



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Sisters in Christ,

I am sending greetings to all as we get ready to wind down our ACW activities for the summer months – but not until AFTER our 2nd ANNUAL SUMMER OPEN HOUSE AND BBQ! I do hope that you will try to stop by ACW PLACE this coming Saturday, June 18, between 11 and 2 and enjoy a hot dog and show off 'what we do' to your family and friends – there will be activities for the kids and grandkids too! This is also a good opportunity to take in the last few bags of donations for the Bales that you have on hand.

Speaking of Bale donations, your Social Action team is requesting that, due to the impending visit of the National Presidents at the end of October, there be NO donations dropped off at ACW Place during the month of October! The Board will be serving Lunch to the delegates from across Canada, following which we will be showing them how to pack their donations into a layette. Accordingly, we will need to have as much working space as possible available. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated – as will your generous donations be welcome once again in November. I hope you all enjoyed reading the recent coverage of our activities in the Anglican Journal – I think it was quite a good article!

While there will be a short hiatus in the activities at ACW PLACE during the days leading up to the National Conference, there will be no shortage of opportunities for volunteers! I know you have all been busy coming up with some wonderful favours for our delegates' welcome bags – thank you most sincerely! I am sure that our Conference Coordinator, Sheila Puls will be letting you know when and where she is going to need additional assistance as the days get closer to the big event – be it for drivers, tour guides, bakers or a multitude of other talents/activities. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

I thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, it was a wonderful day of worship (with Bishop Melissa) and fellowship too as our Archivist, Melanie Delva provided a lively and interesting presentation to help us understand what Archives really involve! Thanks also for the very thought provoking comments from the Venerable Dr. Lynne McNaughton about some of the challenging topics to be debated at this year's General Synod.

Your National Executive Team is continuing to work on the plans for the first ever NATIONAL GATHERING OF ANGLICAN WOMEN to be held in Ancaster, Ontario (next to Hamilton) on June 15-18, 2017. We do hope that many of you are starting to save towards this very special event! Specific details and registration information will be available later in the year – but we want to get the information about the dates out to you so that, if necessary, people can book vacation times and start filling their 'piggy banks' to ensure they will be able to attend. Remember to share the word with all of the ladies in your community – it is for ALL Anglican Women!! The general Theme is "The Love of Jesus Calls us to Learning, Worship and Service" and I do hope we will have a good contingent from this area.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE CALENDARS

Due to change of suppliers and no confirmed price at present, we ask that you complete the order form attached and we will contact you if the price changes.

It is anticipated that shipment to us this year will not happen until September.

We apologize for this confusion which is beyond our control.

President's Message continued

As I write, there is another exciting project underway. Your Diocesan Board has engaged professional assistance to carry out a series of Focus Groups throughout the lower mainland with a view to gathering information on what interest there is amongst Anglican Women (between the ages of 20 and 60) in women's groups – and ACW in particular – and what we might do to encourage them to join us in our sisterhood of learning, worship and service. We look forward to hearing the results and hopefully implementing some of their suggestions in the Fall. In the meantime, if you have any particular suggestions that you would like to share – please do not hesitate to submit them to us by email acw@vancouver.anglican.ca or by 'snail mail' at Unit B - 7012 Merritt Avenue, Burnaby, V5J 4R6.

As we approach the summer months, I wish each of you happy and healthy times with your family and friends and safe travels wherever your path may take you. I hope you will take time to "smell the roses" and "soak in some sunshine" so that you may come back refreshed and inspired in September as we gather again for a busy and exciting year ahead.

Blessings on our journey,
Margaret
Margaret Warwick, President

NATIONAL ACW PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE SPRINGBROOKE RETREAT CENTRE, OCTOBER 26 - 29

HELP!

Plans are progressing well for the National ACW Presidents' Conference in October. I am now sending out an appeal - drivers will be needed:

1. To bring our guests from Vancouver Airport to the Springbrooke Retreat Centre in Langley, Wednesday October 26th.
2. To bring guests from Abbotsford Airport to the Springbrooke Retreat Centre in Langley, Wednesday October 26th.
3. To drive guests from Springbrooke Retreat Centre to St George's Church, Fort Langley

on Thursday evening October 27th at 6.30 pm and return them to Springbrooke after the reception.

4. On standby on Friday October 28th in case any of the ladies do not wish to go on the bus tour.
5. To return guests to Abbotsford Airport / Vancouver International Airport on Saturday morning October 29th

Please let me know if & when you are available for which service! Thank you.

Sheila Puls, Co-ordinator
sheila@puls.ca
604-856-7534

SOCIAL ACTION

PLEASE do not send any clothing donations to ACW Place during the month of October. The Board will be hosting the National Presidents' Conference for lunch in our headquarters and we would like it to be tidy!

We will be open for donations again in September.

Meanwhile, always needed are:

Blankets of all sizes,
Games, and small toys
Men's clothes any type, in large or extra-large
Baby sleepers: especially boys:
 sizes 6-12, 9-12, and 18-24 months
Girls & boys 2 piece outfits
 all sizes under size 2
Girls dresses all sizes under size 2
Knitted baby booties:
 blue, pink, white, yellow, and green
Hooded baby towels, burp pads,
 blue /and or green
Knitted 40x40 square blankets,
Vaseline, (baby oil, baby lotion, shampoo) all in
small sizes, baby soap, bath wash, rattles, teething
rings, brushes, combs.
NO BABY POWDER PLEASE!

Beth Fortin
Social Action Co-ordinator

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BRANCHES AROUND THE DIOCESE

This is a new section, which will be information gleaned from the reports sent in to the Diocesan ACW monthly meetings via the Area Representatives, is to give an idea of what other branches are doing. We hope you enjoy reading about others!

In no particular order!

St Mary's Kerrisdale held a successful Rummage Sale which raised a total of \$16,000 - WOW! At their May meeting they welcomed their new Assistant Rector, the Rev. Christine Rowe. Christine was born in Oxford, England - wanted to become a priest when she was young, but at that time it was "men only", so she decided to become a teacher. She taught in Pakistan in a girls' school for several years before returning to England. She returned to England, was ordained Deacon in 1987 and when the law was changed in 1994 she was ordained Priest. In 2000 she moved to Vancouver with her husband, Stephen, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany.

St Thomas ACW provided a goodly supply of new baby items to ACW Place. Their parish raised over \$5,500 to be used to educate nursing students, in their last year, to be midwives in Tanga, Tanzania. They planned a memorial for Jarj Montgomery, a longtime member of St John the Divine, Burnaby. They made plans to assist in the outreach programme "Tea under the Tree" where tables are set up outside in the churchyard. Catherine Bicknell was thanked for her 32 years of service as Secretary of their ACW.

St Michael's divided their layette donations between the Bales to the North and the Surrey Food Bank "Tiny Bundles" programme. They performed a skit "The Bag Lady" at their Potluck Dinner talent Night in May which was a great hit, and was to be repeated at the Ecumenical Fun Night with the United Church. Their ACW have been asked to take charge of the Parish Garage Sale in July.

St John the Apostle, Port Moody sent their Layette items in to ACW Place. Their Spring Tea in May raised approx. \$1,600. They catered refreshments for an evening of Jazz, held at the church, which raised funds for the Diocesan Refugee Unit. They hosted the annual Meals on Wheels volunteer appreciation lunch and also a Memorial tea for a long serving parishioner, Marion Balden. Their Senior's Tea, May 9th, enjoyed Glen Pine Singers as the entertainment. To celebrate the 90th birthday of one of their past presidents, Doreen Brown, they all went to the Boathouse for lunch. The speaker at their May meeting was Brenda Lou-Hing who had recently returned from a mission trip to St Anne's Orphanage in Georgetown, Guiana. They will be holding a High Tea fundraiser on Wednesday August 17th. (Call Ann, 604-936-7256 for details)

St Helen's, Surrey hosted a guest speaker, Patti McGregor, for an interesting and amusing talk on "Clutter Buster", they supported the Altar Guild as the Parish hosts its annual Strawberry Tea and invited Beth Fortin, Social Action convenor at ACW Place, to speak at their annual summer luncheon.

Christ Church, Hope enjoyed their summer luncheon at the Hope Drive-in Restaurant on June 2nd with Margaret Warwick and Gail Cadotte representing the Board. Margaret Strocel and two other Abbotsford members also attended. A reminder about the celebration of the 155 years weekend (see back page)

All Saints, Mission wound up the year with their Strawberry Tea on June 4th, with Margaret Warwick and Gail Cadotte in attendance.

St George's Maple Ridge held a Family Fun Day June 11th with family activities, items for sale and refreshments

St Catherine's, Port Coquitlam, have made another batch of Grace's Savory Meat Pies - selling well and an excellent fundraiser. Pat Ratcliffe will be ordained as their Vocational Deacon on June 18th, so some of their members will attend the ordination first and then go on to the ACW Place open house, as that is the same day.

St Matthews, Abbotsford had three members attend the Christ Church, Hope luncheon. ACW members recently participated in "Raise the Bell" garage sale. Proceeds are to refurbish and restore the 103 year old church bell. The Easter egg. "Chick" knitted coverings were a huge success, funds go to Outreach They will be delivering clothing and layette items to ACW Place at the Open House. All Saints Church, Mission members joined them for their May brunch and meeting

May is the busiest month for **St George's, Fort Langley**. They serve pie and ice cream at the parish Spring Fayre, they host the May Queen Breakfast for the Fort Langley May Queen, her court and all the local dignitaries, they attend a "Dragon Ladies" dinner with guest speaker Una-Ann, a first nations artist, and they organized their annual Redwoods Dinner and Silent Auction, one of their major fundraising events. In addition they manage to fit in a memorial tea. They are looking forward to a summer break following a wind-up barbecue dinner with their spouses at Lesley Goodbrand's home.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Melanie Delva makes a presentation to the ACW AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held in the Trendall Lounge in the new Synod Offices at St John's Shaughnessy on Saturday April 23rd. Keynote speaker was Archivist Melanie Delva, who gave an informative and humorous presentation about the need for archives and what should (and should not) be submitted. Photos with names and dates and occasion, annual reports, bulletins for special occasions are all needed. However, although the menu of a special celebration is interesting, the wishbone from the turkey involved is not archivable!

With the increase in our investment, the decision was made that we were in a position to expand our outreach. The following commitments were made for this year:

Yukon School Food Program.....	\$5,000
Feeding hungry First Nations children at School in Whitehorse	
Covenant House.....	\$1,000
For homeless youth	
Camp Artaban.	\$1,000
Anglican camp on Gambier Island	
St. Jude's Home.....	\$1,000
Anglican complex care home	
Diocesan Refugee Fund.....	\$1,000
Helping the resettlement of refugees	
Care & Share.	\$1,000
Diocesan outreach project	
Mission to Seafarers.....	\$1,000
Caring for seafarers around the world	
Coming Home Society/Urban Native Youth. . . .	\$1,000
"Wisdom of Elders" program to support at-risk young women and men 12-24 connecting them with Aboriginal Elders	

Funds Previously committed

VGH Chaplaincy.....	\$8,000
The balance of our commitment	
APCI member to School for Parish Development	\$1,000
2 nd year of a 3 year commitment	
APCI ACW President to National Conference. .	\$1,200
Keeping ACW interior branches in touch with the rest of the country	
Archival Cabinets for Synod offices.	\$25,000
Commitment made last year but not completed	
Annual Bishop's Discretionary Fund.....	\$5,000

President Margaret Warwick announced that the Board had instituted a Diocesan Certificate of Appreciation, to distinguish it from the Certificate of Recognition which is given by the Branch. Five Certificates of Appreciation were to be presented this year:

Ann Adair-Austin in thanksgiving for her service as Area Rep and Member at Large to the Board.

Susan Cummings in thanksgiving for her service as Area Rep and Member at Large to the Board.

Krista Fry in thanksgiving for her service to the Social Outreach warehouse of the Board.

Kay Huddleston in thanksgiving for her many years of service, trimming and sorting the Campbells Soup Labels.

Joy Toovey in thanksgiving for her many years of service, trimming and sorting the Campbells Soup Labels.

The certificates were not available at the meeting but were presented to Ann, Susan and Krista at the June Board meeting, and arrangements were made to present Kay and Joys to them.

The lunchtime speaker was The Venerable Dr. Lynn McNaughton who spoke about the proposed changes to Canon at the upcoming General Synod.



Krista, Ann and Susan receive their Certificate



Christ

**Church National Historic Site
Hope, BC**

Saturday August 13th 2016

**FLOWER FESTIVAL
*Tea from 1 pm - 3 pm***

***celebrating
155 years of service.***

**EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC
*Sunday August 14th 2016
7 pm***



CAMP ARTABAN

Camp Artaban is back in action! Over the past 3 years, the Board has worked tirelessly to rebuild, restore and relaunch Christian camping at Camp Artaban as well as an appealing rental facility.

We are excited that this great camp is moving forward with its mission:

Camp Artaban's purpose is to challenge children, youth, and adults, spiritually, mentally and physically in a camping context; so that they may be brought into a closer relationship with God and each other in a loving community.

A lot has been happening behind the scenes to get Camp ready for 2016. Thanks to a very generous donation a number of upgrades were completed in

2015. The most obvious improvement was the upgrade of the water system giving the camp consistently clean water. Artaban's floats, which are connected to the government wharf, were also repaired. Much needed repairs were made to the kitchen stove and dishwasher, as well as the kitchen stove fire protection system, various gas lines and water heaters. This Spring the roof of the Recreation Hall and the main generator have been replaced. Both the indoor and outdoor climbing walls have been repaired and upgraded with a roof added over the outdoor wall to better protect it from the elements. Work continues to finish the renovations in Somerville House, Wilma Mitchell Hospital and to complete the second stage of the Dining Hall roof replacement.

We are pleased to announce that this summer, we have three camps running, all of which still have space to welcome more campers:

- Junior Co-ed – 4 to 10 July
- Senior Co-ed – 10 to 17 July
- Family Camp – 17 to 22 July

We also have Campership funds available to those who are unable to pay the full fee for camp and would benefit from some financial assistance. Please contact the office at 604-980-0391 for more information.

We continue to be blessed by the many donors who support Camp Artaban financially. Thank you to the Diocese of New Westminster ACW and all the Parish ACWs who have kept faith with our vision and donated this year. Without your generosity, we would not be able to run as we do. If you would like to support Camp Artaban financially you can do so through the office or securely through our website www.campartaban.com/donate/. We also have a wishlist of items which are much needed at camp.

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

New weed-eater
New chainsaw
New ride-on lawnmower
New regular lawnmower

KITCHEN

New or gently-used freezer x 2
New industrial oven-mitts
New tea towels
Commercial mixer (contact us for details)
Multi-burner coffee unit (contact us for details)

OTHER APPLIANCES

New or gently-used (high-efficiency) washer and dryer
Shop-vacs

WATERFRONT

New or gently used canoes
New or used ocean kayaks
Life-jackets
Adirondack chairs



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN, DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER
ACW Place
Unit B - 7012 Merritt Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5B 5A1

2016 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Please make cheque payable to **ACW Diocese of New Westminster**
[If using a personal cheque, please identify your parish on the cheque]

Name of Parish: _____

President/Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Calendars ordered _____ @ \$5.00 each

Cheque Enclosed # _____

Amount \$ _____

Deadline for orders: August 1st

CLIP & RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

Number of calendars ordered: _____

Cheque sent # _____ Amount _____ (\$5.00 per calendar)

Please phone ACW Place 604-876-3720 for pickup of your calendars mid September

We appreciate your support of ACW Place