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Christmas Greetings from our Prez ...

Advent is upon us. Let's take the time from our hurry and scurry of Christmas prep, to consider the reason for this glorious season.

The Senior ladies of our parish and community are warmly welcomed to our annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 13th from 1pm to 3pm. If you know a shut-in who would enjoy the afternoon, please arrange for her to be with us.

A big THANK YOU to all our members who so kindly worked for the Morality Workshop and more recently at the funeral luncheon; to Ann Menzies who does so much to keep our parish kitchen in top notch shape, to Elaine Middleton for the wonderful spirituals she provides at every meeting, especially for the November remembrance of our deceased members; to Chris Liebel for sewing our crest on the new aprons; to my executive as a whole, you are The Best!

The wonderful warm items donated to the mitten tree, will this year be sent to Covenant House in Vancouver where the need is great. Thank you to Joyce Harvey. To Father Rex, thank you for always being there for us.

To everyone, I wish a Blessed Christmas.

Dolores Fodey



Margaret Petrie and Mary Moreau enjoy a moment at the 2007 Annual Seniors Christmas Tea...Join us...see ad!

Next CWL General Meeting...

**Thursday, January 15, 2009,
starting with mass at 7:00 pm.**

**There is no general meeting during
the month of December**

There are 3 types of CWL membership:

- * **Fully active**
- * **Partially active**
- * **Financially supportive**

Check the one that applies to you & join us!

If you didn't get a chance to renew your 2009 membership in November, see Chris Liebel after Mass or contact her to pay your \$20.00 fee soon.

New Members are Welcome

Annual' Christmas Seniors' Tea



**December 13, 2008 - Time: 1 to 3pm
You are invited to attend!**

The Annual CWL, fun filled, Seniors' Christmas Tea gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation to our sisters for all they have contributed over the years to help make Osoyoos, our home, such a special place.

The Tea welcomes all Senior parish and Senior community women. We serve yummy food, loads of laughter, entertainment, fellowship, prizes and surprises as well as lots of love.

Please join us ... if someone you know is a shut-in we ask that you offer to pick them up so they too can attend this popular event. If *you* need a ride ask one of our members to help you out.

A very happy & blessed Christmas to all our Senior Ladies from the Saint Anne's Parish CWL!

The Desert Valley Hospice Society...

(DVHS) is a service rooted in our community that branches out to those in need. Its volunteers provide social, emotional and spiritual support for individuals and their loved ones as they face life threatening illness. They also provide ongoing grief support programs for adults.

At November's CWL meeting, Hospice volunteer, Jeannette Stapleton, said "DVHS believes that no one need face a life threatening illness alone and no one need be alone with their grief. They offer companions for the journey."

According to Jeannette, currently the long term goal of the DVHS is to raise funds for a stand-alone Hospice facility serving the residents of Oliver, Osoyoos and the surrounding area. 100% of the funds raised will remain in this area.

For more information, to become a member or to make a donation for the much needed new facility, please call Jeannette Stapleton at 250-495-6759.



CWL website:

<http://www.cwl.ca/>

See this site for up to date information on the National CWL. You will find general information of interest to Canadian women of faith, our programs, as well as prayers and meditations.

Old Greeting Cards ...

Wondering what you can do 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, birthday, get well, sympathy, etc. cards. Agape works with the ladies of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside who love to work with their hands and have been re-making and selling the new cards. This creative process helps build their self esteem and gives them joy.

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

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Have an idea for the next newsletter?

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Donate AirMiles & Canadian Tire Money to those in need...

In poor parts of the world mothers, are experiencing unimaginable suffering. It is estimated that 600,000 die annually during pregnancy and labour. The risk of a mother dying as a direct cause of pregnancy and labour in Africa is 1 in 13, compared to 1 in 7,300 for example in Canada. The executive director of UNICEF commented in a June 1996 report, *The Progress of Nations*: "It is no exaggeration to say that this is **one of the most neglected tragedies of our times**, when 1,600 mothers - some in their teens - die every day."

You can make a difference in these young girls' lives by donating your *AirMiles & Canadian Tire money* to *MatreCare*.

Non-profit **MaterCare** International develops new initiatives in maternal health care, with special attention to the most neglected mothers in poor countries.

Two of the ways you can help MatreCare provide Canadian doctors to those areas desperately needing their service are (1) by depositing your Can. Tire Money into the box at the back of the Church and (2) by quoting this AirMiles number to merchants: **#8007 7296378**, or putting the number onto a label and sticking it to your AirMiles card.

To learn more go online: <http://matercare.org/>

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.