

a FLC story.

I know one group has some slides and a rather old audio - visual. The sooner we 'pool' our ideas together the more effective we can be. Thinking of excitement, I hope you are all happy recipients of Volume 12 of Circle of Prayer. The order from New York hasn't been filled completely - we will be receiving further copies. The cost of these books including postage is \$1-40

Please submit your payments to the National Treasurer, Mrs Alison Ison, 25 Woodward Avenue, Burnie, Tasmania. 7320

Juanita Miller - Nat. Convenor FLC

Our Sympathy

Miss Gladys Locke became the first President of ACW at its inauguration in 1966. She represented YWCA on the Committee which was called together to plan for greater communication between Christian Women's groups, and continued as a YWCA delegate to the State Unit until 1987. During this time she served another term as President and for a number of years during the seventies as Treasurer. From the early forties Miss Locke was involved in YWCA, as the State President, Chairperson of the Finance Committee and also many YWCA initiatives in the community. In 1966, a Life Member of the National Board, in 1973 a Life Member of the Perth YWCA and was honoured by the Queen in recognition of her service to YWCA Australia. The ACW Unit of WA was fortunate to have a member for so many years of the calibre and talents of Miss Locke. She will be remembered with love by those who knew her for her commitment to the Christian faith and her willingness to use her many skills and her time to support the aims of ACW. She was the first ACW Life Member of WA in July 1988. She passed away peacefully on the 29th May, 1990.



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.

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

AUGUST, 1992

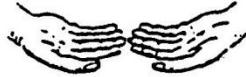
Wasn't it great to read news of Rashmira Maharjan on the back page of the July ACW News? It is always good to hear further news of our Winifred Kiek Scholars, especially ones who have not visited Australia.

Ana is on her way to be among you. The Invermay Uniting Church congregation in Launceston has given Ana a spiritual home while here, and they invited National, State and Local members of ACW and the staff of the Uniting Church Synod office to join them in farewelling Ana and giving her a birthday party. This was held on Sunday afternoon, the 5th of July. It was wet and cold but there were 80 or more people present. Ana's Tongan friends whom she had met in Launceston came also, and one woman sang with Ana in Tongan and English. There was much singing which was greatly appreciated by Ana, and some speeches. Ana left next morning on her travels.

Letters from some State Units have enquired about our long term intention for a Disaster Fund. This would be a matter for the National Conference. We have merely put it forward as the purpose for half the 1993 World Community Day collection which must be decided before the

next Conference. At present there is no money available for assisting those affected by disasters in our own or other countries when we would like to contribute to show we care.

God bless till next month,



Lorraine Davis - National President

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INSTALLATION OF NSW STATE UNIT PRESIDENT, ACW.

(Excerpts from report)

On Monday, 18 May 1992 over 300 women and men gathered at the Catholic Cathedral of St. Patrick, in Parramatta for the Annual Dedication of the NSW State Unit of ACW.

It was a very special day, for the Unit was also installing a new President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey. The congregation was welcomed by the Bishop of the Parramatta Diocese, Bishop Bede Heather.

A moving part of this service is always when the out-going President hands on the Presidential Bible, having first 'signed-off' and then when the new President receives from her predecessor the badge of office. Joan Tong did this with her customary touch of love and grace.

We felt truly blessed as we took part in the prayers, listened to the readings from God's Word and enjoyed the beautiful singing. Thank you to our new President, Phyl for such an inspiring morning. It was truly a Service of Thanks giving, Commitment and Dedication.

This is the largest gathering of ACW members in NSW in the year, so it was not surprising that many people took advantage of the lunch time in which to catch up with friends from many parts of Sydney. There were also women from areas out of the city and we were encouraged by the

presence of these country and 'near-country' people. We also took time to thank members of the Executive going out of office, in particular, President Joan Tong. Her two years have greatly Blessed ACW in NSW.

Edith Ridge - Secretary, NSW State Unit.
June 1992.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Ladies,

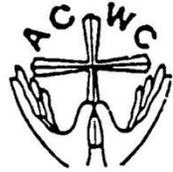
My time as President is now concluding, but it is only the beginning of my days of service in ACW. I came to you as a 'new recruit' and I leave you as a much more knowledgeable person of ACW: a person with many more friends than she had two years ago; a person whose vision of God has grown through your witness; and a person who wants only to thank God for His goodness and leading through these days.

As I now continue to share with you on the State Council, I commend to you our new President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey, may we all work together through yet another president's term, for the glory of God and the work of His kingdom.

ACW has the facility to draw together women of many denominations in love, fellowship and service. If possible, let each one of us decide to increase our time in our service to ACW so that we may grow and become an even greater force that unites not only women, but also our churches.

God bless you all,

Joan Tong - Former President



ACWC NEWS

Earlier this year Eunice Kim, Executive Secretary of ACWC, visited Cambodia and Vietnam. On her return she expressed concern about the plight of the people there and the need for material support and educational opportunities for the children.

Eunice has initiated support for the church people in Korea and she arranged for a consignment of clothes, shoes and toys to be shipped to Cambodia in June.

She is trying to raise money to help with medicines, and building of a hospital.

It is hoped that representatives from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos may be able to attend the Consultation in Kuala Lumpur, however, it is very difficult for them to obtain passports.

Eunice and Monika Mannan (President of ACWC) have just returned from a visit to China. Due to lack of funds Monika paid her own way.

They report that the China Christian Council has joined the WCC from 1991 and there is quite a lot of interest in ACWC and it is hoped that possibly next year China may be able to attend one of our meetings.

Joan Tong and I will no doubt hear a lot more about the trip and have many things to share with you when we return from the ACWC Consultation on "ECONOMIC INJUSTICE TO WOMEN" to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 6 to 13 October, 1992.

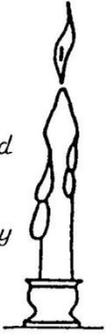
Sri Lanka is a country often in the news due to the political unrest there and the fighting

that erupts in various parts of the country at regular intervals.

GRACE ARTHUR and SITA PEREIRA are their representatives on the General Committee.

Their Prayer Requests Are:

1. Pray for the forty percent of children in Sri Lanka who are malnourished.
2. Pray for the war to cease in the north and east of Sri Lanka.
3. Pray for the leaders of our land that they may rule justly and wisely.



Margaret Napier - ACWC Representative

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ACW QUEENSLAND UNIT

We in Queensland have just had our morning tea, held on Wednesday, 29th of April, 1992 in the Uniting Church Hall, Creek St., Brisbane. As usual we had a good attendance but our numbers were not as many as last year because many ladies were unwell.

The Programme was presented by the Northside Baptist Ladies Choir, under the direction of Mrs Jeanette Schwenke.

The first half of the Programme: A Mini Trip Around the World. We visited France, "The Skaters Walz"; Italy, Tiri Tomba and England, the "Morris Dance". The Choristers took us to Ireland for the "Kerry Dance", and then to Scotland for the "Skye Boat Song". A Recitation was given by talented ladies called "Trials of a

Little boy in Church" who was trying to be patient during the sermon, by catching a fly.

The second half of the programme:
A narration from the "Psalms" proclaiming the Glory of the Lord with renditions from the Choir and a Trio singing "Heaven came Down and Glory filled my Soul"; "The Lord is for Ever - for Ever"; "I will ask My Father and He will give you Some-One"; and a Solo item "His Strength is Perfect".

We were offered some gems linked by the narrator "This is My Fathers World"; "Praises from the Heart"; "Lord we want to Know You"; and "The Seekers of Your Heart".

The Finale was "The Miracles of the Lord".

The hour long programme was most uplifting and our Mini Trip around the World was most rewarding in such beautiful songs of Praise.

Ailsa Skippen - Publicity Officer

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BPW - AUSTRALIA

Following our 27th Biennial Conference last weekend, I am honoured to be able to introduce myself to you as the new President of the Australian Federation of Business & Professional Women Inc.

As you are no doubt aware, AFBPW Inc has been heavily involved in the struggle to raise the status of Australian women for many years and during the next two-year term we will be continuing this work with no less fervour than our predecessors.



It is my belief that a much closer working relationship between all women's groups is imperative and I would welcome the opportunity to share and co-operate with you, particularly where we are making parallel effects to achieve our common goals.

One excellent way of staying in touch with each other, of course, is by exchange of newsletters and magazines. If you are not currently receiving a complimentary copy of our quarterly newsletter, Federation News, and would like to do so, please let me know.

I look forward to opportunities to meet and co-operate with you, and invite you to contact me if there is any way in which AFBPW Inc can work with your organisation.

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FLC NEWS



Shirin Samuel sends greetings to the many women she met in Australia last year.

These greetings were included in a recent letter from Shirin who lives in Hongkong. She also mentioned how much she appreciated our spreading and promoting the wonderful and truly blessed movement of the FLC.

Many convenors are new to the job, including myself. We would appreciate any ideas you might have on promotions. I would like some ideas on what could make a visit to a group more interesting than just