

NEWSETTE

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. UNIT



A.C.W. seeks:

to unite Australian women in their
allegiance to their Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ;

to provide opportunities for Christian
women of different denominations to
worship, study and serve together.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

As I watched the ladies enjoying their visit to the Botanical Gardens in June last, I realised that everyone loves a garden. When we read Genesis, we see that God intended us to live in a beautiful garden, and have communion with Him surrounded by His creation. When sin entered the world, this wonderful freedom of communion was lost.

In the New Testament, we read of another beautiful garden, perhaps not too far away geographically from the first one. After Jesus and His disciples had eaten the Passover meal, our Lord knew that He was shortly to be betrayed and went to this garden.

Here it was that Jesus loved to come and rest and also pray. Maybe He felt especially close to His Father in this garden. It was here that He was captured and taken for judgment.

2. President's Message (Cont.)

It was here that He was willing to give His life,
that we could again have that beautiful fellowship with
God that we had lost in the Garden of Eden.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Marjory Baker
President.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

May	27th	Salvation Army Celebration 88 - Women's Rally at Entertainment Centre - President.
May	30th	Mission Rally at St. David's Uniting Church, Lindfield - President
June	1st	National Council of Women Annual Luncheon - President
June	15th	Pan Pacific & S.E. Asia Morning Tea - President
June	23rd	C.T.A. Annual Service of Thanksgiving Chatswood Baptist Church - President
June	27th	World Day of Prayer General Meeting - President
July	4th	P.W.A. Annual Conference, Scots Church, President
July	15th	Fellowship Day - Parramatta - Mrs. June Graham - speaker.
July	29th	Fellowship Day - Katoomba - Mrs. June Graham - speaker.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT - MRS. MARJORY BAKER.

The Annual Service of Dedication for the N.S.W. Unit and the Installation of the new President, Mrs. Marjorie Baker of the Church of Christ, was held on Monday, 16th May, 1988 at the Church of Christ, Chatswood.

The retiring President, Mrs. June Graham, (who represents the Anglican Church) made the presentation of the President's Bible and the President's Badge to Marjory seeking God's blessing on her and all in attendance offered prayers of consecration.

Members of the Executive of the N.S.W. Unit took part in the Service and Mrs. Loraine Hensby was the guest soloist.

The theme of Marjory's address was 'Bind us Together, Lord' - that we might all be bound together in love - one God, one faith, one hope - a challenge to us all.

At the luncheon which followed the Service (150 ladies being present) presentations were made to the Retiring President, June Graham with sincere thanks for her loving and dedicated leadership over the past two years and to Mrs. Joyce Bragg (who has retired to the country) with thanks for her competent and willing auditing over many years. Mrs. Joan Curtin became a Life Member in recognition of her long years of loving commitment to Australian Church Women.

It was a wonderful day of thanksgiving, commitment and dedication.

Lucelle King,
Publicity Officer.

BI-CENTENNIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE
ST. STEPHENS UNITING CHURCH, MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 1988 at 11 a.m.

How are your banners progressing?

4. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

How fast this Bi-Centenary year is slipping away - so many things to do and so many things to see with so much to be thankful for. Still to come in November is the Bi-Centennial Golden Jubilee of A.C.W. in our State. God is challenging us in every avenue of our work as we enter the 3rd Century.

Our prayer and giving to the F.L.C. is one very important form of service, with links around the globe extending God's love and care into many needy nations.

Have you seen our F.L.C. audio visual or video? They will make an interesting meeting for you as well as refresh your minds on the workings of F.L.C. Of course you need to order in advance for they are both at opposite borders of our State just now.

I am still having difficulty getting the 1988 'grants and allocations' from the F.L.C. Fund but hope to solve the problem before our next mailing in October.

The Lord bless you in your service for Him.

Glad West.
Convener.

STAY CLOSE.

Stay close to the Master, stay close to your Lord,
He'll shield you from danger, have faith in His Word!
No evil shall harm you, whate'er comes your way.
His presence shall cheer you; stay close, day by day.

Stay close to the Master whatever you do,
His mercies He'll shower, His promise is true!
Lean hard in temptation, aware of His power,
There's warmth in His love - cling close, hour by hour.

Esther Devlin.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS.

5.

As you know, Mrs. Rashmira Maharjan of Nepal has been selected to be the 1988 Winifred Kiek Scholar.

Only 0.1 per cent of the population in Nepal is Christian. Nepalese law forbids conversion from the faith of one's birth. Nevertheless, concerned and converted Christians (like Rashmira, a former Hindu) share the Word of God and their testimonies with those who will listen.

We have been assured by workers in Nepal of the great value of this Scholarship as there is very little, if any, educational opportunities for a young woman to educate herself for her chosen career.

It is regrettable that Rashmira has had to travel to Delhi with her husband who requires eye surgery. This may delay her from undertaking the Scholarship until next year. Negotiations continue to enable Miss Stella Min to leave Burma to take up her studies.

Applications are in hand for our 1989 Scholar who will be from the Pacific Region and will come to Australia.

(The above information from Winifred Kiek Scholarship insert for Fellowship Day.)

Please continue to pray for Stella Min, Rashmira Maharjan and for our 'girls' who live in the troublesome areas of the world.

Yvonne Davis,
Convener.

"Australian Folklore in Verse" by Esther Devlin, is a recently published book in commemoration of the Australian Bi-Centennial year. Stories are based on fact, depicting our colourful heritage, particularly in the outback and the book is well illustrated. The author is a member of The Salvation Army at Chatswood and also writes booklets of Christian thoughts in verse. One of Esther's poems is on page 3.

6. NEWS & VIEWS.

Instead of holding our June meeting 'inside' as usual, 26 members spent a very pleasant day in the Botanical Gardens, Sydney. It was a good opportunity to get to know each other in an informal atmosphere and we were able to have our meeting in the Rotunda. All agreed it was indeed a happy day of fellowship!

Deaconess Mary Andrews is at present in England giving her support to the Movement for the Ordination of Women at present being debated at the Lambeth Conference. Perhaps you heard her speaking on the 'Insight' Programme on Radio National on Sunday night, 24th July? She is a remarkable lady and very positive in her views and her witness for our Lord.

We were pleased to learn that Mrs. Yvonne Davis our W.K.S. Convener is feeling much better. Yvonne has been told by her medical advisers that she must withdraw from some of her activities to safeguard her health. Please pray for Yvonne as she accepts this direction.

Mrs. Helen Richardson (who prints Newsette and is involved with the Board of Education, Uniting Church) together with two other ladies, represented N.S.W. at the National Consultation for Adult Fellowship Groups in Melbourne during May. It was attended by representatives from each Synod of the Uniting Church.

Many of our Unit members are involved with their Churches in the distribution of New Testaments with "Operation Good News '88" and finding it a most rewarding and exciting exercise in our Lord's service.

The Anglican Mothers' Union members purchased 5000 New Testaments 'Good News 88' and are giving a copy to each Anglican babe visited in the maternity wards of the hospitals in the Sydney Diocese. They are finding this a very joyful experience and have been well received.

SILENCE.

Silence is a gateway to God,
 It is the speech of the stars;
 It is the poetry of the planets;
 It is the opportunity of the inner heart.
 Music is for the glory of hearing
 And the swirl of the sea and the whisper of the leaves.
 But silence is for listening.

It is for listening to the thoughts of God,
 It is for the unfolding of the mind beyond the mind,
 It is for the discovering of more than knowledge,
 It is a time of waiting.
 It is a time of expectation.
 It is a time of awakening.

Core of my being
 Be still and learn
 What sounds cannot tell you.
 Listen to the silence!



Margaret Knauerhase

As you know, Mrs. Knauerhase is the daughter of Rev. Winifred Kiek and lives in Adelaide. She is to be our guest speaker at our Golden Jubilee Service on 18th November next and is looking forward to coming to Sydney very much and meeting members of the N.S.W. State Unit.

She is a very talented lady and writes Hymns for special occasions as well as plays and booklets.



- B. PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. A reminder to members who have become PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. that their \$1.00 for 1988 is now due. Please send your contribution to our State Unit Treasurer, Mrs. D. Lumb (address below).

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