (“Oh, MY!”) or can we still make an impact? This session will be a brainstorming one in which we look at our societies to see what we do that is already effective and how we can become, with God’s guidance, more effective to reach today’s woman.



Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer de la Coteria - Hispanic Outreach Ministry

Dr. Heimer is currently serving as Pastor/Director of San Pablo Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas and is also volunteer CEO at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, a faith-based non-profit organization that provides relief and human care services while planting and nurturing missions on the US/ Mexico border (El Paso/Juarez Region). YLMHC is adamant about sharing its belief in “Feeding the Hungry, Nurturing Mission and Educating Leaders”. A Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, YLMHC provides human needs to thousands every year.

Hispanic Outreach Ministry – Hear from Dr. Heimer about Hispanic Outreach. His experience with YLMHC includes a hot meal program; a food pantry; spiritual needs for inmates ; food, clothing and spiritual guidance to nine different missions in Juarez; Adelante Music Ministry classes that provide music lessons at low, affordable rates; and Mariachi San Pablo, part of the Adelante Music Ministry that has been an instrument to break through into the community and provides outreach to churches all over the United States.



Convention Registration & Meal Form

Rocky Mountain District Convention

June 22-24, 2012, Marriott Hotel, El Paso, TX

Please type or print in black ink

Check One Appropriate Category

Badge Name _____
(Last) (First)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

- A _____ General Registration
 B _____ Delegate
 C _____ Alternate
 D _____ Zone YWR
 E _____ Zone Teen
 F _____ District Board Member
 G _____ District Committee
 H _____ Pastor (No Registration Fee)
 I _____ Past District President (living in District) -
 Voting

Society _____ Zone _____

Check Here: If you are a First-Time Attendee _____ If you are a Teen _____.

Registration Fees

	Fee	Total
1. Early Registration (Postmarked by May 1, 2012)	\$80.00	\$ _____
2. Registration (after May 1, 2012 or on-site).....	\$95.00	\$ _____
3. Spouse Registration (Name).....	\$45.00	\$ _____
4. One-Day Attendance: Friday _____ Saturday _____	\$45.00	\$ _____
E-Mail (No Fee) / If Confirmation is mailed		\$ 1.00

Meals (Postmarked by May 1, 2012)

Meal Package: \$95.00 \$ _____

(Includes Fri. dinner, Fri. Ice Cream Social, Sat. Continental breakfast, lunch & banquet dinner, Sun. Continental breakfast)

All LWML participants are welcomed to the Ice Cream Social. If you do not take the meal package a donation to help defray the cost can be made.

Friday lunch for Young Women Rep's Only\$15.00 \$ _____

Separate Meal: Saturday banquet dinner only.....\$32.00 \$ _____

(If you have not chosen the meal package.)

Total for Registration and Meals\$ _____

All registrants, including delegates, be sure your zone name is listed and the full TOTAL remittance is enclosed. Incomplete forms will be returned to you. A letter of confirmation will be sent by e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2012. This form is for **CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEALS ONLY**.

Registration forms need to be sent to : Anita Werner, PO Box 1266, Santa Teresa, NM88008

Interest Sessions

Everyone will be able to attend two Interest Sessions. Please mark your choices with the letter of the Interest Session in order of your preference.

- A. **Rev. Gary Rahe – You “Mite” Be a Lutheran...**
 B. **Mary Marten - LWML and the 21st Century**
 C. **Elaine Bickel - Roots and Wings**
 D. **Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer de la Coteria - Hispanic Outreach Ministry**
 E. **Kay Kreklau - The Vision of LWML**

My choices for Interest Sessions are:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Special Needs

Dietary _____
 Signer _____
 Wheelchair Accessibility _____
 Other _____

Duplicate this form for your records

Hotel Reservations

Room charges for the convention are \$119.00 for single/double/quad

This is your responsibility to make hotel reservations!

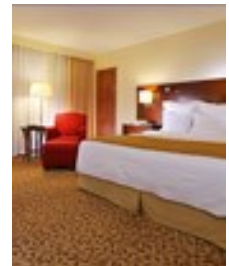
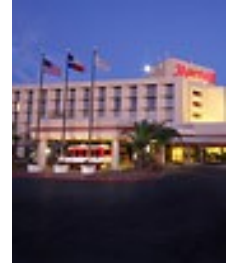
Hotel reservations are made directly with the Marriott.

Call the Marriott at **1-915-779-3300**

say that you are part of the RMD LWML group.

One person can reserve a room and everyone in the room can still pay with their own credit card when they check in.

On-Line reservations are in the works. More information will be available on the RMD website and in the March Tidings as we finalize these plans.



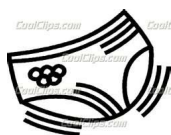
ATTENTION SOCIETY PRESIDENTS:

- Have you selected your society delegates?
- Who goes as a delegate?

According to our bylaws, each unit (one or more societies in the same congregation) may send **two delegates** for every 40 or fewer members and one elected delegate for each additional 20 members (or major fraction therefore).

- What happens after selecting delegates?

Select your delegates and their alternates and register them at least **30 days prior to the convention.**



Gifts from the Heart

Oh, it's fun to buy clothes; pick out the right color and cute.

BUT guess what people really need?

UNDERWEAR and SOCKS

Women, Men & Kids.....Any size...

.... adult, big kids, little kids

Please consider collecting underwear and socks as Gifts from the Heart for the 2012 Rocky Mountain District LWML Convention.

The gifts will go to the Ysleta Mission.

It's basic, we furnish the WORD for their hearts....

.....we furnish the clothes for their bodies!

LWML does Serve with Gladness!

IS YOUR MITE BOX LONELY?

At the fall rallies President Carol (or her representative) challenged us to be mindful in our mite-giving and to talk to others to include them in our mite-gathering. How's that going for you?

- Do you talk to people in your congregation about mites?
- Do you remember our 2010-2012 mission grant recipients with your prayers and mites?
- Do you add to your mite box with prayers of thanksgiving each week?



Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer.

Her address is:

Rocky Mountain District LWML
c/o Nancy Doty
331 Euclid Street
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn
VP Gospel Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2010-2012 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Veterans of the Cross	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Developing Religious Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO- Lutheran Blind Mission	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750
Expansion of the Ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO)	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
	\$75,000	\$43,250	\$31,750

Funding Your El Paso Convention Trip

Sue Frauenfeld, Planner

I've heard from members bemoaning the fact that conventions are so costly, their society or they can't afford the trip. Really? Convention is where we get to recharge our batteries, physically and spiritually. It is where you get new ideas, enthusiasm, and strength through the sharing that goes on with your brothers and sisters in Christ, to bring back to your society and breathe new life into your group. How can you (or your group) NOT afford to go?

Here are some ideas to get your society started (or to continue) raising funds for your delegates and members to go to the 2012 RMD con-

vention in El Paso. No doubt you have seen the candy bar wrapper idea from Nancy Kraft, but here is another idea using that artwork- make a convention fund "thermometer" on poster board, with the amount needed at the top. Promise that anything over that amount will go to Mites given at the convention. The Grande Life logo can be at the top, but at the bottom, and color in the "thermometer" as funds are raised. This is a great visual and can accompany all fund raising efforts. More ideas:

- silent auction of quilts and/or other artwork

solicited from church members

- Sell candy bars with the convention wrapper from the Nov. Tidings
 - Spring bazaar
 - "donation" bake sale (no prices on items, only a donation of what the buyer wants to give)
 - Recycling aluminum cans
- I think you will be surprised at the generous response to your appeal. See you in El Paso!

Out of the Box!



A Cook Back & A Cook For- ward

Sitting here on this beautiful western Colorado afternoon I have been thinking back on the past year. Changes that have occurred in my congregation's life, finding out about Pastor Buss's illness and looking back on his fight, watching Judy Arnold fight hers and the Lord calling her to rest, lots of wonderful memories from the LWML Convention in Peoria, changes in my own personal life and so many other memories recalled from the past year. How about you? What memories do you recall from the past year?

I am sure that some of them are pleasant and you love to recall them often in your own mind and with your neighbors and loved ones. I am equally sure that we all have unpleasant memories as well, those that we wish we could forget and just move on from. As we look back on the past year we may see where we should have made different decisions and, as the saying goes, hindsight is 20/20.

Hopefully we learn from where we came from.

The Old Testament has always intrigued me, even before attending seminary. Over and over throughout the books of history and the prophets the children of Israel are reminded of their past. How the Lord God redeemed the children of Israel from out of the bondage of Egypt, led them through the wilderness, feeding them with manna (what is it?) from heaven, and finally bringing them into the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Of course not all of the memories from that venture were good: the golden calf fiasco, people being bitten by the fiery serpents, Moses disobeying God's command about retrieving water from the rock. What a time those 40 years must have been wandering in the wilderness. The ups and the downs, but at the end of that journey the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob stepped foot on the other side of the Jordan River in the place God

promised. The Lord had delivered His people.

The Lord kept His promise. How often as we look back this past year have we doubted God's mercy and grace and yet He has seen us through? For though we may struggle with doubts and ups and downs one thing remains the same, the death and resurrection of Christ. That does not change.

As you go through this coming year may you look back on the cross of Christ and His work for you in redeeming you from sin and death. Take comfort in His Word. So we can look forward confidently in the promise of the Promised Land for those who believe.

Dear sisters of the LWML, as we go forward in our work to be done this year in our societies, zones, and in the district may we look back and take comfort that our redemption is sure.

*In Christ,
Pastor Storck
Junior Counselor*

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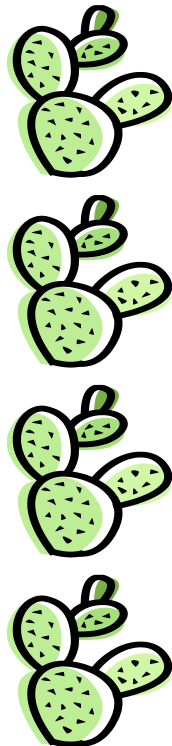
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