

## COMMUNIQUE 7

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**Provincial President: H. Irene Gallant phone 894-8375 email: [enegallant@hotmail.com](mailto:enegallant@hotmail.com)**

Dear Sisters in the League! I hope you are enjoying this lovely summer with family and friends. Attending the 96th National Convention in Halifax as your Provincial President was indeed a very inspiring and rewarding experience. Carrying our PEI flag at the opening and closing Masses was a wonderful experience. I was very pleased to have our accredited PEI delegates as well as other PEI members, including representatives from the 2017 National Convention Committee attend the convention and it was comforting to have the support of Spiritual Advisor Father Paul Batchilder. Nova Scotia members planned a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere for those attending. All of the well planned liturgies, prayer services and homilies were so uplifting. Meeting other provincial presidents and discussing issues and concerns was certainly a highlight. We discussed the process of on-line annual reports and you will hear more of this in the fall. It was great to share ideas and concerns, especially at the Presidents' meeting. We discussed the importance of keeping our parish communities aware of what CWL is doing, by putting information in bulletins on our resolutions etc.

Presidents, you may be aware, Provincial Council has set aside funding for councils if they are planning to bring in a special speaker or hold an information session within your parish or combined with another council. This funding is available only until 31<sup>st</sup> Dec/16. If you have a request, please forward these to me asap. I wish you well with your councils this coming year, and to tell you that my executive team and I are willing to help you in any way we possibly can. Feel free to call me or e-mail me with your comments or concerns. In this new role I'm sure that there will be times that I need a gentle reminder of something I may have overlooked and I am hoping that your support will provide me with the learning I will need.

I trust through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel she will continue to guide us as we move into a new theme in January and make it our own. I pray that all CWL Councils on PEI have a very successful year. Hope to see many of you at our upcoming Fall Conferences. May God Bless all of you.

**President-Elect/Organization: Shirley Pierce: Phone: 675-3726; [smpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:smpierce@bellaliant.net)**

I took on these new President-Elect and Organization responsibilities at the May Provincial Convention and am working on my duties, the immediate one is organizing the fall conferences. You will see the attached agenda for the two fall conferences which will be held on September 17 at St. Francis of Assisi in Cornwall and on October 1 at St. John the Baptist in Miscouche. These should be interesting and engaging conferences with some great motivating speakers. There is no charge to attend and CWL members from across the Island can attend either one.

I will be attending the National Convention in Halifax from August 14-17 as an Accredited delegate from PEI. I will brief members of the highlights at the September 17 conference; I will be vacationing with my eight sisters in Ireland on October 1 so someone else will deliver my report.

If any of your councils still have members who have not renewed their memberships, please get a push on to do that as soon as possible. So far, National Office has received 2005 memberships, 98.3 % of last year's total. Please encourage other ladies to join and re-engage others who may not have paid their memberships.

I would like to compile a list of all the Presidents – elects and Organization Chairs so please send me your phone numbers and email addresses. Take good care of yourself and your families.

**Past President: Louise Doiron phone 887-2039 [louise.doiron@bellaliant.net](mailto:louise.doiron@bellaliant.net)**

Welcome back all CWL sister Members and especially new and returning past presidents to another promising year of work for God and Canada. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer with your families and friends.

The duties of a past president are to serve her council and president in a consultative capacity. She should advise and assist her president using her experience and expertise as a member of her council. She must be responsible for the archives and history of the council by preserving this important information through scrapbooks, photo albums and council minutes. As your provincial past president I invite you to contact me by phone or e-mail if you have any of your council records that you wish to have stored in the provincial archives. I would like to compile a list of all current past presidents of councils so please give me your name, phone number, e-mail or mailing address as soon as possible.

Also, past presidents should encourage their members to become knowledgeable about the Constitution & Bylaws and to conduct the affairs of the council accordingly. So current and soon to be past presidents please know that I am available to help you in any way I can. May you enjoy your term as past presidents and I hope to see many of you at our Fall Conferences.

**For those CWL members who ordered a scarf pin at the Provincial Convention, they will be available for you at the Fall conferences at a cost of \$15.00. Please see me (Louise) because I have the list of who ordered. Thanks!**

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My name is Janice Keough, and I am the new treasurer for the Provincial CWL. I am a parish member of St. Peter's Church located in Seven Mile Bay. I live in Albany, with my husband Gary, and our two dogs Ben and Jerry. Please feel free to contact me for any information or questions that you have. Just a few points to bring to your attention:

1. Please make sure that any cheque that is sent to the Provincial Council is made out as follows: **P.E.I. Council of Catholic Women's League**. That is the only way that it can be deposited at the bank.

2. Any contribution to the Catholic Girls Bursary must be made no later than 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. to be counted for 2016 and the cheque must be made out as indicated above.

3. Please inform members that dues must be sent to National Office **NO LATER** than 15<sup>th</sup> Nov to be included in membership for 2016..

**Spiritual Development: Marion Murphy phone 621-0725, address: 7 Treeside Lane, Millvale R. R. #2, PEI C0A 1E0**

This year, proclaimed the Year of Mercy by Pope Francis, offers many opportunities to fulfill our mission of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in service, through many imaginable ways. One voice in prayer for those who are suffering: the sick, those on their death bed, the needy, our families, friends and our neighbors at home and abroad. One heart of compassion: tenderness, sharing, caring and going the extra mile. One mission of doing what is right for God and Canada: standing up for the unborn so they do not become unborn, searching for ways to help seniors and those in Palliative Care, and especially standing up for justice.

One great prayer to say daily is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. I recommend it as the prayer of the year. If you need a copy please let me know. It is said especially for the sick and the dying, having a power of strength and support for the families as well.

Keep praying for our lawmakers and our law breakers. Keep listening and hearing what is being said. Don't do too much preaching but do a lot of being an example. Remember our voice must be heard, our hearts must be pure, our mission must be in action. Always remember that action speaks louder than words. Model Mary, Trust Jesus, Thank God. Bless us in all we do and say and think!!

The thought just occurred to me that I could do a morning or afternoon retreat for your council( before snow time). Topic could be of your choice or mine- at your place or here at my place.

I do not have e-mail so if you need to reach me, call 902-621-0725.

Note to all councils: If you need to register the passing of a member send it to me at 7 Treeside Lane, Millvale R.R. #2 C0A 1E0

**Resolutions and Legislation: M.Gay Garvey phone (h) 902-569-1911 (c) 902-218-3003, address 13 Bethel Road, Route 215, Bethel, PE C1B 3L3**

Greetings to all CWL members: My name is Gay Garvey. I was married to the late Thomas Garvey, have 5 grown children and 10 grandchildren. I have been a CWL member for 32 years and a Registered Nurse for 51 years. Presently, I am President of St. Dunstan's Basilica CWL and a Board member of the Right to Life Assoc. I feel very honored and privileged to be asked to serve again on the Provincial Council. I have just attended the National convention in Halifax and have an even greater respect and understanding of all the good work the CWL is capable of doing. I look forward to hearing from you with any new ideas or questions for new resolutions or follow up from the resolutions passed at National this year.

**Communications/Correspondence Secretary: Cathy LeClair phone 902-569-4767, email address [cbcclair@gmail.com](mailto:cbcclair@gmail.com),**

I hope all have had a wonderful summer and here we are heading into the business of fall. I am your new Communications and Correspondence secretary and please anyone who has information or notices that you would like me to pass on, contact me at any time by email. It is sometimes harder to reach me by phone but please leave a message or mail me out information. Fall conventions will be coming up soon and hope to see many of at that time.

**Christian Family Life: Iris Rodger phone 902-569-1864 email [ibrodger@peo.sympatico.ca](mailto:ibrodger@peo.sympatico.ca)**

I was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia on January 1st 1960. I have three siblings. Michael, Anita and Patrick. Patrick died in Charlottetown, 1996 with brain cancer at the age of 34. I still miss him. I have two boys, Michael and Matthew who are in their twenties now. My husband Brian and I moved to Statford from Riverview, N.B. with our two boys November 1, 1996. I joined the CWL in January 2009 and agreed to be the President - Elect at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. I have worked for Home Instead Senior Care P.E.I. for the last 4 years. I hope to meet many of you at the Fall Conferences.

**Education and Health – Leah Kinch ; 902-882-3531 ; [leahkinch@hotmail.com](mailto:leahkinch@hotmail.com)**

As I write this report, we welcome the end of August. I hope everyone has found time, this summer, to see and appreciate the beauty of God's creation. I attended the National Convention in Halifax and heard speakers who have the same concerns that face our membership on P.E.I. As provincial Chair for Education and Health, I agree that many changes are needed to the present laws of our country in the areas of education and health. As we continue to advocate for the necessary changes, mindful of our CWL principles, we must remember that prayer is the greatest tool we have.

Fran Lucas is our new national Chairperson for Education and Health. I will be communicating information from her to the membership. The next meeting of our local council will be on September 12, 2016. Our local members were very active with activities for St. Simon and St. Jude Parish Picnic which was held on August 28, 2016.

**Community Life – Wendy McNeill phone 902-853-7892 [wendyanmneill@hotmail.com](mailto:wendyanmneill@hotmail.com)**

I live in the community of Alberton. This committee is responsible for social and economic justice, dignity and rights of persons, refugees, immigration and citizenship, developing countries and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (CCODP). I look forward to working with you during my two years on this committee.