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Dear Sisters in the League:

I want to thank all the councils that submitted articles and pictures for the Newsletter. For the last few issues, we have been trying out a number of layouts for the newsletter and we hope to agree on a design going forward. From all the reports, councils have been doing great work in their parishes and we have celebrated a number of anniversaries and attended retreats to increase our spirituality.. Our next newsletter won't be until the spring so keep saving those articles and pictures so they can be incorporated in the next newsletter. Blessings

2016 National Convention
Marlene Gallant, Past President
St. John Paul II Unit CWL, Rustico

I attended the conference in Halifax in August. I went for Tuesday and Wednesday. The passing of resolutions was very interesting as every word had to be right for it to pass. The gala banquet was great. For entertainment the Men of the Deep sang and told stories. I really enjoyed this.

Now I will tell you about my experience in getting there. The lady I was supposed to drive over with couldn't make it, so I took the shuttle over. I was meeting it in Hunter River and was leaving my car there to be picked up later. Don't ask me how but I locked my keys in the car with my purse and luggage inside. The shuttle was coming in ten minutes. I phoned my good friend and she took my extra keys to me but she lived about fifteen minutes away. The bus arrived and when I explained my situation, she said "don't worry, we'll wait for you". Finally we were on our way.

We dropped people off on the way to Halifax and when I got to the hotel and he asked me which suitcase was mine I said "the black one", he replied "with green on it". "No, all black". Well, it seemed that the lady who got off in Bedford took my suitcase! The driver went back to get it and delivered it to my hotel. When I asked for the room I was supposed to be staying in they had no such names so I just sat in the lobby waiting to see someone I knew. Finally I saw Louise Doiron, our past president and she took care of me. I ended up staying with Elaine and Laurie. Thanks ladies, I had a great time.

I spent a very relaxing day on Thursday until the shuttle picked me up in the afternoon. I had a great trip home thanks to Judy Lewis who was also on the shuttle. I am looking forward to next year's conference where hopefully I will have an uneventful week.

St. Paul's Parish

Called to Be "Presence" To/With Others

In ministry in general, in relationships with family, friends, and most people we relate with... there is a quality of mind and heart, a quality of "being" that is common to all -- PRESENCE.

Presence is rooted in relationship / intimacy with God!

God's energy, love, peace, mercy, laughter, creativity -- all blessing and divine grace is given freely to the whole of creation. And we are called to share that with others. Our very presence is intended to be an expression and reflection of that life or relationship with God.

"Being" or "Presence" can be manifested in the following:

- acceptance
- attentiveness
- stillness
- humility
- non-judgemental
- creating a place of rest and welcome
- giving-receiving
- etc.

Being truly present to another person is blessing and can be healing.

It is ultimately a gift from God!



All Has Been Well With The CWL!

Members of St. Pius X CWL have been busy since the last newsletter.

This year we were able to attract four new members. We presented them with a welcome kit as well as a CWL pin. Our welcome kit contained a letter from our National President Barb Dowding, a list of our council executive, a bookmark with the league prayer on it, a pamphlet "Why am I a member?" and a copy of our Nov. and June newsletters.

Members donated a loonie or toonie at four of our monthly meetings and the money collected was spent to buy clothing items for clients at the Hillsborough Hospital. The donation was much appreciated.

Eleven of our members were presented with CWL recognition pins for years of service at our annual pot luck supper held in June. Marie Hickey received her 60 year pin. Nadine Fraser, Ethel Keenan, Jeanne Gauthier MacKenzie, Yvonne Morrell and Yvonne Poirier received their 50 year pin. Rosaline Condon, Leona Lafferty, Leona McCarthy and Mary Mullen received their 40 year pin and Margaret Reid received her 25 year pin.

During the winter some of our members made a quilt for our parish sponsored refugee family and we were pleased to have them attend our June pot luck supper at which time we presented the quilt to them.

Our June Newsletter was put in each of our parish bulletins.

Marg Fitzpatrick and I were fortunate to attend the National CWL Convention in Halifax. It was very interesting and informative. Guest speakers were fantastic. Meeting with our CWL Sisters from across Canada was a highlight of the convention. Our members are looking forward to volunteering and attending the 2017 National CWL Convention in Charlottetown.

Seven of our members attended the Fall Conference at St. Francis of Assisi and enjoyed all the guest speakers and their very interesting presentations.

We are working on our Nov. newsletter to place in the church bulletin.

We are in the process of planning our Christmas Tea & Bake Sale which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2016 from 11am - 1pm. All councils are invited to attend.

Have a wonderful fall!

Submitted by: Theresa Thomas, President St. Pius X CWL

Day of Reflection

A special "Day of Reflection" sponsored by St. Felix C.W.L. was held October 8th at the Tignish Parish Centre. Members from all West Prince C.W.L. Councils were invited to attend along with an invitation extended to any woman who may be interested in joining C.W.L.

Our "Day of Reflection" started with prayer followed by introduction of our guest speaker Fr. Paul Batchilder. Excellent presentations were given by Fr. Paul on "**Year of Mercy**" and "**Power of Prayer**" followed by time for discussion and sharing.

Lunch of a sharing table allowed for members to renew friendships. Our day concluded with songs to Our Blessed Mother and one of Thanksgiving. A very enjoyable day!

Submitted by St. Felix C.W.L.
Melvina DesRoches



Day of Reflection - Continued

On October 19, 2016 several members from St. Anne's C.W.L. Emyvale, Lot 65 met at Marion Murphy's home for a "Day of Reflection".

We had a very spiritual, inspiring, informative and relaxing day. Marion led us in very interesting and touching dialogues, followed by lots of sharing.

Our day began with the League Prayer, followed by the Peace Prayer for St. Francis. Marion discussed her role as provincial spiritual convenor. Discussions were on the Role of Women in the Church, Prayer for the Year of Mercy, Ecumenism, and reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There was an exercise with each of us writing down all the things we are thankful for and discussing them, followed by reading Words of Advice from St. Theresa of Calcutta.

After a delicious pot luck lunch, we had a sharing time on the quotes each one pulled from Marion's fish bowl filled with inspiring quotes. One member drew the quote asking "What would you do if you were the Pope?" She said "let women be priests".

The day ended with prayer, the laying of hands, and the reading on Hug – The Wonder Drug – no Prescription needed and Yes – Hugs are addictive. It was a beautiful well spent day.

Thank you Marion for opening your home to us and providing the atmosphere that enabled us to leave your home feeling very joyful and blessed.

Submitted by Marie Kelly, President of St. Anne's CWL, Emyvale, Lot 65

We have a dream.....

That dream is that **all** members of the Catholic Women's League on Prince Edward Island, who are physically able, will attend one, two or three plus days of the National CWL Convention on PEI, Aug 6-9, 2017, at the Delta Prince Edward. It will be an experience that you may not get for a few more years and the planning committee and provincial executive are really anxious to have our entire provincial membership involved.

Here are some of the reasons that members have given for attending a national convention:

- You see the soul of the League in action
- Individual and collective spiritual growth
- Awesome experience to be 1000+ like-minded spiritual women together
- Keep us connected to our mission
- Overwhelming and greatest feeling that I am a part of this wonderful organization

For those of you living too far afield to return home at night, Glendenning Hall (Holland College's residence on Grafton Street) is bookable and affordable if you share with your League friends. The other Charlottetown hotels have also blocked rooms for the convention (be sure to mention the convention on booking). At this point in time, the rooms blocked for us at the Delta are full!!

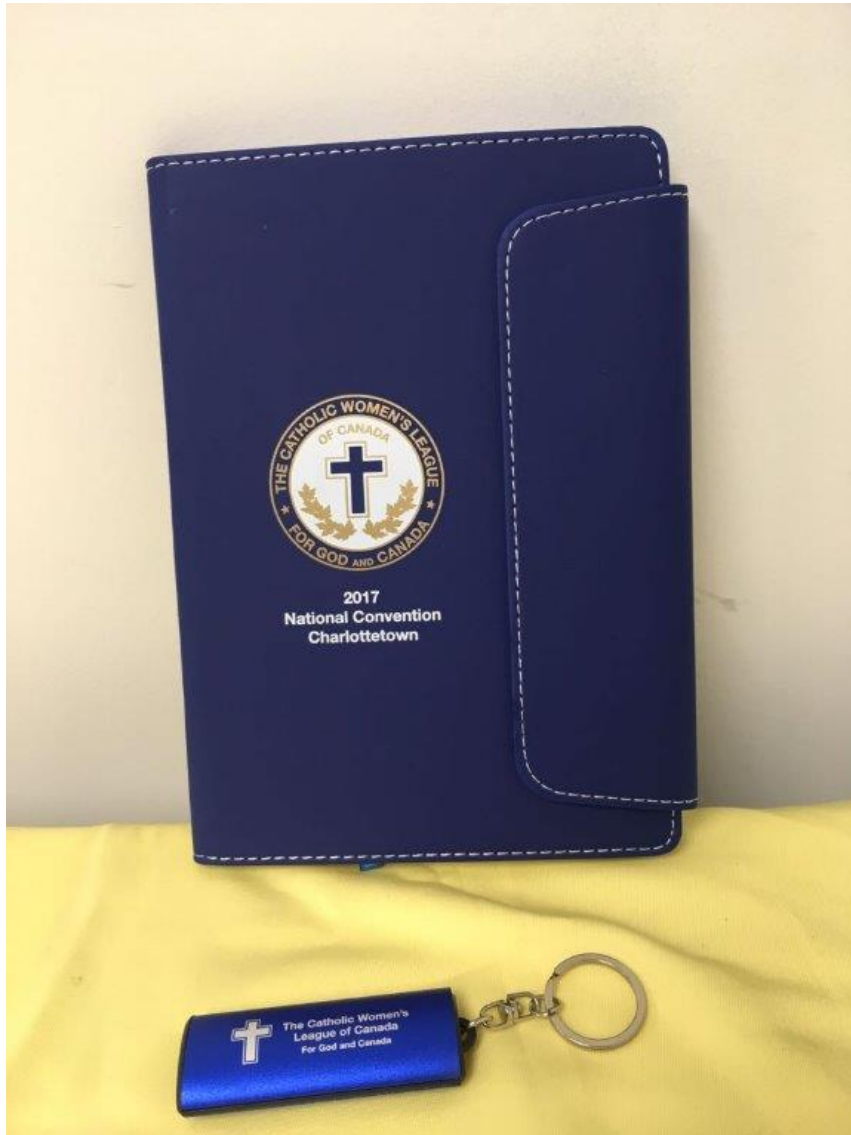
As well as experiencing the League at work, being influenced by dynamic speakers and moved by the Spirit at various Masses and services, there will be fun to be had! Put your pennies aside over the winter to register for our lobster dinner at New Glasgow Lobster Suppers (Aug 5), ceilidh with Treble with Girls (no cost) (Aug 6), 'Canada, Our Dear Home' dinner and entertainment with the Strathgartney Orchestra and Patrick Ledwell (Aug 7), PEI night as we join our provincial president, Irene Gallant, for dinner out (Aug 8) and/or the Gala Banquet (Aug 9) to close off the convention!

We are most appreciative to councils for the financial donations for convention, the purchase of our fundraising articles: journals and flashlights, and for the donation of 5-8 Islandmade items per council for the baskets we will sell tickets on during convention.

This national convention belongs to all of us.....a gift from the Spirit.....let's unwrap it and take it in! Look for our cover and registration pages of The Canadian League magazine, winter edition. (Presidents, please read this message to your council members with thanks.)

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The excitement is building as the block of rooms at the Delta Prince Edward is already fully booked! Do not despair. There are hotels close by the Delta Prince Edward that will provide you with excellent service: Hotel on Pownal, 146 Pownal St, 902 892 1217 (7-10 min walk), 1 800 268 6261, Great George-58 Great George St, 902 892 0606/1 800 361 1118 (5 min walk), Rodd Charlottetown, 75 Kent St, 902 894 7371/1 800 565 7633 (7-10 min walk), Best Western, 238 Grafton St, 902 892 2461/1 800 528 1234 (15 min walk), Holman Grand, 123 Grafton St, 902 367 7777/1 877 455 4726 (7-10 min walk), Glendenning Hall (Holland College residence) 902 367 7701 (20 min walk) and Quality Inn & Suites at 902 894 8572 or 1800 466 4734 (15 min walk)



Happy Birthday Elaine!



Long-time CWL Life Member, Elaine Gallant, Summerside, recently celebrated another milestone – her 95th birthday! Several Life members journeyed to visit and honor her a couple of days previous to her BIG DAY! Elaine was pleased to receive her “old” friends and a pleasant afternoon tea in her own home was enjoyed by all present amidst sharing and subsequent laughter. A highlight of the time together was when our honoree, Elaine, rendered lively old-time favourite tunes on her trusty harmonica. Elaine was Provincial President 1984-86 after serving God and Canada in many executive positions. On departure, true to her quick wit, after guests expressed the thought “see you in five years” , Elaine replied: “I plan on being here but you girls may not be!”

“Food, Fun & Fulfilment”



Debbie Birt, Jenny Lizama and Dianne McCarville are pictured above enjoying dessert cuisine recently at a social event attended by twenty-five St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women’s League members, at the beautiful home of Shirley & Bob Pierce on picturesque South Shore (New Dominion). The gathering began with both traditional and not-so-traditional board and card games. Much laughter resounded throughout the home on a perfect summer’s afternoon (described by Shirley’s husband as a buzzing sound and he didn’t mean bees!) A pot-luck of delicious treats followed amidst many conversations and sharing that took place among the new members who have joined and those who have been in our Council for many years. A great time was had by all and promises were made to keep in touch through the sisterhood of the League.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women’s League Members Enjoy Summer Excursions
Fifteen members travelled in July to beautiful Eastern P.E.I. The first stop was to an eatery in Cardigan overlooking the picturesque I Cardigan River. A nice sunny day enhanced the scenery and tranquility of the fishing and pleasure boats as they bobbed in the harbor. Then, it was on to Georgetown and a walking tour of the many local shops where Island artisans displayed their talents in their art and craft works. We appreciated the variety and availability of Island-made products - an educational tour for sure! We even managed to find “treats” along the way.

The drive back to Charlottetown was pleasant and gave our sister members an opportunity to have a “chat”, laugh with each other and share our lives – an opportunity that doesn’t always present itself as we go about our busy, daily lives serving the League through our families and community.

Sacred Heart CWL, Alberton, recently celebrated their 95th anniversary. We started in September of 1921 and have continued to support the Parish. We have 36 paid up members. 19 members were able to attend our anniversary celebration.. Due to sickness or other commitments the other 13 were unable to attend. We also pay for 4 members who live in nursing homes. Two of our members cooked our anniversary meal. Representatives from all West Prince CWL's attended the celebration as well as Provincial President of the CWL, Irene Gallant and Past President Louise Doiron. Our Spiritual Director, Father Andrew MacDonald said mass and attended the dinner and asked the blessing. We will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Cahill



On September 11^{th, 2010} the C.W.L. Council of St. Simon & St. Jude Parish, Tignish, PEI celebrated their

95th anniversary, with Most Reverend Bishop Richard Grecco celebrating mass at 11am with Fr. Brendon Gallant our Spiritual Adviser concelebrating with him.

Head table guests were. Most Reverend Bishop Richard Grecco, Fr. Brendon Gallant our Spiritual Adviser, Fr. Paul Batchilder our Provincial Spiritual Adviser, Grand Knight Steven Callaghan, Irene Gallant our CWL Provincial President, Brenda Pitre Spiritual convenor from the St. Felix CWL Council & Marlene LeClair Tignish CWI President.

We had 45 members receive enrollment scrolls, of those 45, 7 members also received service pins,

2 for 60 yrs. Celina Arsenault & Irene Gallant

4 for 65 yrs. Evelyn Arsenault , May Bernard , Beatrice Martin , Stella McRae

1 for 70 yrs. Elizabeth Gallant

*One of these members **Celina Arsenault** has celebrated **her 100th birthday, DOB, March 9th, 1916.***

Following are names of members who received enrollment awards,

25 yrs.

Alice Christopher
Cathy Clohossey
Aurella Gallant
Lois Harper
Patsy Harper
Beverly Hogan
Helen Jeffery
Linda Richard
Elaine Shea
Nora Gavin
Cathy Doucette

40 yrs.

Angela Arsenault
Julia Bernard
Marian Bernard
Eleanor Brennan
Beatrice Buote
Jean Buote

Ann Doucette

Alice Ellsworth

Aggie Gaudet

Denice Gaudet

Sophie Gaudet

Muriel Harper

Alice Hogan

Mary Keough

Rita Perry

Janie Wedge

Thelma McInnis

Marie Doucette

Irma Fleming

50 yrs.

Beatrice Arsenault
Annie DesRoche
Sylvia Doucette
Noreen Gaudet
Marguerite Gavin
Aldona Morrissey

Irma O'Rourke

Marie Morrissey

60 yrs.

Celina Arsenault

Irene Gallant

65 yrs.

Evelyn Arsenault

May Bernard

Beatrice Martin

Stella McRae

70 yrs.

Elizabeth Gallant

At the recent fall conference in Miscouche, Marion Murphy presents a wall hanging she made and donated to CWL. Members attending both fall conferences had an opportunity to put their names into a draw and the winner was Life Member Myrna Murray from St. Peter's, Seven Mile Bay parish. The wall hanging is based on the theme One Heart One Voice One Mission.

