



CWL April 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Acting President

National Volunteer Month

April is Volunteer Month and the 2021 theme is *The Value of One, The Power of Many*. The theme reflects the inspiring acts of kindness and what happens when we work together as a team towards a common purpose. It also reflects the individual and collective efforts we have seen during the pandemic. This past year, we have seen people supporting family, friends, neighbours, and strangers. We have seen caring and compassion towards one another. We have continued to be active members and to serve the League, our church and our community in a variety of ways. Thank you to all members of the CWL and the church community for being there during these difficult times, supporting one another, and volunteering in a safe manner.



Yvette d'Entremont

May is the Month of Mary

**LIVE THE MONTH OF MARY
WITH *LIVING WITH CHRIST***

You're invited to experience
the month of May in communion
with *Living with Christ*.

Each day of the month, receive texts
about and prayers to the Virgin Mary
by email, **FREE** of charge.

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Get your daily email containing texts about
and prayers to the Virgin Mary: It's easy!

Just sign up at this address:
livingwithchrist.ca/mary

Dresses for Uganda - Update

Thank you to those who are sewing dresses for Uganda. We have been very fortunate to have received a donation of dresses and 'kits' from CWL Holy Trinity in Spruce Grove.

We have a number of 'kits' that need sewing. Everything is in the bag, cut and ready to sew. If you can help with sewing a few kits, please contact **Connie McBride at 780-456-0485**



Used Greeting Cards

We are collecting used cards for the Carmelite Sisters. Please save your cards and we will collect them soon.

Crafts for Bazaar



What bazaar?

During these pandemic restrictions, nothing is certain nor do we know when we will be able to meet as a group and return to a semblance of normal activities. However, the vaccine is rolling out at a steady pace and we must remain optimistic. While you are at home thinking of what to do next, begin creating the crafts for the bazaar. We are hoping that come October we will be able to have some sort of bazaar.



Purdys Chocolate - Update

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser was an amazing success netting CWL a total of \$1 700.66!! There were 89 orders. With the amount of product sold, we received 12 free items – 6 boxes of mini hedgehogs and 6 gift cards of \$15.00.

One box of hedgehogs was given to the three top sellers – the 1st Top Seller was Mary-Lou Veecken from OLPH (Sherwood Park), the 2nd Top Seller was Barb Roth and the 3rd Top Seller was Connie McBride. The other 3 boxes of hedgehogs were given to Father Marc, Father JD, and the last box to the St Charles Parish Staff. The 6 gift cards will be used at future events.

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser and a special thanks to Katherine Tarras for putting it all together. Thank you to Connie McBride and Rita Pfefferle for helping Katherine getting the orders together.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

CWL has Prayer Shawls available to those who would be interested in receiving one. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please **contact Rose Hearn by email at khearn@live.com or by phone at 780-915-0166.**

Save Those Stamps



As you know, CWL has been collecting used stamps for Development and Peace for a number of years. Unfortunately, pandemic restrictions do not allow us to put a put in the lobby to collect the stamps. Please save your stamps and we will collect them when we are able to do so.

CWL 40th Anniversary



Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our CWL's 40th Anniversary celebration on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021**

Remember the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Thank you everyone for the generous donations to the St Vincent de Paul pantry. Our shelves are full! We should have a good supply of groceries until summertime.

If you have any small household items such as dishes, cutlery, pots and pans or towels, these can be left in the box at church. Please be sure they are in good condition because we want our help to be a blessing on those that receive it.

If you have a box of items, I will come pick them up from your doorstep. Call Rose (780)915-0166 for pick up or inquiries.

Laughter is Good for the Soul



A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like." Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

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40 Years of Memories Project

What's been done since '81?

Calling All Writers, Non-writers, Songstresses, and Poets!!

Have you heard the news? Our council is having a birthday! Excitement is building for St. Charles CWL's 40th anniversary...and we want you to be part of it!

Celebrations include plans to compile a book/booklet/novel of our stories – your stories – CWL memories from the past 40 years. You can tell one story or many stories, write one poem or many poems. They can be a few lines or lots of lines – they can be from 40 years ago, 20 years ago, 1 year ago, or anything in between. They can be about one particular event or activity; about something in general, or about something that is / was meaningful for you. The stories can be happy or sad or nostalgic or traumatic. They can be about a time when you had lots of fun or a time that was disappointing or frustrating for you. They can tell why you became a member and/or why you stay a member.

It is worth telling about ordinary things!

Please don't feel your story isn't important – it is part of the fabric of our council and our history, and it is important!!

We all have memories from St. Charles Catholic Women's League (some more than others!), and now is a great time to share those memories.

So, to trigger those memories and get the creative juices flowing, we are including a list of ideas to assist you in putting your story / stories / songs / poems to paper (or computer).

Please send your submissions (or drop off at the Church in the CWL mailbox) by **July 31, 2021** to:

Connie McBride
cemcb@telus.net
phone: 780 456-0485

Together, let's walk down memory lane!

IDEAS FOR WRITING YOUR CWL MEMORIES

- Bazaars – Do you have a favourite bazaar memory? Why is it a favourite? Did you help plan a bazaar; were you a “guest / customer” or a worker or a vendor?
- Executive experience – Do you have a favourite experience? Why?
- Unique or favourite Christmas or June social, Membership Brunch, Strawberry tea events (theme, game, food)
- Special friendship of sisters in the League
- Working in the Kitchen for catering, funerals, pasta suppers, Thanksgiving suppers or Bazaar – How was your experience – exhilarating, exhausting, fulfilling...?
- Special Spiritual workshops, meetings or Masses (installation Masses, World Day of Prayer, retreats etc) – Did one resonate with you more than others?
- Our special cookbooks – What was/is your favourite recipe and why?
- Memorable, treasured door prize or raffle prize
- Guest speakers who had an impact on you – how were you affected or inspired?
- Social justice activity (bake sales, Habitat for Humanity, sewing, quilts, prayer shawl ministry, sales for the Carmelite nuns, etc) – Did you become more involved because of any of these activities?
- Parish Carnival – What was a highlight? A disappointment (did we run out of candy)? What kind of experience was it for you?
- Garage sales – Did you help with one? What was your experience? Did you buy something that was especially great or not as good as you thought it would be?
- Serving O’Leary school on Youth days
- Golf tournaments
- Serving at Dickinsfield Teas
- Field trips to the Arden Theatre and others
- Attending Conventions – and getting lost?! Or shopping? Or “socializing” in our rooms? What was a highlight of one or more conventions?
- Family Day Hayride – Could you believe how much food could be consumed? What about the years when there was no snow, but a lot of mud? Or really cold?
- Tourtieres, apple pie making, cookies and antipasto nights – What stands out for you from one or more of these activities?
- Bizarre Women’s book club
- St. Charles Religious gift shop
- Fashion Shows – Were you part of one – a model? A guest? A worker?
- Retreats – Do remember some of the early ones? or more recent ones? A particular facilitator?
- Advent Wreath Making
- Making Tote Bags for National Convention (in Ft. McMurray?)
- Making banners for Papal Visit in 1984
- Did you attend a CWL event as a guest and later decide to become a member? What happened
- There are many others, hopefully this will help you to describe a personal memory.

How to “Zoom”

Doreen Gowans, National Communications Chairperson, shared the following information regarding how to use “Zoom”.



Set up Zoom:

Google search for Zoom and download it. Once it is downloaded, you are ready to start.

How to Use Zoom:

1. Click the **Zoom** icon, which opens Zoom to the Home page, which should have four blocks (one red and three blue) and a date and time banner. If not, then go to the top of the screen and click on **Home**.
2. Click on the **Schedule** block to set up a meeting.
3. “Schedule Meeting” then opens.
4. Enter a date and time, then go to the bottom of screen, select **Other** Calendars, then Save. (For those with Google calendar, the screen will differ).
5. A new screen appears, “Your Meeting Has been Scheduled”.
6. Click on “**Copy to Clipboard**”.
7. Open your email and paste the meeting invitation to your message. Enter those you want to invite in the recipient line and send. (All those you have entered will receive this message with the invitation link attached).
8. Go back to Zoom, select the meeting you scheduled (under **Date & Time**) and click **Start**.
9. When the meeting is started, your video and microphone may not be **on**. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on the icons to turn them on.
10. Once the participants start to access the meeting, you will have to admit them by clicking on their name (right side or top of screen).
11. You may experience having approximately 30 minutes for your meeting. You will be notified that you have one or two minutes left. If you require more time, ask participants to leave and re-enter using the original e-mail link to re-join.

For Participants:

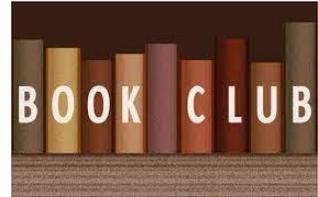
1. Open your e-mail and click on the Zoom **invitation** link, which may appear in blue.
2. The person who invited (host) will then **admit** you to the meeting.
3. Most controls are at the bottom of the screen.
 - a. On the bottom left side of the screen are the **Audio** and **Video** icons. If a red line is through an icon it means it is turned off. Click on the icon to turn it on.
 - b. The **View** screen icon is at the top right. Select **Gallery** to see everybody.
 - c. When you want to leave a meeting, select **Leave** at the bottom right side of the screen.

Give it a try and have fun with Zoom.

Bev Jensen
Interim Communications

St Charles CWL BYOB Reading Club

March List of Recommended Reads



1. *Barometer Rising* – Hugh MacLennan

A romantic-realist novel that takes place during WW I and the Halifax Explosion of December 1917. Relief efforts were hampered the following day that blanketed Halifax with 16 inches of snow, telegraph lines were knocked down. Halifax was isolated by the storm. Intertwined with the Halifax explosion is the romantic life of Penny Wain.

2. *The Women of the Passion* - Kathleen Murphy

The stories of women who accompanied Jesus during his last days and were there as he endured his agony and death on the cross. Each reflection shows how much we know about these women and what they have to share.

3. *A Year in a BnB in Banff* – Jamie MacVicar

What happens when an American man meets a loveable Canadian who just happens to own a B&B in Banff? With a foot in both cultures, and comparisons aplenty, MacVicar takes the reader on an often hilarious, sometimes poignant, and always-illuminating journey.

4. *On Being Jewish* – Julie Neuberger

Rabbi Neuberger's work describes what it's like to be Jewish in contemporary Britain. It clarifies Jewish attitudes to life and death, sex, the Holocaust, families, festivals and rituals, and tries to show how these issues fit into the Britain of today.

5. *WINing: The Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs of Opening a Women's Shelter* Marsha Mildon details the history of the extraordinary women who helped start Edmonton Women's Shelter, which later became WIN House. It's a story of challenge and change, setbacks and successes, against the odds.

6. *The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows* – Booklet detailing how to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary

7. *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*– Scott & Kimberly Hahn

The Hahns' deep love and knowledge of Christ and of Scripture is evident and contagious throughout their story. Their love of truth and of neighbor is equally evident, and their theological focus on the great importance of the family, both biological and spiritual, will be a source of inspiration for all readers.

8. *Journey to Self: Discovering Paths Beyond My Dreams* – Barry Hampshire

Offering the reader more than the excitement of travels and adventures in 1977 Europe and the Middle East, Barry Hampshire's engaging memoir examines the formative moments that helped him to mature and to design his life from the inside out bringing him spiritual joy.

9. *Curveballs*– Catherine Mardon (from Edmonton)

When a young idealistic Catholic attorney decides to take on the leader of a white supremacist training camp, she has no idea how far she will have to go, and how much it will eventually cost her. A true story of faith in the face of adversity.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 29 at 7 pm. Link will be sent 2-3 days before.

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

April 2021

Please pray for seminarian Martin Kaguima on his journey to respond to God's call.
Please pray for our CWL members and our Council.

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Mary Ziska
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Rollande Paquette
Faye Tkachuk
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Marlene Schmidt
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)
Marie Phillips
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)
Matt Taylor (brother-in-law of Rachelle Pouliot)
Diane Melnyk (sister of Bev Jensen)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Lynn Cristini

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Yvette Michael Barry (mother-in-law of Kathy Michael)
Theresa Logan
Kathleen Correia
Colleen Fitzpatrick (daughter-in-law of Myrla Fitzpatrick)
Fr. Alfred Hubenig

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the CWL Prayer List
Please email: Janice Albiston janicealbiston@gmail.com

