

# Saint Charles Catholic Women's League

## June 2017 Newsletter

### Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call



### ***2017 CWL Provincial Convention***

The 70th Annual CWL Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention was held at St Charles on June 9 and 10 and hosted by the Edmonton Diocesan Council (Zone 9 north). The Convention was a success due to the hard work of the planning committee and to all the volunteers and participants.

A big THANK YOU to the St Charles CWL volunteers who worked extremely hard during those two days to make participants welcome, and saw to the overall efficiency of any jobs that needed to be done. A big Thank You to Katharine Tarras who was in charge of facilities, and to Connie McBride who was in charge of protocol.

St Charles CWL President Yvette d'Entremont delivered the opening remarks Friday night, June 9. For those not in attendance, her remarks are attached to this newsletter.

### ***2017 CWL National Convention***

The 97th Annual CWL National Convention will be held in Charlottetown, PEI from August 6-9. All guest speakers and presentations will be live streamed (as they were in 2016). This means members not in physical attendance may listen and watch the speakers. Furthermore, it means that when Donna Dunn facilitates the town hall meeting on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. ADT (aka, "Building on Foundation, the League of the Future"), members will be able to listen AND participate. Later that same day, a team will collate the responses from across Canada. **Tune in on your computer with a group of your League sisters and have your say.**

On Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. ADT, the steering committee will present a summary and provide further information. Watch for more information on the logistics of this exercise on the website.

A few members may want to get together and participate as a group.

## ***June Social***

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the June Social on June 20. It was a Canada Day party with decorations, and good food. The president came prepared with Canadian Quiz games and prizes. Katharine Tarras was the winner of the Canada party pack.

## ***CWL Policy Review***

A committee has been struck to review the CWL Policies. The members of the committee are: Yvette d'Entremont (President), Stephanie Lehr (Chairperson of Organisation), Rita Pfefferle, Katharine Tarras, and Connie McBride. A Policy review is undertaken after the election of a new executive, every two years. The revised document will be brought to the membership in the Fall for discussion, and then approval.

## ***Used Stamps and Used Cards***

Please continue to put your used stamps and used cards in the boxes provided in the lobby. The used stamps are donated to raise funds for Development and Peace, and the used cards are donated to the Carmelite Nuns.

## ***The Prayer List***

The Prayer List is being sent to members with the Newsletter. The June Prayer List is attached to this newsletter. The Prayer List will begin with a clean slate in September. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, please contact Barb Roth ([barbroth@shaw.ca](mailto:barbroth@shaw.ca)).

## ***Summer in the city – Free swimming!***

The city of Edmonton has announced that admission to its four outdoor pools will be free this summer beginning July 1 in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The free admission will be in effect until the end of the summer outdoor pool season. If you have already purchased a pass for the outdoor pool season, you will get a full refund.

## ***Canada 150 for 150***

Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours during the summer. We will be adding them up in the Fall.

### Upcoming Events

- St Vincent de Paul Charity Sale August 17-19 at the Basilica
  - Rose Hearn is a volunteer at the St Vincent de Paul Distribution Centre. Anytime during the year, Rose would be happy to pick up any housewares items which are in good repair and deliver them to the Distribution Centre. Any further questions can be directed to Rose Hearn at (780) 435-0783 or email [khearn@live.com](mailto:khearn@live.com) .
- Next meeting: September 19 at 7 pm
- Ministry Fair: September 30 and October 1 (after all masses)
- CWL Bazaar: October 21

***Have a safe and blessed summer!***

*Spiritual Note: " Alone we are all lowly, but together we shine with brightness so intense that none of us alone can even think of it. "*  
*...Unknown Author*



*ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST*

*June 2017*

*Please pray for our CWL members  
and our council*

**Theresa Amuzu  
Margaret Bernard  
Janice Brecht  
Janice Brown  
Jacqueline Cuerrier  
Pat Duncan  
Flavia Esposito  
Siham Estephan  
Erlinda Furigay  
Nellie Grandish  
Vera Huber  
Vicki Lindsay  
Betty Loiselle  
Desneige Mageau  
Jean Michaels  
Marie Philips  
Faye Tkachuk  
Kathleen Oswald**

**Faye Tkachuk's husband Harry  
Jacqueline Cuerrier's husband Bob  
Elisabeth Chiodo's husband Sal is now at Eau Claire  
Flavia Esposito's husband Carl is home from hospital, but awaiting surgery  
Katherine Tarras' nephew. Ryan Bauna**

**Hector Paquin  
Linda Binassi's husband, Louie  
Hilda Daubner's husband, Ludie  
Pat Duncan's husband, Bill  
Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter, Celine DeVries  
Evelyn Michaels' brother, Gerry  
Betty Loiselle's daughter, Rachel O'Brien**

## ***Provincial Convention Opening Remarks by St Charles CWL President***

Good evening. I am Dr. Yvette d'Entremont, President of St Charles CWL.

Welcome to St Charles! We are pleased and honoured to have been chosen as the site of the 2017 Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention.

Your presence here is an attestation that you are indeed *Inspired by the Spirit, and Responding to God's Call*. The new theme offers opportunities to revisit basic beliefs, deepen faith, and create new ways to recommit members' energies. It reminds us that CWL members respond to God's call in word and in action. Actions take different forms: calling a sick friend, donating time to a charity event, praying for those in need or simply offering a helping hand. All actions, no matter how small, play a significant part in the lives of those we serve.

I have recently returned from the East coast, where my CWL friends reminded me of the 2017 National Convention being held in Charlottetown. How exciting ... to participate in a national convention in the city that is considered the birthplace of Confederation on the 150th anniversary of Confederation. For those who will be attending the National Convention in August, it is guaranteed that Charlottetown will be decked out in it's finest. As you walk Charlottetown's Historic District, visit Province House, and Founders Hall, you might be reminded of the founder of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, first National President Bellelle Guerin. Whether it be a Diocesan, Provincial or a National Convention, it serves as an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the objectives of the league.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said

*Life's most persistent urgent question is  
What are you doing for others?*

Dr. King's question could be applied to each of us in relation to our commitment and involvement in the League, to others, and to our community. It is our spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and compassion that we work together helping each other and the people who need our services.

Time does not permit to list the ministries and the activities the St Charles CWL partakes in, but I would like to say that we were excited about the 2017 national Lap Quilt Challenge and completed not one, but two twin size quilts and 5 smaller fidget quilts. The 2017 challenge provided an excellent opportunity for members to collaborate on a common project. We are waiting for details regarding the 2018 challenge.

I would like to thank the Planning Committee and all volunteers who have worked diligently to make this convention a success. There have been many meetings of the planning committee and many hours of work behind the scenes.

Thank you.

I know that the discussions, the planned activities and workshops will inspire you.

Thank you to all participants for being here and responding to God's call.