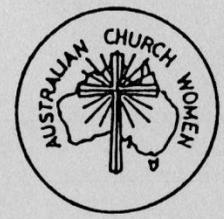


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May Christ live in your hearts and may
your lives, rooted in love, grow strong
in Him. *Ephesians 3:17*

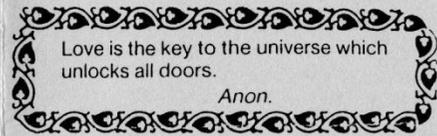


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW News

We seek: to unite Australian Women in their allegiance to their Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ; to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life & mission of the church.

February 1994



Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve fine, fullgrown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, and so spoil the flavor of the rest (some people omit this ingredient ty, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of hope, seven of fidelity, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole love ad libitum and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year will be a certainty.—H.M.S.

President's Message

Greetings all!

I trust that you have all been able to enjoy a Happy Christmas celebration and holiday season since last I wrote, and that you are ready to commence another year of activities in all areas of Christian commitment, and especially through the channels of opportunity that comes to us within Australian Church Women. The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us that

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"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun".

It seems that time for us in the business of today's world, that time is a very precious and often scarce commodity. Arnold Bannet once wrote "The supply of time is a daily miracle; you wake up in the mornings and lo, your purse is magnificently filled with 24 hours of the un-manufactured tissue of the Universe of life, - it is yours!... the most precious of your possessions.

As we commence this year, and we look at all the expectations and commitments ahead of us, and begin to feel a little anxious, it may be helpful for us to remember Arnold Bannet's words. Our loving God gives to us with every new day to which we waken, the hours of that day, in which we will have the opportunity to love Him moment by moment, acknowledge His presence with us, and allow his Holy Spirit to guide and direct our path in life. As members of ACW, we are all familiar with the work and witness of Winifred Kiek, and one of her favourite sayings was

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"If my hands slacked, I should rob God."

Yes, time is precious and God given, to be used to the full! Let us all be encouraged to be sure of our priorities in using the time we have been given, that every moment counts for Him. As we move ahead, make new plans, take up unfinished tasks, and meet new challenges, may our hands not slack in seeking to love and serve our God.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Eunice Reidy
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



ACWC News

1994 promises to be a very important year for ACWC with the 10th Assembly in Taiwan November 2nd - 6th. Three delegates, Lyn Green, Barbara Lacy and Lucelle King were elected at the National Conference last September. Lyn Green was elected as National Representative for Australia to ACWC from this Assembly through to the next Assembly in four years time.

Shirley Brooks will be attending as an observer. Joan Tong and myself will also be there as outgoing General Committee members. The theme is "Partnership through Christ in a Changing World".

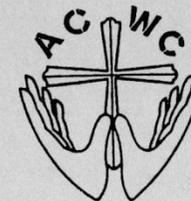
Naturally there is much to be done in preparation for approximately 120 women coming from more than 16 countries. Please pray for Shu-chen and the Committee in their preparations for the Assembly.

Eunice Kim, Executive Secretary will be retiring at the end of the year. Please pray for the members of the Executive Committee when they meet at the end of February to discuss applications and choose a new Executive Secretary. At present the President of ACWC is Chairman for the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin when this group comes together to discuss allocation of grants. Some delegates from other areas have asked why this is so and also why ACWC have greater representation on ICFLC than any other area. ACWC has the President and two members while there is one representative from each of the other regions, eg South America, the Caribbean, All-Africa, Middle-East, and others.

This and other issues relating to ICFLC will be discussed when ACWC Executive Committee meets with ICFLC Executive Secretary plus three ICFLC representatives in Hong Kong at the end of February.

Please pray that decisions made will be guided by God as they will affect the way FLC will be run in the future. As we move forward into 1994 I send greetings to all members of ACW and pray for new enthusiasm and vision in our ecumenical work.

Margaret Napier
ACWC REPRESENTATIVE



Winifred Keik Scholar 1994 - Miss Nighat Gulzar of Pakistan

Nighat Gulzar was nominated by the Women's Development and Service Programme, Raiwind Diocese, Church of Pakistan.

Nighat has a degree in commerce and works as an accountant in the women's office of the Raiwind Diocese.

Her responsibilities include preparing annual budgets; day to day accounting for the Women's office, and for Darrul-Massanet, a centre for mentally handicapped children. She also works with the Women's Fellowship of the Church of Pakistan.

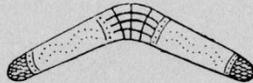
Her Ecumenical involvement includes women's concerns, Christian Conference of Asia; and the Ecumenical Leadership Workshop for Women in Asia.

Nighat's aim is to gain skills in office management.

She is 23 years of age and has a widowed mother and three brothers, two of whom are still studying.

ACT Unit News

ACT Unit has been saddened by the sudden death of three members - Mrs Nan Munro, Mrs Rose Douglas and Mrs Pat Taylor-Rogers. Pat Taylor-Rogers was an inaugural member of the Unit and was made a Life Member in 1985 and served faithfully until her death.



In honour of The Year of Indigenous People, Mrs Flo Grant, a member of the Aboriginal community in Canberra, was asked to speak at the November meeting. Flo is a Christian lay worker who believes that reconciliation will only come when Christian love and forgiveness becomes a reality. She maintains this, the most important aspect of reconciliation is being overlooked by all Australians.

Flo told of her Christian family who were fringe dwellers in Griffith, battling to have their children accepted at the public school and in the community. She spoke of hurts and ostracism and how she was taught to be proud of her heritage as an Aboriginal child.

She spoke of the proud heritage of her people, created in the image of God and at one with him in caring for the land which God gave them. As hunters and gatherers they knew the boundaries set by God.

They felt they were connected with the Spirit of God and dared not break His law.

Seeing some artefacts and paintings we were made aware of a deeply religious culture and given a new appreciation of our fellow Australians.

VIC Unit News

At the October meeting Mrs Margaret Wall, Immediate Past President read a letter of resignation from Mrs Jean Rose and the letter from Churches of Christ recommending that Mrs Helen Hall replace her as President. Margaret Wall presented Helen with the President's bible and offered a prayer of dedication. We are sorry Jean Rose resigned because of ill health and pray for her in these days and also pray for Helen Hall as the President of Vic Unit.

NSW Unit News

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OUR FIRST STATE CONFERENCE

Plans are well in hand for our first ever State Conference, on April 28 - 29th 1994 at the Anglican Healing Ministry Centre, Golden Grove, Newtown in Sydney, whose excellent facilities many of us enjoyed at the last Spiritual Enrichment Day.

Among other excellent speakers, we hope to have Dr Marlene Goldsmith MLA (Liberal) on topics relevant to the "Year of the Family". The programme will also include workshops and practical sessions on ACW matters, operation of branches, etc.

A POST-SCRIPT TO SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY ...

(An 'Unsolicited' Testimonial)

"Dear Edith I wish to congratulate you and all who combined their efforts to make the Spiritual Enrichment Day such a success. Thank you most sincerely for giving us the opportunity to come together and be nourished, encouraged and enriched by each speaker who gave us their time and such messages of conviction and dedication. It was a day we were all most thankful for having been part of. May you all be truly blessed for your generosity. With affection,

Lois Maze."

GLORY
GRACE
TRUTH

SA Unit News

At our Annual General Meeting on 12th November, Life Membership of the South Australian Unit of ACW was conferred on Mrs Margaret Knauerhase, who said that she did not think she deserved it, having only been a member for almost 20 years, whereas her mother, Winifred Kiek, served for 60 years before receiving hers!

We also took the opportunity to present Mrs Dorothy Wright, a former ACW National Treasurer and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee, with her National Life Membership badge.

Congratulations Margaret and Dorothy!

A cheque for \$2,250 was presented to Adolescent ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) Support Group. The money was raised through our Community Concern Outreach programme by thirteen morning teas held in suburban areas.

Pray for:-



World Day of Prayer Friday 4th March

This service has been prepared by Christian women living in the area of Palestine.

Those affected by the fires in New South Wales.

ACWC Committee and President Monika Manaana as they prepare for the ACWC Conference 1994 Theme - "Partnership through Christ in a changing world".



The Lord is good unto them that wait
for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

Lamentations 3:25

ACW WA UNIT

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