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From the Prez...

January 2010 is the beginning of a new decade. And so we look back over the last decade and count our blessing, for we are truly blessed. In keeping with our theme this year we approach the coming decade as “Women of Peace and Hope”.

126 guests enjoyed our annual Christmas Tea. It was once again a huge success and a wonderful way to gather our community together and to share Christmas joy. Our thanks are extended to Virginia McQuarrie and her wonderful team for all your work in organizing this event. Your generosity of time and spirit is appreciated.

The coming months will be a very busy time for all of us in CWL. We will host a Fashion Show on February 27, our annual St. Pat's Tea will be in March and the Diocesan Convention will be held in Osoyoos from April 29 to May 1. I thank Lou Von Burg for chairing the Convention Committee, Virginia McQuarrie for chairing the St. Pat's Tea and Joyce Harvey and Sonia Lopez for helping me to organize the Fashion Show. I thank all of you who have already signed up to help with these events and I encourage others to join us. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work”. Each of these committees is in need of additional help. Please call the chairperson of these events and volunteer.

I wish all of you much happiness, peace and joy in 2010. God bless.
Cathie Paton



2010 CWL Members' list:

Chris is about to print an updated list and asks that you check your current copy carefully for possible errors. Please contact her a.s.a.p. to advise if any changes are needed. Thanks.

Next CWL General Meeting...

**Thursday, January 21, 2009,
at 9:30 a.m.**

**as there will be no Mass that day, we
will be holding a short
prayer service during the meeting**

New Members are most welcome

Old Christmas Cards ...

Ever wonder what can be done to recycle them?

Agape Ministries, a Catholic Christian Lay Ministry & project of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is asking us for our old, used Christmas cards. Agape works with the ladies of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside who love to work with their hands and have been making and selling the new cards. This creative process helps build their self esteem and gives them joy. They also rework used, birthday, get well, and other occasion cards.

Please, drop your used cards into the box just inside the door by the bench in the Msgr. Flynn Room.

Re Grocery receipt tapes ... just a reminder ...

We still have need of your grocery receipt tapes from SuperValu and Buy Low Foods. We ask that you drop them into our specially marked box at the entrance of the Church near the Mgrs. Flynn Room. The totals on these tapes, minus taxes, are added up and free grocery vouchers of varying amounts are given back to us from these businesses. We use the vouchers for purchasing some of the grocery items we use for many of our parish functions. ***When depositing them into our box, we ask that you lay the receipts flat please, to make it easier to count. Thank you.***

CWL dues now overdue for 2010

We would appreciate it if you would kindly put yours into an envelope marked "CWL Dues" and drop it into Collection plate as soon as possible

What is the League Prayer?

We humbly pray You, O God our Father,
to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada,
Bless our beloved country,
our homes and families.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon us
to give light to our minds
and strength to our wills
that we may know and fulfil
Your great law of charity.
Teach us to share with others
at home and abroad,
the good things You have given us.
This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ
and the intercession of our patroness, our Lady of
Good Counsel. Amen.

How do I become a member?

All women, age 16 and up, are invited to take out membership in the Catholic Women's League of Canada through their local parish. We offer both regular memberships for Catholic women, and Associate memberships for non-Catholics. Please see our National website for more information on membership... <http://www.cwl.ca>

How many members are there?

In British Columbia, we are edging closer and closer to 10,000 CWL members. In the whole of Canada, our membership is approximately 100,000.



Bursary ... FYI ...

In the Fall 2009 League Magazine, there was a list of bursary recipients. There was not one recipient from B.C. or Yukon. Out of 29 members who applied, 24 received a bursary. Criteria and application forms are available on the CWL National website. You are urged to check the website to see if you qualify.



'Special Thanks' to ...

...all the hard working CWL members and friends who helped make our Tea such a success. We had 126 guests. Our volunteer workers made up 50 plates of sandwiches initially with more put together as the day progressed and baked lots of goodies with more arriving than originally requested so we were able to put together many treat bags to send home.

We also thank all businesses who provided prizes and surprises especially the following local merchants & friends who donated generously to our Senior Ladies' Tea with products, gift certificates, etc.: - *Buy Low Foods - Osoyoos Duty Free Shop - Flowers on Main - Dairy Queen - Osoyoos Home Hardware - Gilberta Pimental, - Cindy Kennedy of Mary Kay Cosmetics - SuperValu, Osoyoos Times, A&W, Campo Marina, Canadian Tire Penticton, Costco Kelowna, Diamond Steakhouse, Osoyoos Car Wash, Osoyoos Credit Union, Polka Dot Door, SaveOn Foods Penticton, Tim Hortons Osoyoos, Wall Mart Penticton, Westridge Pub, London Drugs Penticton and Princes' Foods Oroville. Their kindnesses are much appreciated.*

Prayer for Social Justice

Lord Jesus, Carpenter and King, supreme Sovereign of all men, look with tender mercy upon the multitudes of our day who bear the indignities of injustice everywhere.

Raise up leaders in every land dedicated to Your standards of order, equity, and justice.

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, the grace to be worthy members of Your Mystical Body, labouring unceasingly to fulfill our vocation in the social apostolate of Your Church.

Sharpen our intellects to pierce the pettiness of prejudice; to perceive the beauty of true human brotherhood.

Guide our minds to a meaningful understanding of the problems of the poor, of the oppressed, of the unemployed, of all in need of assistance anywhere. Guide our hearts against the subtle lure of earthly things and undue regard for those who possess them. May we hunger and thirst after justice always. Amen.

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