



ACW Launching Out

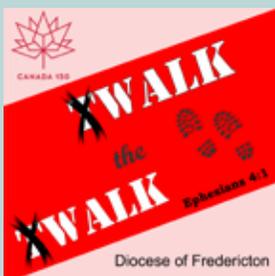
OUR PURPOSE

- *To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.*
- *To work for and sustain an informed interest in the mission of the Church.*



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YOUR VENUE FOR THE ACW ANNUAL MEETING

**St. Martin in the Woods
church & hall,
3394 Route 134,
Shediac Cape, N.B.**

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information and directions
to the annual meeting.**



**Rosemarie
Kingston retires
as president.
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Rosemarie Kingston finishes second term as president

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The May annual meeting of ACW will see a change in leadership. President Rosemarie Kingston has reached the end of her second term and will step down. Linda Fury is expected to be voted president.

Rosemarie is not a life-long Anglican, having joined in 2000 after she and her husband, Darryl, moved to the Saint John area.

Her home church is St. Luke's in Gondola Point. She became an ACW member in 2009 and joined the ACW executive five years ago.

Rosemarie points to her grandmother as a guiding light in her life.

"She was Anglican. She used to sit at the end of the kitchen table and read the scriptures while the food was cooking," she said. "I remember finding it so, so peaceful. I wanted what she had."

Rosemarie was a stay-at-home mom until her daughter started high school. With degrees in science and education,



Rosemarie Kingston

she became a supply teacher for the next 20 years, a job she enjoyed.

Along her Anglican journey, she found a place and a cause that has settled deep in her heart — Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, which is generously supported by many ACWs and parishes in the diocese.

She heard Canon Paul Jeffries speak while he was home on a visit, which led to her family sponsoring a child. Her first

trip to the college was in 2003.

"Several of us went over," she said. "I saw the work the Anglican Church was doing and I knew this was where I wanted to be and what I wanted to do."

She has had five trips to the college. Her husband, Darryl, an industrial electrician, has made the journey three times. He's always put to work when he visits.

"When he goes over, he wires," she said, adding he's wired the church and the dormitories, and will quite likely wire the library now being built.

In her role as president, she travelled across the country to Saskatoon, Newfoundland & Labrador, Ontario and Vancouver.

Despite retirement, Rosemarie's connection to the ACW remains strong. Last year, she was chosen as the national vice-president. She is also the deanery president and parish president.

What will she miss as she steps down?

"The people. I'm really going to miss the ladies. They're a very supportive group.

"And I'm going to miss Diocesan Council," she said. "It's helped me understand the workings of the diocese."

She has nothing but praise for Bishop David Edwards, whom she said has treated her with such kindness, especially when she was new to Diocesan Council.

"I've enjoyed him so much," she said. "He has answered every question.

"I really respect what the church has had to do in the last few years," she said. "The churches closing, the combining of parishes. Through it all, I feel the bishop's really listened. I think we all recognize the mission."

Rosemarie will continue to attend the Farraline Place summer garden party each August, one of her favourite events, but the one thing she will not miss is the paperwork required of the president.

Happy retirement, Rosemarie!



In September 2018, the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine will begin the third year of its still-new Companions Program.

It's a free opportunity for women aged 21 and up to spend a year living alongside the Sisters — building community, learning from a healthy traditional community, and developing spiritual disciplines that they can take out into their future lives. More information: cj@ssjd.ca or the website: ssjd.ca/companions.html
PLEASE SHARE!

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Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting
 • **May 1-2** • **Shediac Deanery** •
Pre-register now to reduce line-ups

The deadline is April 17. The registration fee is \$5, plus \$20 to attend the banquet.
 Please complete the attached form and forward your prepayment to:
 Janet Metzler, 12 Craig Crt., Riverview, NB E1B 4M4
PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "SHEDIAC DEANERY"

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-Mail: _____

CHURCH/LOCATION: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes below and enclose a cheque for the total amount made payable to **Shediac Deanery**.

Registration fee \$ 5 Banquet ticket \$ 20

Food allergies / diet issues? _____

_____ Caterers must be aware of these issues by April 17.

Check this box if you plan to **stay for the second day**. This will help us in planning coffee break and lunch arrangements on that day.

Check this box if you wish to order the new **Constitutions booklet**. The price is \$2.50 each.

Please return this form with your cheque made out to **Shediac Deanery** by April 17. Mail it to:
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MEETING LOCATION:
St. Martin in the Woods church & hall,
3394 Route 134, Shediac Cape, N.B.

Annual meeting takes place in Shediac Cape May 1-2

The Diocesan AGM 2018 will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1-2 at St. Martin in the Woods church and hall, in Shediac Cape, N.B.

There is lots of parking available with wheelchair spaces at the church hall. Other parking is available at the church parking lot next door to the hall. As well, there is parking across the road.

The church has an elevator and washrooms.

The Catholic Book Store will be set up downstairs in the church, and will be available during breaks and lunch time.

The banquet meal will be Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute entertainment time following dinner.

There will be pre-registration process. The deadline is April 17. The registration fee is \$5, plus \$20 to attend the banquet.

Please complete the form on page 2 and forward your prepayment to: Janet Metzler, 12 Craig Crt., Riverview, NB E1B 4M4.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following list includes only a few of the possibilities for accommodations in Shediac, and in the Moncton Airport area.

All are rated as 4 or 4.5 star and are reputable hotels, motels or inns. Prices vary. Some will give a reduce rate if six or more book rooms. Naturally we share expenses when agreeable to those involved. Make reservations as early as possible.

- Seely's Motel, 21 Bellevue Heights, Shediac, 506-532-6193
- Auberge Gabriele, 296 Main St., Shediac, 506-532-8007
- Tait House & Restaurant, 293 Main St. Shediac, 506-532-4233
- Wild Rose Inn, 17 Baseline Road, Moncton, 506-383-9751
- Quality Inn Airport, 370 Boulevard Dieppe, Dieppe, 506-858-8880
- Holiday Inn Express, 425 Adelard Savoie Blvd., Moncton, 506-388-5050

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "SHEDIAC DEANERY"

Getting from Moncton to Shediac Cape

DIRECTIONS TO ST. MARTIN IN THE WOODS

If you are using GPS or Google, the church address is 3394 Rte. 134, Shediac Cape, NB E4P 3J2. Church office: 506-532- 6960.

MAP 1: From the Trans-Canada Highway at Moncton, take exit 467 for Route 15 east to Shediac.

MAP 2: At Shediac, keep left at the fork to take Route 11 north for 2.2 kilometres, then take Exit 2A. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Route 134. After 700 metres, turn left at the stop sign. St. Martin in the Woods is about 300 metres from the stop sign, on the right. It takes 15-20 minutes to get from the TCH at Moncton to the church. Allow a bit of extra time for traffic and construction.



On The Journey # 12, with Eva Morton

I'm a history buff, and in the last few years I've discovered the relatively new genre of fictional biography. It's when a novelist tells a story in which the main characters are people who actually lived. It's fiction, but the characters were real people.

It's just the thing for someone like me, who is forever imagining what the back story is.

For instance, I know that St. Paul was a Pharisee, and a student of Gamaliel. I like to imagine the two of them having conversations about Jesus of Nazareth and arguing about whether or not he was the messiah.

I wonder if Mary and Martha were young and never married, or middle-aged widows. Fictional biography is just my cup of tea.

I recently finished *Circling the Sun*, a novel about Beryl Markham, whose memoir, *West With the Night*, I had enjoyed reading a number of years ago. She was a remarkable woman who grew up in Kenya in the early 20th century, when it was still the British East Afri-



ca Protectorate.

Remember the movie, *Out of Africa*? That's where she was — close friends with Denys Finch Hatton, Bror and Karen Blixen — sipping gin cocktails together on the verandah of the Muthaiga Club in Nairobi in the 1920s.

Ernest Hemingway was one of her admirers, and in fact was responsible for her memoir getting published.

In 1936 she was the first female pilot to fly solo from Europe to North America. I had loved reading her story and was delighted to discover this novel.

After finishing the book, I found myself thinking how

tempting it was to admire her independence and heroics; her need to make her own rules and break with social convention.

I admired her, and at the same time recognized my admiration as a form of temptation. After all, that was the original sin, wasn't it?

Self-sufficiency is applauded by the world, but it's a trap. We delude ourselves into thinking we don't need God, that we don't need saving.

There's a fine line between being strong and capable, and being rebellious. It can be hard to navigate those waters sometimes.

I've learned over the years — and am still learning! — how easy it is to slip out from under the shelter of God's care and get myself into trouble. As soon as I think I have something all worked out, that's when I'm in danger.

I was brought up to fend for myself, to not have to rely on anyone else in order to make my way in the world.

In fact, that's how I raised my own children. I wonder if sometimes I overemphasized independence and should have encouraged them to be less self-reliant and more reliant on

God.

There's an over-emphasis in our culture on not being a burden, which can actually be a form of selfishness.

Refusing to admit when we need help, not allowing our friends and family to participate in our struggles is a way of denying them an opportunity to fulfill their own calling to love and serve others.

We admire strength, but remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek," along with "Blessed are the poor in spirit" and "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

All of these things require humility, an honest evaluation of our shortcomings. Allowing others to share our burdens is not weakness, but part of our mandate as brothers and sisters in Christ.

It's just as important to accept help as it is to offer it.

So, even though I love reading stories about brave and remarkable people, I always have to remind myself that sometimes the strongest people are those who can face the truth about themselves and recognize that only God is perfect.

*Blessings,
Eva*

The Diocesan ACW Constitution & By-Laws are now posted to the Diocese of Fredericton web site on the Anglican Church Women page.

anglican.nb.ca/news/acw/acw_constitution_bylaws_2017.pdf

Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour

Please notify Diane Todd and your Deanery representative with names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance. If you would like to put a member on the Roll of Honour, please contact Diane at 506-832-2470; email: chuckdianetodd@gmail.com or 47 Vernon Ave., Hampton, NB E5N 5N1



Please allow sufficient time for Roll of Honour certificates.

ACWs - Please consider a donation to help fund these worthwhile youth events:

Diocesan Choir School - July 8-15

Rev. Chris Hayes

< revchrishayes@gmail.com >

St. Michael's Youth Conference

Aug. 20-25

Rev. Kevin Stockall

< kevin.stockall@bellaliant.net >

Diocesan children and teens will benefit from your support.

THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

I can hardly believe this is the last letter as Diocesan ACW president I will be writing for Launching Out.

I have so many good memories and I have had many a laugh over the last four years. Wherever I travelled, I have always felt so welcome.

I am extremely grateful to all the people I have worked with over the two terms of office that I served as president.

I would like to thank our past president, Glenna Geer, for chairing the last ACW executive meeting. As you all know,

I was and still am recuperating from back surgery so I was not able to be in attendance.

Both our vice president and second vice president were away so I asked Glenna to fill in at the February meeting.

The February meeting is our budget meeting and often takes more time for discussion and

explanations. I have heard the meeting went very well.

I am recuperating very well. I have been told it will take up to six months for healing. I still am using the walker to assist me. I feel within the next week or two I will be able to walk with only the cane.

My biggest problem is I have very little patience and want things done yesterday, not tomorrow. I am not allowed to bend, twist or lift, sweep, vacuum or scrub floors. So my family have been doing the cleaning for me and I have had to learn that my way is not the only way to do things.

I am very grateful to my home parish ACW (St. Lukes, Gondola Point) for all the wonderful meals the ladies made for my grandson, husband and me over the first two weeks of my recuperation at home. My husband does very

little cooking so I was not looking forward to his meals of tomato soup, grilled cheese and creamed corn.

I would also like to thank all of you for the wonderful cards, emails and notes full of much love and encouragement.

My last thank you goes out to the Moncton/Shediac Deanery. I was able to meet with them for the first planning meeting in the fall but the ladies have held the final planning meeting on their own this past week.

The deanery president, Judy Cairns, has kept in contact with me over the past few weeks, so I am sure we will be having another wonderful Annual Meeting.

Looking forward to rekindling past friendships and making new friendships.

*Blessings and Serenity,
Rosemarie Kingston*

News from St. Mary's ACW, Parish of Hillsborough/ Riverside Albert

Our ACW, small but devoted, continues to hold monthly meetings, beginning with a lunch followed by our meeting.

At the annual meeting in January, the elected officers remained unchanged. We were able to support six local causes with financial support, continue to send cards to members and beyond, and help out where needed.

March's meeting provided us with an opportunity for a Bring & Buy sale with proceeds going to the bowling fundraiser this April to support food programs in the province. We were pleased to raise \$200.

We are looking forward to the Annual Diocesan meeting in May and we plan to hold a book sale this coming June. Bishop Edwards will be officiating our Psalm Sunday service and we are all looking forward to seeing him again.

We as a group enjoy our fellowship with each other, have a lot of laughs and of course lots of good food. We hope to be able to continue our group for many years to come.

*Respectfully submitted,
Veronica Locke
President, St. Mary's ACW*



EVA SMITH PHOTO

Perfect February weather was enjoyed on Shrove Tuesday and, while the numbers were down, profit to date is \$850. This event is organized by St. Michael's ACW, a busy and efficient group. Preparation for this meal is largely unseen as many members help prior to the event by baking brown bread, and making beans and delectable cakes. The Holy Joes were very visible at the kitchen sink; and church members worked in the kitchen, served and cleaned up. Paul Kaye is our pancake chef extraordinaire. Many, many compliments were received on the meal, but the best part was the hum of conversation and laughter heard in the hall throughout the meal. Church suppers truly are occasions of hospitality to our communities.

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