



# Sisters in the League

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## ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY OCTOBER 20, 2014

At the October 20th meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Council of the Catholic Women's League, five members were honoured who have achieved **50 years of service and 10 years of service respectively** to the League.

Organization co-chairs Camille Goski and Jean Woodard read a prayer and then introduced the members receiving their ten year award and pin. They are: **Angeline Claude, Sophie Gall, Christine Masniuk, Theresa Paslawski (absent) and Helen Valley**. President Sandra Marcotte presented each woman with their pin and award.

Then the recipients of the 50 year award and pin were named. They are: **Lydia Monasterski and Jean Wagner (absent)**. President Sandra Marcotte then presented Lydia with her award and pin.

At this time the Certificate of Merit was presented to **Josie & Ron Klein** for their invaluable assistance at McKenna Hall when the CWL council holds meetings, the Christmas Party, Brunch and Bake Sale or any other events. Thank you both!

**50 Years: Lydia Monasterski** receiving certificate and pin from President Sandra Marcotte.

In background—Camille Goski (Organization Co-Chair)  
Missing: Jean Wagner



**50 year pin - Lydia Monasterski, Jean Wagner**



**10 year pin**

Angeline Claude, Sophie Gall, Christine Masniuk, Theresa Paslawski, Helen Valley

## Special Points of Interest:

- Insert of Raffle Tickets
- Insert of Updated 2014 Membership list



**FOUND:** at the church a Maple Leaf pin (like one pictured above). Can be claimed at the parish office.



L—R  
Sophie  
Gall and  
President  
Sandra  
Marcotte

←  
Chris  
Masniuk  
→



←  
Helen  
Valley  
→  
Angeline  
Claude



**Certificate of Merit—Josie & Ron Klein**



**Certificate of Merit recipients— Josie & Ron Klein presented by President Sandra Marcotte**



Shown here CWL members Robin Goski and Barbara Goski (sitting) attended from Ottawa and joined Camille Goski. (Niece and sister-in-law of Camille). They visit yearly and enjoy attending meetings and events.

## FATHER SUSAI SPEAKS IN WEYBURN AT SEPTEMBER CWL MEETING

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish were visited by 3 people from Sandy Bay, SK on the weekend of September 13-15. Father Susai Jesu OMI, Veronica Merasty and Florence Bear from Sandy Bay, SK made the 11 hour, 900 km trip to Weyburn at the invitation of St. Vincent de Paul CWL members and Father Gerry Bauche.

Father Susai is an Oblate priest who has been serving the parishes of Sandy Bay and Pelican Narrows for more than six years. His churches are Our Lady of Seven Sorrows in Sandy Bay and St. Gertrude Church in Pelican Narrows.

Through a joint partnership with the church in Sandy Bay our parish in Weyburn has given monetary donations (\$25,300 so far) and many bags of winter clothing, blankets, bibles, holy articles and garden produce. The money received has helped pay for renovations to the church including a roof, windows and repairs to the foundation.

Father Susai spoke at each of the 3 masses over the weekend and also gave a presentation on Monday evening at the CWL General Meeting at McKenna Hall. He showed a YouTube video called Great Need, Great Hope which the Catholic Missions of Canada recorded. The documentary outlined all he is doing as a missionary priest. Father Susai faces many challenges working with First Nations people. His first job was to learn Cree. Harriett Merasty, a 92 year old elder taught him the language. He was then able to conduct mass and speak to the parishioners in their own language. He also took Grief and Trauma Training to give him tools to deal with the many situations that occur.

One of the women from Sandy Bay spoke of the many issues the people of Sandy Bay face. She was in an abusive relationship for 18 years until she realized she had to leave her husband to protect their children. She still loved her husband but needed the children to be in a secure environment.

Sandy Bay is located on the Big River Reserve and there are very few jobs. Alcohol and drug use, lack of food, domestic violence and children not attending school are everyday problems. Sometimes people get evicted from their homes if the rent is one day late. There are some houses where 4 families are living together under one roof, up to as many as 22 people. The children miss school as they need to stay home and care for younger siblings as the parents are not able to due to overuse of alcohol or drugs. When the children do go to school they are hungry quite often as there is no food at home. Groceries come to Sandy Bay once a week and are usually all gone from the store after the first day.

The elders worry that the young people are not involved in the life of the church. Father Susai has been working very hard to see that the children get lunch every day at school. He had a program in place that provided a nutritious lunch for the children last year. They haven't started this year as no grant is available.



## NEW MEMBERS INITIATED



**L-R: Jean Woodard & Fran Messer (Organization Committee) New members: Genara Pinon, Jennifer Sukanob, Wendy Sidloski, Renilda Garing, Teresa Field, Monica McCutcheon, Colleen Herman, Brenda Saboe, Janet Schiller. Missing: Elaine Nielsen, Barbara & Robin Goski.**

At the May 26th CWL Mass, our council welcomed nine new members into the League. After Fr. Gerry blessed their League pins the pins were presented to the new members followed by the lighting of the candles to represent the promises of baptism. Organization co-chairs, Jean Woodard & Fran Messer, along with President, Sandra Marcotte invited the new members and the other members present to join in the reciting of the "League Promise". **Welcome to our new members Genara Pinon, Jennifer Sukanob, Wendy Sidloski, Renilda Garing, Teresa Field, Monica McCutcheon, Colleen Herman, Brenda Saboe, Janet Schiller, Elaine Nielsen, Barbara and Robin Goski!!**

## JUNE 16th MEETING, POTLUCK AND VIDEO SLIDESHOW

The June 16th meeting began with mass, followed by a potluck supper and then a video slideshow presented by CWL member Donna Winter of her recent trip to Israel.



## FATHER SUSAI VISITS ...CONT'D

Father Susai was very pleased with the generous donations that the people of the Weyburn parish have sent him. Many bibles and rosaries have been gathered and sent to Sandy Bay over the year 2013 -2014. These items have been gratefully received by the parish in Sandy Bay. Father Susai invited the parish to come visit him and his parishioners. **Below: Father Susai with truck full of donations for Sandy Bay. L-R Veronica Merasty, Florence Bear, Sandra Marcotte, CWL President and Father Susai.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 8—Catch the Fire Workshop:** Weyburn Regional workshop and meeting—St. Mary's Catholic Church—Tribune. Registration at 8:30 AM.

**November 17—General meeting** with memorial to honour deceased members following Mass at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome!

**Nov. 22—Rummage Sale & Tea Room** McKenna Hall Drop off items Nov. 20th & Nov. 21st at the Hall.

**December 1—Advent/Christmas Party.** Group 3 (from Reeve to Zyla) will be responsible for this event.



If you are in this group, please help with planning the entertainment, and if you are able, help with selling

tickets and other activities. It will be a catered meal. Tickets are \$15.00, due Nov 27th.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

**McKENNA AUDITORIUM (LOWER)**

**COCKTAILS @ 5:30 SUPPER @ 6:30 P.M.**

**PROGRAM @ 7:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE CASH OR GIFT CARDS TO BE GIVEN TO ENVISION FOR SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN DISTRESS DUE TO VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.**

**January 19, 2015—7:00 pm Annual General Meeting**, followed by a Wine & Cheese Social. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship, and review the work of our Council over the past year.

**February 16, 2015** - General Meeting 7 p.m. Lower McKenna (No Mass).

**March 16, 2015—General Meeting 7:00 PM**

Dates and times for the final meetings of the year, and for the Brunch & Bake Sale will be posted in the Spring Edition of the newsletter.

## IN MEMORIAM

We honour the memory of those members who have been called to the Lord this past year. A Service of Remembrance to be held at the November 17th meeting honours the following:

*Mildred Rubin*

*Lil Hearn*

*Helen Kot*

*Regina Wawro*

## Fabulous Fall-Winter Raffle

We are enclosing a book of 10 tickets for our members to sell as soon as possible. The draw will be made at our Christmas party on December 1st, 2014. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or a book of 10 for \$15.00.

Once you have sold or purchased your tickets, please enclose the tickets and money in an envelope, marked "CWL Raffle" and put in the collection plate at church or you may bring them to the Christmas Party.

**More tickets are available from Delois Sunde @ 842-4967 or Jean Woodard @ 842-3714.** Proceeds of the Raffle go to funding the many charitable projects our council supports.

### Thank you for the following Prizes:

\$200.00 gift certificate – Prairie Sky Co-op

\$100.00 gift certificate – Maurer's Meats

Gift basket – Peavey Mart

Gift basket – Pharmasave

Outdoor Skating Snowman Decoration - RCWC

Afghan – crocheted by and in memory of Florence Dalgliesh

**WE HAVE SEEN  
THE LORD!**

## CWL On The Co-op Deck—June 12



Left picture: Vic Messer, Marilyn Schuck, Fran Messer, Judy VanBetuw, Janet Schiller

Right Picture: Camille Goski



**Souper Friday Crew for PLURA—April 4** L—R Heather Fellner, Adele Nimegeers, Jean Woodard, Fran Messer



**Diocesan Convention in Assiniboia—May 5** L-R: Marilyn Schuck, Pat Wolensky, Marlene Decker, Jeanne Procknow



**CWL Sunday Brunch and Bake Sale Apr 27**



CWL is on the Web

www.cwl.ca

Email: stvincentcwl@sasktel.net

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Let Lynne Garner know at 842-5213 of any sick members or their immediate family, as we send out cards and have masses offered for the sick and deceased.
- Elections will be held for the new executive for 2015 for two year terms. Contact Marilyn Schuck with nominations.
- St. Vincent de Paul CWL council began on Oct. 28, 1926. We will celebrate our 90th Anniversary in 2016!

## MEMBERSHIPS DUE!



**Memberships:** The membership of our council stands at 152. **Memberships dues (\$30.00) will be collected at meetings and events.** National headquarters requests that we have our memberships sent in by the end of January. Consider giving a marvellous gift of a CWL membership to your daughter, granddaughter, sister or mother.

**Join 100,000 women doing fulfilling deeds while having fun!!** Please enclose a cheque or cash for **\$30.00** (clearly marked CWL Dues) in an envelope and put it in the collection plate, or give it to Organization Convenors Fran Mes-ser, Camille Goski or Jean Woodard.

## ROSARY DONATIONS!!!

Yvette Dumaine and Eveline Porte have been collecting donated rosaries for the Northern Missions and to date have received 802! A shipment of 473 recently came to us from Willow Bunch where the rosaries were made. When a sufficient quantity has been gathered they are packaged up and mailed off to our partner church at Sandy Bay—Our Lady of Seven Sorrows. The parishioners there are most grateful and appreciative!



To: YOU

From: GOD

Reference: LIFE

Date: TODAY

Subject: YOURSELF

This is God. Today I will be handling All of your problems for you. I do Not need your help. So, have a nice day.

I love you.

P.S. And, remember...

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do NOT attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!

Now, you have a nice day.

God



Thank you!

Eveline Porte &  
Yvette Dumaine



## CWL RUMMAGE SALE AND TEA ROOM NOVEMBER 22, 2014 9 am—4 pm @ UPPER MCKENNA HALL



Once again it is time to clean out your closets and basement and donate gently used items for the CWL Rummage Sale coming soon. Items we seek are: clothing, toys, books, small household items and décor.

**NO: T.V's, electronics or large furniture please.** Items can be dropped off Thursday, Nov. 20th 1—8 pm and Friday, Nov. 21st 9-6:30 pm at the hall. Contact Sandra Marcotte for more information @ 842-2180.

There will also be a tea room serving pie and coffee/tea.

This fundraiser helps support our many worthwhile charities!

