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From Ontario Christian Growth Retreat—"On the Road" Skit
L-R: Scarecrow—Rose Bettiol, Tin Man—Rhonda Klinck, Clergy—Rev. Richard Orlowski,
Dorothy—Lori Jantzi, Lion — Marlene Brown

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GREETINGS FROM VP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION - ONTARIO

Diana Grant



Greetings to all the ladies of the Ontario District. I am pleased to see that our societies and zones are active and making plans for Spring Rallies/ Gatherings. It is such a wonderful opportunity to get together at these events with our sisters in Christ.

I continue to attempt to support both the zones and societies and it is my sincere hope that they would contact me with any problems/concerns that may arise. I pray that each of our societies continue to function and support LWMLC. Some societies do not meet on a regular bases, and perhaps not at all, however, they still support local missions and continue to contribute to mites, so they are serving our Lord which is what LWMLC is all about.

As many of you are aware the LWML-C National Convention is being held in London, Ontario, July 11th -14th. It is my sincere prayer that the Ontario District ladies will make a concerted effort to attend in person. You may feel the costs are high, however, as we know all things are going up, but I hope that you take this opportunity to attend in person since our travel costs are much lower than the ladies coming from our other three Districts. However, if you are unable to attend in person, I encourage you to register and attend virtually. Nothing is more uplifting than sharing God's Word and singing our praises to God, than doing it with our sisters from across Canada.

I also encourage all societies to support one of our servant events. If no one from your society is attending but you want to support a servant event, perhaps arrangements can be made with someone from another society close by who would be willing to take your items to the convention. We live in a country that has been blessed by God and we should be good stewards of these blessings by sharing with those less fortunate.

After this convention, Ontario District will have a new VP District Administration Ontario and I sincerely hope that you provide her with the unfailing support that you have given to me over the past 5 years; first as your District President and then as your VP. I am grateful to all the ladies of the Ontario District for the support you have shown me over my time as your President/VP.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in July. If you attend and I do not approach you, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me so that I can personally thank you for all your support during my office tenure.

God bless you all!

Submitted by Diana Grant, VP District Administration - Ontario

Greetings from the 2024 LWMLC Convention Committee

Details, details, details.

Planning is in full swing, and all convention committees are working to plan and prepare a convention that will provide those who attend whether in person or virtually with opportunities to "Sing to the Lord a New Song."

Registration forms will soon be available, and we are excited to prepare an onsite opportunity for all of us to reconnect with our LWMLC sisters as we give God the glory for all that we are and have.

We in Ontario are privileged to be able to host this convention but we are especially excited to have the convention taking place in a location that is within reasonable driving distances for many – no boarding passes, no delayed flights, no need to measure your luggage for carry on.

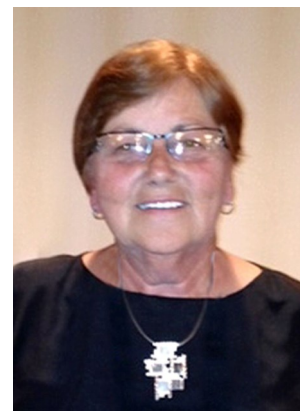
Are you gathering supplies for the Servant Events? Could it be a congregation effort?

Have you ramped up your exercise program that may have slowed for the winter so that you will be ready for the Mission Movement activities?

We ask that you continue to pray for all who are preparing for this joyful event - committee members, LWMLC Board of Directors, presenters and exhibitors.

We joyfully await seeing you in London July 11 – 14.

Submitted by Pam Oelke, Janice Buchner
LWMLC 2024 Convention Co-chairs





WE REMEMBER OUR DEAR SISTER,
Anne Carson née Taru Anneli Jalasjaa

October 5, 1941, February 17, 2024

Anne Carson née Taru Anneli Jalasjaa passed away peacefully at Hillsdale Estates with her husband at her side. Survived by her husband William David Carson, her son Christopher Patrick, sister Terry Fairey, brother Bert Jalasjaa, nephew's Alan Jalasjaa and wife Laura Kacur, Jason Pollard and niece Tuula Jalasjaa and her daughters Rachel and Loran. Anne was born in Helsinki, Finland to parents Eino Evald and Irja Armida Jalasjaa. The family immigrate to Canada with Enio coming first and family following a year later travelling across Canada by train to settle in Golden British Columbia. The first year was challenging as Anne at the age of eleven, although academically strong, she first had to learn the English language which she did with ease. The family decided to move to Nova Scotia to work with a relative for a year and then on to Oshawa where they would settle down. Anne excelled academically in school and then on to a career as a Laboratory Technician at Oshawa General hospital and the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. In 1963, Anne married her husband William Carson at Grace Lutheran Church, Oshawa. Anne was a devote Christian raised in the Lutheran faith at Grace Lutheran Church in Oshawa and was a very active member of the choir and the Ladies of Grace. Anne was also a member of LWML Lutheran women's missionary league where she served on the executive committee and the by-laws committee as the chair. Anne was also committed to mission work here in Canada and in Nicaragua. Anne loved the outdoors, cross-country skiing, cottage life and of course the sauna, a ritual and way of life that she began before she was a year old and for the rest of her life. Anne loved travel and would accompany her husband as they travelled the world together. Anne was a lover of arts and crafts as was demonstrated in her paintings and needle work. Anne's final years were spent at Hillsdale Estates in Oshawa. Her Funeral Service was held at Grace Lutheran Church (540 Cromwell Ave., Oshawa) on Friday February 23rd, 2024 at 11am. Donations in memory of Anne can be made to Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada.

~ Submitted by Diana Grant



Hanover Zone

Our Fall Rally was held at First St. Matthew's in Hanover. Our theme was "Be Joyful in Hope" and Rev. Reinhardt gave an uplifting Bible study on how Christ is our Hope. We talked about how Christian funerals are for the dead but also for the living as they give us an opportunity to share the sure hope we have in Jesus.

Our ingathering was for the Saugeen Hospice being built close to Walkerton.

Sylvia Stewart was happy to attend the fall Rally of the Hanover Zone Lutheran Women Missionary League-Canada's meeting to accept a donation from their In-Gathering proceeds for Saugeen Hospice Inc.

Our Spring Rally will be held at St. John's in Clifford and the theme will be "Love in Action". Dr. Naomi Klages will be our speaker. She volunteered at the Lutheran Church and orphanage in Uyo Nigeria in Africa. The ingathering will be for funds to support the orphanage.



Submitted by Henny Derbecker,
Hanover Zone President



Hanover Zone

Faith, Desboro celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the LWMLC on June 18, 2023 after the 8:30 AM service with cake and coffee in the carport.

~ Submitted by Dianna Brown



Hanover Zone

The Ladies of St. John's Clifford and First St. Matthew's in Hanover

On a beautiful sunny day on June 20th, 2023, nine ladies from the LWMLC in Hanover and Clifford congregations headed out for their annual June outing. We met at the church and headed to Alpaca Time, an alpaca wool factory to tour the factory and meet some of the alpacas at the location. Our next stop was a visit to one of our ladies, Ethel Weber's beautiful gardens where we stopped to see all her beautiful flowers and smell the roses for a moment.

Tommy D's Restaurant in Hanover served us a lovely lunch, then it was off to see kitchen counters and cupboard manufacturing at Brown's Custom Kitchen and Countertops, Hanover. These were the envy of all the ladies present and went on the dream kitchen list. To round out the day, we finished with a tour of the Children's Fire Village adjacent to Sulphur Springs Conservation Authority. This is a great teaching facility for kids to learn how to stay safe and be careful in many different situations and activities. A wonderful day and truly enjoyed by all!

Submitted by Ruth Koeslag



London Zone

June 30, 2023, Peace, Tillsonburg and St. Peter's, Simcoe celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the forming of LWML-Canada with cake and fellowship. There were two ladies present that attended that convention, 30 years ago.

A Joint Fall Rally was held with the Windsor Zone. The ingathering was monetary donations for the Food Bank at Peace, Windsor. The guest speaker was from the London Police speaking on Fraud prevention.

Several ladies attended the Christian Growth Retreat in Cambridge, "Follow the Road".

Plans are being made for a Spring Rally.



Karen Simmons

Marilyn Valcke

London Zone is very busy in preparing for the National Convention. "Sing to the Lord a new song!" July 11-14, 2024.



*Father, when I'm weak,
your power leads the way.
When I cannot speak,
you teach me what to say.
Oh, sweet Assurance!
What comfort every day!*

Submitted by Eva Becht, London Zone President

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Mitchell Zone



Nothing to Report at this time.

Submitted by Elizabeth Trembulak
Mitchell Zone President



Niagara Zone

Niagara Zone is once again becoming more active. We held a Prayer Service on Feb 11 at St. John, Snyder. Now we are looking forward to our Spring Rally at Redeemer, Hamilton on April 27th, and hosting the Vicar's Banquet at Christ, St. Catharines on April 26th. There will be 3 vicars from Lutheran Theological Seminary in our zone. It will be fun to meet them and their families. After the call service they will know their destinations for their vicarage. Finally, we look forward to the upcoming National Convention this summer in London. There are lots of opportunities for fellowship and for service to our Lord. Blessings to all!



Submitted by Fran Porteous
Niagara Zone President



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Toronto Zone

Our Fall Rally was held at Christ Our King, Mississauga, on Oct. 28/23.

Nagina Khan introduced the Guest Speaker, Poya Zamani, who spoke on the topic of "Joy". His presentation was based on the message found in Philippians 4:4-7: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say rejoice....."Speaking about the joy we find as Christians in Christ,



he informed us of his efforts to share this message of hope, that he has received through the Gospel to his Muslim friends in the Niagara area."



Submitted by Carolyn McLeod
Toronto Zone President

(Thank you to Nagina for providing pictures!)



Toronto Zone

The ladies in Cobourg had a spring get-together called "Planted in the Lord".

God the Gardener

Poem Written by: Karen Kuehn, Cobourg, Ontario



In the beginning, when all was yet to come,
God spent six days creating, resting when He was done.

Heaven and earth, day and night, sky, land and sea,
We learn the Gardener planted seeds, on day number three.

The Gardener was not finished, He did have more to do,
The truth He also planted, in the hearts of me and you.

Like a tiny mustard seed, His seed of faith would thrive,
Not sun and rain to this seed, but Christ to stay alive.

His word, His body and His blood, gladly I receive,
To grow my faith, how can it not? God said it and I believe.

Seeds growing in good soil, bear good fruit to Saviour;
Faith growing in the faithful, brings works that bless our neighbour.

With faithful hearts these hands do serve, throughout my numbered days; receiving
gifts the Gardener gives, with thanksgiving and with praise.

So on the day of harvest, when comes the Gardener so to reap,
May I in joyful wonder, be gathered with the wheat.

Until that day of glory, and His eternal joy I enter, Through
every test and trial, this I will remember.

The Gardener planted you and me, right where we belong,
Planted with the seed of faith, to be courageous and be strong.

May I so boldly stand in faith, not to be discouraged;
Growing where I'm planted, the righteous, they will flourish.





Waterloo Zone

Our Prayer Service/Spring Rally will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on April 20, 2024.

The following are updates from two of our societies:

Messiah Ladies—Waterloo

September 2023—Ladies enjoyed an evening of shuffleboard followed by a short meeting.

October 2023—A Bible Study was led by one of our elders on “The Sin of Partiality (and Its Antidote)”.

November 2023—Our Bake and Craft sale. Members helped with baked goods and costume jewelry collection, along with helping on the day. We also had a lunch of sandwiches and soup for people to purchase. With the proceeds of the sale, we were able to purchase a new fridge.

December 2023—Our Christmas Party was attended by many ladies. A devotional reading and singing were enjoyed. Using the offerings from the party, we were able to donate to “Operation Smile” and to the Seminary Food Cupboard.

January 2024—We started the New Year with a Church Potluck Brunch. Many attended and enjoyed great food, great fellowship, along with shuffleboard and badminton.

February 2024—A Bible Study was led by Pastor Rapp on Angels.

Women of Emmanuel—Petersburg

LWMLC Sunday took place on October 1 with a chili lunch afterward.

Thanksgiving – October 9. A table was set up in the Narthex for food donations to go to Wilmot Family Resource Centre’s Food Bank.

Ontario “District” Christian Growth Retreat was held in Cambridge on October 13 & 14. The skit, “ON THE ROAD” was written by our Pastor, Rev. Richard Orlowski, it was an adaptation of “The Wizard of Oz”. The part of Dorothy was played by our president, Lori Jantzi.

Fall deep cleaning of the church took place thanks to our many volunteers.

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Waterloo Zone

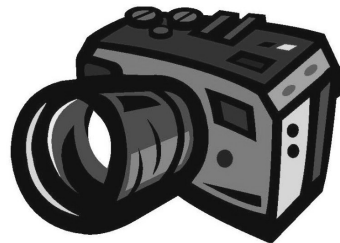
Women of Emmanuel—Petersburg (continued)

Hat and Mitt Tree - Items were collected for Wilmot Family Resource Centre during the month of November, such as adults' & kids' hats and mitts, socks, wrapping paper, tape, candy canes, craft kits, puzzle books, story books, colouring books, crayons and pencil crayons and so much more.

We had our Christmas Dinner with our spouses on December 11 at the Schmidtsville restaurant in Wellesley. Our secret prayer pal gifts were exchanged. We then chose our new secret prayer pals for 2024. A devotion was read and we ended the evening with the singing of carols. Our Christmas donations went towards the Wilmot Family Resources Community Christmas Dinner. Total collected: \$350

Our Tuesday quilting group at Emmanuel completed 3 large quilts, knotted 51 large comforters and 17 small comforters in 2023. If anyone has a quilt in need of quilting, let our ladies group know. ~ *Lori Jantzi, Women of Emmanuel President*

Submitted by Doris Schaeffer
Waterloo Zone President



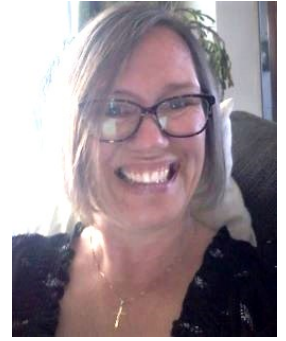
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Windsor Zone

The Windsor Zone had a joint Fall Rally with the London Zone in September, which was well attended by both Zones. We enjoyed our time of fellowship and learning about fraud safety. A big thank you to the London Zone who hosted us. We look forward to joining you again.



Our Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at Our Saviour's, Chatham. We have Pastor Pollex lined up for guest speaker regarding the missionary work on the Cayman Islands.

The following is an update from one of our societies:

Good Shepherd, Amherstburg

We hosted a Turkey Dinner / Christmas gathering in December. The ladies did 2 skits on Bells which fit into the Christmas theme. Also for Advent, we collected 86 pairs of warm socks and donated them to "Street Help" in Windsor. January saw us have a Pot Luck lunch to reveal our Prayer Partners for the year and choose new ones. In February, we hosted the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.

Submitted by Sharlene Procknow
Windsor Zone President

The League Pledge

*In fervent gratitude for
the Saviour's dying love and His blood-bought gift of
redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are
and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the
Harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and
whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Saviour our
hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands,
our voice to sing His praises,
our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our
gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every
power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the
erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.*

Reverend Harry Fricke, Author