

THE NEWSETTE




Roanoke District
United Methodist Women

June 2010

Greetings From Nancy Sasser, District President



I recently returned from the UMW National Assembly 2010 in St. Louis, MO. It was a wonderful experience with singing, dancing, music from other countries, inspiring speakers and words to challenge us to continue our purpose of Mission for others. Louise Miller traveled with me and Becky Day and Dot Briggs were there too. I'm sure if you would like to hear more about Assembly, just ask any of us. I have just written a fairly detailed article for the District Newsletter which will be published around June 1st.

We had several of you attend the recent Tri-District event at the Henry Fork Service Center on May 6th. We were entertained by the children of the center and then had a presentation from Victoria and Lidia from Mozambique. They told us about how our Virginia Conference funds had helped to build two houses for widows in their country. These women were without family support and were being abused and accused of being witches! The United Methodist Church has helped better their situation. This is a very good example of our mission dollars at work.

Upcoming Events to remember: United Methodist Women's Day at Ferrum College on June 5th, registration was due 5/25, cost \$15.00 for play & lunch.

Virginia Annual Conference in Norfolk, June 13 – 16 with our **UMW Breakfast on June 15th**.

School of Christian Mission at VUMAC, July 22 - 25. and July 26 – 29.

Registration forms are available on line at www.vaumc.org. Deadline to register is July 10th. Studies include: For the Love of God: John's Letters; The Beauty & Courage of Sudan: Why a dream of peace is possible; and Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism. All the studies are available for Women, Men, Children and Youth.

The summer is a busy time for all of us, but your district team is always willing to come to visit your unit, so give us a call and give us a chance. We can probably learn some things from each other. Keep Mission as your focus and Jesus as your guide. What Would Jesus Do???

SPIRITUAL GROWTH - by Alda Bower

What a wonderful Spiritual Life Retreat 2010!!



Alta Mons was beautiful as usual. Addie and Louise presented a wonderful program on “The Purpose”. We were reminded that our purpose is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. I do believe that if we strive to know God and his son, Jesus Christ, everything else will be added, just as is promised. I was very pleased with the attendance and the meal.

Because of an obligation at my church, I will be unable to attend **UMW Day at Ferrum on June 5**. I will be at the beach with my family on July 10 when the District Finance Team meeting is held at Raleigh Court UMC.

I wish each of you a wonderful summer; stay safe on your travels.

Blessings,
Alda

NOMINATIONS - PEGGY HUFFMAN

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.
Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)*

Spring is a beautiful time of year God has given us. Let us thank him for his wonderful works and for the opportunities he has given us to serve him. I want to thank each of you for your time and talents you share in building up God’s kingdom here on earth.

Your nomination’s committee has been busy this month calling individuals to have names placed in nominations for officers of the Roanoke District United Methodist Women for 2011-2012. According to the Local & District guidelines in UMW’S Handbook 2009-2012, we are looking for women who represent a mix of experiences, expertise and backgrounds so the district will grow. We are trying to ensure that nominations reflect the diversity of membership in terms of age, race, martial status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, membership in predecessor organizations, and disabilities. Whether employed either part-time or full time, those who work in the home, and those who work as volunteers encompasses all the kinds of work that women do. All of these encompass diversity. A form is provided in this Newsette to be used for your recommendations. Please make copies and pass to your UMW members.

Your Roanoke District Nomination’s Committee consists of Peggy Huffman, Chair; Sylvia Bishop and Ann Rudy. We are listed in your District Directory. Each Unit President has a copy. Please let us know how we can better serve you as UMW Women.

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Corth. 3:9

Treasurer – Sarah McConchie

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Alta Mons in April! Our offering for missions was \$433.00 and we had over 100 people at lunch! We also contributed several boxes of supplies for the C.O.P. children to attend Camp Alta Mons.

Remember that Special Mission Recognition pin orders may take up to six weeks. Please order pins early for recognitions you have planned for the fall. Pins ordered before September 1st will count towards the 2010 5 and 6 stars.

We received the following information about **RAINBOW GIVERS** from our Conference Treasurer. Please share with your units.

As United Methodist Women, we each work very hard to fulfill this Great Commission. Each of us may not be able to travel the world or the country to fulfill this, but do fulfill this commission by generously giving monetary and service contributions. It is our way of letting people all around the world see Christ in us. This year, we have added a new program to allow individuals to further fulfill this Great Commission.

Although this program is new to our conference, it is not new to other UMW Conferences. Your Conference Mission Team decided to introduce this program because it allows individuals to easily purchase Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory cards and to honor someone with a Special Mission Recognition pin. As always with change and new opportunities, there is a little discomfort and misinformation; so I wanted to write about this program and try to answer some of the questions and doubt.

Rainbow Givers is only for individuals not for units or circles. We certainly encourage units and circles to purchase cards and give Special Mission Recognition pins, but not through this program. Rainbow Givers allows an individual, who does not have to be a UMW member, to donate \$ 60.00 to Mission Giving and, in return, gets a Gift to Mission card and Gift in Memory card and also, allows them to give a gift to someone of a Special Mission Recognition pin; a donation to mission and a recognition of service to a church or to a community is a wonderful gift to give someone.

Having an individual give a Special Mission Recognition pin is not an infringement on a unit's giving of these pins; that should continue, as always, and should still be a special part of your unit recognitions. The unit will determine how these Rainbow Givers pins are awarded, either at a unit gathering or privately between the giver and the receiver. Please look at this as just another wonderful opportunity to fulfill that Great Commission.

If you have any questions about the treasurer duties, call or e-mail me any time.

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**United Methodist Women
RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

CONFERENCE _____ DISTRICT _____

DATE _____

I RECOMMEND:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE: ___ 20 ___ 30 ___ 40 ___ 50 ___ 60 ___ 70 ___ 80

RACE/ETHNICITY: _____ EMPLOYED _____ YES ___ NO

WHY I THINK YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THIS PERSON: _____

POSITIONS I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS PERSON FOR: _____

SIGNED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: PEGGY J. HUFFMAN
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ROANOKE DISTRICT UMW
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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH - RHONDA ROGERS

As we approach the half-way mark through 2010 I need to remind you that in the area of Membership, the year runs January 1 through December 31. Please be mindful that your membership numbers will be due to me by December 15. I also want to remind you that if I can be of assistance to your units, please do not hesitate to contact me (rogers@vt.edu)

Please do not forget that the **Weekend School of Christians Mission at VUMAC**, will be held on **July 23-25** and the **Week School of Christian Mission** will be held also at **VUMAC, July 26-29**.

On **October 3, at 3:00 p.m.**, our **District Annual Meeting** will be at **Southview UMC**. We always look forward to seeing you at these events.

For the District Annual meeting, **it is very important that I have your membership report (DECEASED MEMBERS ONLY) no later than SEPT. 10 in order to prepare the memory board, which will be on display at this meeting. This memory board will also be on display at the Conference Annual Meeting at VUMAC, October 23-24. The form for this report is part of this newsletter.**

Wishing you all a very blessed summer!! “The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation” Corrie TenBoom

**ROANOKE DISTRICT UMW
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

Church Name _____
UMW President _____
Name of person preparing report _____
Telephone # _____ Unit Office _____
Total unit membership as of September 1, 2009 _____
Total unit membership as of September 1, 2010 _____

REPORT ONLY MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH ON THIS REPORT, BEGINNING WITH ANY MEMBER WHOSE DEATH OCCURRED ON OR AFTER 9/1/09 THROUGH 9/1/10.

Please show names and place of death. The report for **December 31, 2010** will include total membership and will show new members as well as lost members (whatever the reason).

Deceased Members’ names and place of death:

Send report to: Rhonda Rogers, 1365 Sandy Circle, Blacksburg, VA 24060

SOCIAL ACTION - LANORA KING



Greetings! I hope all units are busy working on Mission projects that can be used towards the Gem Award. Included in this newsletter is a form to be checked off and sent to me no later than Sept. 15th . Thanks!

The Response Magazine is a great tool to be used to learn more about Social Action through mission works. There are needs around the world, in our backyards and even in our homes. Lets be alert and aware of how we can help and always remember to pray.

Enjoy you summer and may God Bless each of you.

LaNora



ROANOKE DISTRICT UMW DATES FOR 2010

June 5th . UMW DAY at Ferrum College

June 13th - 16th . Virginia Annual Conference Norfolk VA.

June 14th . Conference UMW Breakfast Norfolk (Location TBA)

July 10th . District Finance Team Meeting Raleigh Court UMC 9:30 AM

July 23-25 Weekend School of Christian Mission VUMAC

July 26-29 Week School of Christian Mission VUMAC

August 15th Newsette Article Deadline (Sept. issue)

September 12th . (Sunday) Open Executive Meeting (w/unit Presidents) Asbury, Christiansburg, VA.

TBA SEPT??? Conference Young Women’s Retreat VUMAC

October 3rd . District UMW Annual Meeting Southview UMC 3:00PM

Oct. 23 -24 Conference UMW Annual Meeting VUMAC

November 6 Distict UMW Prayer Breakfast Northview UMC 8:30 AM

November 15 Newsette Article Deadline (Dec. issue)

REGISTRATION FORM
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
Weekend: July 22-25, 2010
Week: July 26-29, 2010

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
ZIP: _____ Phone: Home _____
Work: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____
Church Name: _____
District: _____
Adults ____ Youth (age) ____ Child (age) ____
Roommates: _____
Name tag should read : _____
District or Conference UMW office currently held:

BGM District Mission Coordinators : _____

Please put special needs on a separate sheet

Make checks payable to:

School of Christian Mission

Mail registration form and check to:

Jo Ann Liskey, Registrar

4856 Shen Lake Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

See reverse panel for fee schedule

Weekend _____ Week _____

Commuter _____ Weekend _____ Week _____

Commuter: \$25 registration fee + meals

Indicate class preference by 1st & 2nd choice

____ Geographic Study (Sudan)

____ Mission & Evangelism (Joy to the World)

____ Korean Study (weekend)

____ Youth (week) ____ Youth (weekend)

____ Children (week) ____ Children (weekend)

For School Use Only

Room No. _____ Amount Paid _____

Class _____ No. _____

Instructor _____

MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION- BECKY DAY

THE 2010 MISSION TODAY REPORT FORM IS IN YOUR **PRESIDENT'S PACKET** WHICH HAS BEEN MAILED TO THE PRESIDENTS OF UMW UNITS FOR EACH CHURCH. ALSO, FOR YOUR CONVIENCE A COPY OF THE 2010 MISSION TODAY FORM WAS INCLUDED IN THE **MARCH NEWSLETTE**. READ THROUGH THE MISSION TODAY FORM FOR 2010 PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING .

1. **THE (**)1 ITEM IS REQUIRED FOR EVERY MISSION TODAY UNIT.**
Each unit decides what their annual pledge will be. Do not forget to include the \$3.00 Administrative and **Member Development** fee per member. This should be sent to the **District Treasurer** with your first pledge payment by **March 15, 2010**. This will make it easier to complete more items with an (*).
2. The 2010 Mission Today Report Form is due to the Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation, Becky Day.
3. You can complete and mail it to **Becky Day, 5833 Littlehorn Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018**. Or you can complete and mail it to **dayerk@cox.net**.
4. Please call me if you would like me to come to a circle or unit meeting and go over the Mission Today form in person. I would be most happy to come for you.

Yours in Christ, Becky Day, MCE & I

*******MISSION TODAY FORM also can be found on
www.vaumw.org**



Editor's Note:

The Newsette is available in electronic format. If you would like an electronic copy of this newsletter, please send me an email and I will send it to you. Helen Watson, Editor misshlw1@cox.net

CHURCH NAME: _____

GEM AWARD: SOCIAL ACTION

The Roanoke District of the United Methodist Women proposes to focus on the Social Action emphasis Stated in our Purpose; that is, to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. The Gem Award will be based on fulfilling the goals set by the Social Action coordinator and endorsed by the district board. All units are urged to present programs or initiate projects based on the following goals:

1. Combat Hunger
2. Live "Green"
3. Domestic Violence

The Gem Award will be set up in three steps:

- a. One goal for the Sapphire Award
- b. Two goals for the Pearl Award
- c. Three goals for the Diamond Award

GOAL ONE: Combat Hunger (complete at least 5)

1. Make a fellowship trip to Southwest Virginia Food Bank in Roanoke or Ronald McDonald House.
2. On going food collections for various food drives; Soup for seniors, Salem Food Pantry, RAM, Food Pantry at your local church.
3. Preparing a meal for the Community Outreach Program at Trinity UMC.
4. Supporting Pack a Snack food collection for schools; Back Packs Kids (weekends) in your local area.
5. Providing snacks for school children who cannot bring one for snack time.
6. Conducting a food drive for Henry Fork Service Center.
7. Providing meals for shut-ins (make up plates after church functions and deliver to those in the church or community who are in need). Meals with Fellowship at local churches.
8. Cook or serve meals at RAM House. Help serve meals at Homeless Shelter of local churches.

GOAL TWO: Live "GREEN" (complete at least 5)

1. Purchase reusable cloth bags for shopping.
2. Recycle aluminum cans, plastic, glass paper both at church and home.
3. Include ways to "live green" in the church newsletter or bulletin.
4. Make cloth napkins to be used at church dinners.
5. Eliminate Styrofoam cups, bowls, and plates at church functions and at home.
6. Speaker on global warming and its effects on our planet.
7. Emphasize the use of energy efficient light bulbs in the church and home.
8. Purchasing a dishwasher and reusable dishes for church functions. Washing dishes by hand if no dishwasher at your church.

GOAL THREE: Domestic Violence (complete at least 2)

1. Have someone speak at your UMW or Circle Meetings on Domestic Violence
2. Contact agency in local area for more information to help prevent Domestic Violence
3. Increase awareness of Domestic Violence by making posters, bulletin inserts etc.
4. Help someone seek help when needed.

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DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15th, 2010



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