

### Meet the new Executive:

At the January meeting a new Executive was presented for the next two years. It is as follows:

- President: Camille Goski
- Past President: Sandra Marcotte
- President Elect: Fran Messer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Pat Wolensky
- Recording Secretary: Velma Hoffman
- Corresponding Secretary: Jean Woodard
- Treasurer: Doreen Guillemain
- Spiritual Development: Pat Wolensky
- Organization: Fran Messer
- Christian Family Life: Tristen Crooks
- Community Life: Wendy Sidloski
- Education & Health: Judy VanBetuw, Cynthia Gecosala
- Communications: Wendy Pitre
- Resolutions & Legislation: Theresa Istace
- Sub-committees: Archives: Marilyn Schuck, Heather Fellner
- Lunch Convenors: Delois Sunde, Rose Loos



Back row L-R Theresa Istace, Doreen Guillemain, Judy VanBetuw, Velma Hoffman, Jean Woodard, Wendy Pitre, Pat Wolensky  
Front Row L-R Sandra Marcotte, Camille Goski, Fran Messer  
Missing: Tristen Crooks, Wendy Sidloski, Cynthia Gecosala, Marilyn Schuck, Heather Fellner, Delois Sunde, Rose Loos

### Past President Message

I want to thank all the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Council of the Catholic Women's League for the privilege of being president for this past year. Leadership can be daunting, worrisome and stressful but with the incredible women who compose our council, and, in particular, the blessing of an executive beyond compare, my time of leadership was a treasure which I will remember always.

My prayers of thanksgiving go to Fr. Gerry, as spiritual advisor, and to Marilyn Schuck, whose experience as president was invaluable. Thank you to Camille Goski who has taken on the mantle as president and will be an excellent leader.

This year, we saw the "email news-line" ([stvincentcwl@sasktel.net](mailto:stvincentcwl@sasktel.net)) which Wendy Pitre has implemented, thus giving more members updates on the actions of the council. We had the outreach to Sandy Bay, initiated by Claire Kuhn. We continued our support of Envision and those families in crisis. We supported our schools through scholarships, uniforms being purchased, healthy snack programs. We held successful fundraisers – Brunch & Bake Sale, Rummage Sale & Tea Room, Christmas Raffle, work with bingos and the fair booth – which have funded our support of local, provincial, national and international charities and outreaches. Meanwhile, our members have been instrumental in the daily functioning of our parish and parish hall, and in the spiritual life of our parish community. As we prepare for CWL Sunday, we don't have to look far to find how important our members are. In a quiet and matter of fact manner, CWL members continue to add to the fabric of our lives as Catholics. The one thing we cannot be is complacent!

We must be the evangelists of the Gospel. Regardless of our age, our physical abilities, or our time constraints to be involved, as women of faith, we have great power to make Jesus known to our families and to the world around us. Remember that Jesus revealed Himself to Mary Magdalene after His Resurrection. How much more influential can we be if we come together as committed women of faith, as members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada?

The cycle of a council can be content with what works; it can be revolutionary and innovative; it can be active or it can be contemplative in its works. Regardless, a CWL council must be Christ-like in our focus and actions. Our CWL sisters are extensions of our family, our parish, our

**One Heart** – filled with mercy, compassion and holiness

**One Voice** – united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal

**One Mission** – witnessing the Good News of the gospel through personal encounter and joyful service



community, and we must reach out to them in the good and bad times of our lives. For me this was dramatically evident.

As the anniversary of my house fire comes upon me, I praise God for the loving actions of my CWL family. Your financial, physical, emotional and spiritual help and prayers on my behalf will forever be a part of my life. I can only say “thank you” to my executive seventy times seven times during this year, for in you “I have seen the Lord”!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Marcotte

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Executive- May 11 – 7 pm – Slezak Room

General – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Meeting @ 7 pm **NO MASS**

Executive – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – Slezak Room

General – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception of new members

Potluck Supper- 6 pm

Watch the bulletin for Mass time for June meeting.



### **CWL on the Co-op Deck – Thursday, June 11 –**

We will once again be serving up burgers and hot dogs through the lunch hour and early afternoon. We thank the Weyburn Co-op for their generosity. Money raised will go toward our various causes. Volunteers are needed. Please help where you are able.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$**

The membership of our council stands at 150. We have 2 new members so far this year! **Membership dues (\$30.00) will be collected at meetings and events.** The gift of a CWL membership would be a wonderful present for a special woman you know.



### **CWL SUNDAY is APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**



Come join other women in an organization that nurtures and celebrates our Catholic faith. Under the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Catholic women across Canada are called to holiness through service to God and people everywhere in our parish, our community and our country.

The CWL sisters will proudly wear their sashes at each of the masses that weekend. A table with information will be set up at the back of the church and new memberships can be purchased at that time.

### **St. Joseph’s Parish, Moose Jaw Hosts the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regina Diocesan Convention April 26-27**

The event will take place at St. Joseph’s Parish at 1064 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N.W. Moose Jaw. The day begins with registration and refreshments at Columbus Hall from 2 - 4 pm followed by mass at 4:30 pm. at the church. A time of fellowship in the church hall will follow from 6:00 –7:00 pm with the banquet beginning at 7 pm. At 8 pm guest speakers Sister ReAnne Letourneau and Gail Pelletier will speak on the topic of “Building Relationships/Partnerships with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples.”

Registration is open again Monday morning at 7:30 am and morning devotion will begin at 8:15 am. This will be led by Father Ed Hengen and Annabelle Hartman. Christine Boyczuk is guest speaker for the morning on the theme of “Mental Health Care in SK”. The business session will begin at 10:50. Lunch will be served at 11:45 am and the business session will continue from 1 – 3:30 pm with closing mass being celebrated at 3:30 pm.



### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> Brunch/ Bake Sale/ Raffle**



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the brunch and assist with the bake sale. The brunch will be served following the 9 am and 10:45 am masses. As well, contributions of homemade cookies, cakes, pies, breads and muffins would be greatly appreciated. Money raised from this event allows us to donate to our many charities.

Free will offering will be taken for the brunch. The baking is reasonably priced, and there are raffle prizes to be won! Come enjoy a wonderful brunch with great fellowship and bring a friend!

### **95<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention – Vancouver - August 16-19, 2015**

#### ***“Come and unlock the possibilities”***

Of fun, faith and fulfilment as women from all across Canada gather to grow in faith and learn what the CWL is all about. Opening mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Parish while the closing mass takes place at Holy Rosary Cathedral. There are pre and post-convention tours planned for various locations. Registration deadline for the convention is July 15. For complete details go to [www.vancouvercwl.ca](http://www.vancouvercwl.ca)

**Service of Remembrance – Nov. 17, 2014**

As part of our November General Meeting we held a short program of remembrance for deceased CWL sisters from last year. Jean Janoski and Claire Kuhn spoke briefly about each member and then presented roses to the family members in attendance that evening. Fellowship and lunch followed.

Claire Kuhn & Jean Janoski



Pictures L-R: Mildred Rubin, Helen Slezak, Lil Hearn, Helen Kot, Regina Wawro, Florence Dalglish



**Rummage Sale & Tea Room**



Raffle ticket sellers: Delois Sunde, Alice Schneider

Wendy Sidloski, Pat Wolensky, Judy VanBetuw and Jeannette Thompson performed a skit highlighting CWL activities.

The CWL Rummage Sale and Tea Room held Saturday, November 22, 2014 was an extremely successful fundraiser. There was a wonderful assortment of household goods, toys, books and clothes to choose from. The pie sale was a big hit with many delicious homemade pies to enjoy.



Cashiers Sandra and Theresa making a sale!



Pat Wolensky read the story of Jesus' birth and Wendy Sidloski added figurines to the Nativity scene while the members sang Christmas carols accompanied by Beatrice Sidloski on the piano.



**CWL Christmas Social – Dec. 1, 2014**



Seventy-eight CWL members gathered for their Christmas Social at Lower McKenna Hall on December 1, 2014. The evening began with punch reception and visiting prior to eating a wonderful turkey supper prepared by Josie Klein and her devoted volunteers.

Group Three was in charge of entertainment with Marilyn Schuck as M.C. for the evening.

Marilyn presented Edna Franks from Envision with donations gathered from CWL members. Edna briefly talked about the work Envision does in our community. She was extremely grateful for the generosity of the members.



Prior to the social raffle tickets were available for purchase and prize draws were completed that evening. As well there were other gift draws throughout the evening. Secret Angels were handed out by Anne Ziegler.

## Souper Friday

The St Vincent de Paul CWL was host for Souper Friday on February 27, 2015 at the United Church. Camille Goski and Velma Hoffman presented the program followed by a lunch of soup and buns prepared by CWL volunteers.



To the dedicated volunteers for preparing and serving the lunch for Souper Friday!

**DID YOU KNOW??** Used stamps are being collected and sent to Development & Peace. The stamps are sold and money raised goes to fund development projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The collection box is located at the back of the church on top of the Religious Articles display cupboard.

## World Day of Prayer – March 6, 2015



Beatrice Sidloski on piano and Pat Wolensky and Velma Hoffman presented program at Tatagwa View.



## Installation of New Executive 2015-2017 March 16, 2015



Pat Wolensky, Spiritual Chairperson led the ceremony of instillation of the New Executive for 2015-2017.

Following the ceremony the guest speakers were Jacob Douglas and Rachel Henessey from the INFUSE Net Team.