

# THE NEWSETTE



  
Roanoke District  
United Methodist Women

SEPTEMBER 2010

***Calling All Women!***

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Roanoke District  
United Methodist Women  
Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Southview United Methodist Church  
3539 Peters Creek Rd. - Roanoke  
Meeting Begins at 3:00 pm**

***Business Session, Recognition of 5 & 6 Star  
Units, Mission Today, Reading Program, Gem  
Awards, Memorial Service, Election of new  
District Officers and Installation of those Officers  
Refreshments and Fellowship***

**Please Plan To Attend**

**GREETINGS FROM NANCY SASSER, DISTRICT PRESIDENT**



Greetings! I hope that you have marked your calendar with the remaining dates of District UMW activities. On **September 12<sup>th</sup>** our **District Team** will gather to make final plans for our Annual meeting and we cordially invite **ALL Unit Presidents** to attend the open executive meeting. This year we will be in Christiansburg at **Asbury UMC, 500 Stuart Street**, is the address for all you GPS users.

Our meeting will **begin at 3:00 pm**, we will have light refreshments and give all that attend an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns. I hope by mentioning that we will have Food, that more of you will be enticed to attend. Our host unit at Asbury is excited about our coming and I know we will have a great time.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm** we will hold our **District Annual Meeting** at Southview UMC, 3539 Peters Creek Road in Roanoke. We will have our usual brief business meeting, where we will discuss and approve our District Budget and Pledge to Mission for 2011. We will **elect NEW District Officers** and they will be installed on the spot by our Conference Vice-President, Louise Miller. Awards will be given for Mission Today, Gem (Social Action), the Reading Program and Five and Six Star Units. We will remember in our Memorial Service those Sisters in Christ, which have passed since last year. Lou Talbutt, our District Vice President will finally get to present her comments on the program "**Rekindle the Gift.**" WE had originally planned to do this in February at our training event, but guess what, IT SNOWED.

I do hope, that IF you haven't attended a district meeting this year, you will try and come to this one. Bring several from you unit. It's a great way to meet other UMW members and learn more about what we do and why we do it. We will also be distributing the **2011 Program Book**, one copy to each unit. These have been provided by the Conference UMW Team. Be one of the first to have a copy. **See you September 12<sup>th</sup> AND October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**LOU TALBUTT - VICE-PRESIDENT**



**Have Program Will Travel .....**

If you would enjoy a visit and program for your unit, just contact me.

I have several programs from which you may select or I will be happy to talk about our organization or programming in general.

I have been developing a program over the years on "Angels". Who are angels? What does the Bible say about angels? Are you an Angel? This is a good program around Christmas when we are least likely to be angels.

Another program I have developed and enjoy is, "What Charles Dickens Gave Christians Other than Scrooge" or "What is your Christmas Past, Present and Future".

A third selection is for any time of the year, "Happiness is the Best Stimulus Package Ever".

Another choice is simply to ask for a mystery program. I will just show up and surprise you. Let me hear from you about your program needs (home phone is 540-552-8909 or cell at 540-239-1443).I'm serving in love with God's help.

Lou Talbutt

**ALDA BOWER - SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

The summer of 2010 is fading into the shadows, and everyone at church and especially the UMW, is getting all geared up for an exciting new year.

I was unable to attend the School of Christian Mission at VUMAC this year. This is the first time I have not attended in many years. I have always found it to be very spiritually uplifting.

**October 3** our District UMW annual meeting will be held at **SOUTHVIEW UMC**, and I will be calling some of you for refreshments. I thank you in advance.

The **District UMW Prayer Breakfast** will be held at **Northview UMC** on **Saturday, November 6**. We are expecting Stephen Hundley, DS, to be our speaker. You will not want to miss this. Registration forms will be available at the Annual Meeting

Please pray for our UMW, both locally, and on the conference level. We are the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our focus is Missions and we serve for the good of Women, Youth and Children. Christ said “if you do it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me.

May God Bless each of you.

Alda



**ROANOKE DISTRICT UMW DATES FOR 2010**

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

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Conference Young Women’s Retreat VUMAC**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>. District UMW Annual Meeting Southview UMC 3:00PM**

**Oct. 23 -24 Conference UMW Annual Meeting VUMAC**

**November 6 District UMW Prayer Breakfast Northview UMC 8:30 AM**

**November 15 Newsette Article Deadline ( Dec. issue)**



**It’s a birthday party!**

In 1890, the women of the **Vinton Methodist Episcopal Church, South**, saw a need to organize for mission. The need is still there, and we’re still in mission! You are invited to join the **Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Women** as we celebrate this event. Program at 2 PM with refreshments to follow.

**Saturday, September 18, 2010, 2 until 4 pm. in Jones Hall**

**LANORA KING - SOCIAL ACTION**

**Joy to the World!** This was the title of the sturdy I took this year at School of Christian Mission. What a joy and celebration it was to explore how mission and evangelism is so active throughout the world in the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century. This year's school was one of the best I have ever attended.

Just a reminder, the "**GEM AWARD**" forms need to be sent to me by **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**, so I can have them ready for our **October Annual Meeting**.

Enclosed is a form for e-mail **Alerts Take Action on Immigrant Rights**. Each units Social Action Co-coordinator can sign up and receive information on important concerns of Social Action priorities.

I pray you have had a wonderful (very hot) summer.

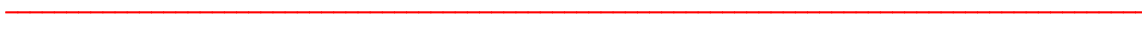
Blessings,  
LaNora



**SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL ALERTS - TAKE ACTION ON IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

You have the opportunity to receive direct e-mail alerts on two **United Methodist Women** social action priorities and **Immigrant/Civil Rights**.

**Sign up today!** You will receive occasional e-mails offering opportunities to take action-- locally, at the state and national level - regarding organizing and advocacy. You can choose to be taken off the e-list at any time.



Please send me e-mail alerts on:

(  ) Immigrant/Civil Rights initiative (advocacy for just immigration policy; immigration and racial justice; labor rights; hate crimes; challenging ICE raids/detentions/deportations;family unity)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY,STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to** : Sophony Lamour, 777 UN PLAZA, 11<sup>th</sup>. Floor, New York, NY 10017  
Fax: 212 - 682 - 5354

**DISTRICT PROGRAM RESOURCE SECRETARY - DORIS JORDAN**

The **Reading Program Reports** are due no later than **September 10, 2010**. Please include the following in your report:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number books read (with or without completion of a plan)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number completing a plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of readers (count even those who have read only one book)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of children and their names to receive certificates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of Subscriptions to Response and /or Outlook magazines

**Please include names of readers, names of books read, and Plan completed.**

If you have forms, you may use them. It is not necessary if you give complete information.

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10, 2010.**

**Doris Jordan- District Secretary of Program Resources**

**2216 Sherman DR NW**

**Roanoke, VA 24017**

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**SARA MCGONCHIE - DISTRICT TREASURER**

Our **2011 proposed District budget** is included in this Newsette. Our District team considered each line item in our Administrative budget and proposes a 4% decrease in the budget and no increase in the \$3.00 per member A&MD fee. We also agreed to hold our **2011 Pledge to Mission** at the 2010 level, \$53,800. Through June 2010, the **Roanoke District** had sent 49.5% of our 2010 pledge to the Conference. Even though our economy is still uncertain, please remember the important works of the UMW and our commitment to women and children around the world.

I love to hear from you when you have questions about UMW giving. Remember **Gift In Memory cards** are available to honor anyone, not just UMW members. The sentiment inside the card reads, "a gift has been given through United Methodist Women for the mission work of the United Methodist Church." We all have occasions to send **Gift in Memory cards**, so if you need a few to keep on hand, contact me. The suggested gift is \$5.00 or more, and you can give the gift to your unit treasurer after you send the card.

Please review our budget and contact me if you have questions or comments. We will be voting on the budget at our October Annual Meeting.

Sarah McConchie

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**Editor's Note:**

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**MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH – RHONDA M. ROGERS**

Can you believe it? Summer is almost over and as fall is quickly approaching, let me once again remind you that in the area of membership the year runs January 2 through December 31. In the last newsletter, I included a form that is due to me by **September 10** and I am including this form again as a reminder because **it is very important that I have the names of your deceased members so that the memory board can be prepared for the October 3 District UMW Annual Meeting and it will also be displayed at the Conference UMW Annual Meeting at VUMAC on October 23 –24.** So please, if your form is not already in the mail, please be sure and send it to me by the **September 10 deadline.**

Thanks to all for assisting me in getting this information pulled together and I look forward to seeing many of you at the **October 3 District meeting.**

“It is with your heart that you believe, it is with your mouth that you are confessed and saved .” Romans 10:8

**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 WHO DEATH OCCURRED ON OR AFTER 9/1/09 THROUGH 9/1/10**

Name Place of Death

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

**ROANOKE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2011 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>
<b>CONFERENCE &amp; NATIONAL PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b>		
Conference Annual Meeting - Registration	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Conference Spiritual Life Retreat - Registration/Attendance	130.00	130.00
School of Christian Mission - Registration	225.00	225.00
Conference Training for District Officers - 2010, '12, etc.	75.00	75.00
Conference Prayer Breakfast - Tickets	-	90.00
Scholarships for Conference Events	500.00	500.00
* National Assembly Meeting - 2014, '18, etc.	100.00	100.00
* Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting - 2012, '16, etc.	50.00	50.00
* World Federation & Uniting Church Women	50.00	50.00
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Total - Conference & National Programs & Events	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,420.00
<b>DISTRICT PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b>		
Child Care for District Programs	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
District Annual Meeting	250.00	250.00
District Prayer Breakfast	150.00	150.00
District Spiritual Life Retreat	200.00	200.00
District Training for Local Officers	225.00	225.00
* District Young Women's Event	50.00	50.00
* World Federation & Uniting Church Women - Local	25.00	25.00
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Total - District Programs & Events	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
<b>DISTRICT OFFICER EXPENSE</b>		
Mileage	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00
Postage	200.00	250.00
Printing	100.00	100.00
Subscriptions	80.00	205.00
Supplies	100.00	50.00
Telephone	25.00	-
Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00
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Total - District Officer Expense	\$ 855.00	\$ 855.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
District Directory (Printing)	\$ 650.00	\$ 600.00
Gift to Mission (Cards & Postage)	100.00	100.00
Special Mission Recognition (Retiring District Officers)	120.00	120.00
Newsette (Printing & Postage)	800.00	700.00
Reading Program (Promotion & Recognition)	100.00	100.00
Literature	250.00	125.00
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Total - Administration	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 1,745.00
<b>TOTAL A&amp; MD BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 5,155.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,970.00</b>
<b>PLEDGE TO MISSION</b>	<b>\$ 53,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,800.00</b>

\* Unused funds in these line items are deposited in Savings at the end of each year.