



Proverbs 31: 22~26 (KJV) is often mentioned as the "The Proverbs Woman," going at great length to describe a virtuous woman.... "the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." But aren't we, as the Church, the Bride of Christ? He trusts us..to do His work in this Kingdom here on earth...challenges we en**JOY** each and every day! So allow me to step out of a literal translation here.... where ²²*She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.* ²³ *and* ²⁴*She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and* ²⁵*Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.* ²⁶*She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.* The selection lists doing good, not evil; working willingly; being fair and economical of her time and talents and to others, girding her loins with strength, reaching out to the poor and needy. Our beloved organization focuses on coming together and welcoming people into His kingdom by the very acts mentioned in this proverb. Wonderfully woven, women of purple, knit together, into One Common Goal.....*by One Source, a loving God.*

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Greetings!!! I have this ritual when our **LEAGUER** comes online! I print the whole issue, get a fresh cup of coffee, sit down and read it "cover to cover." {This **Winter 2018**, Carole Pletz, was outstanding, content, layout, the whole thing, Congratulations! } Imagine then! What struck me in Carmen's front page article, **Braided River, One Source**, because I had been focusing for a couple days on my thoughts with the key words in my scripture reference, to where I spoke in my Leaders Retreat Letter, mailed the same day, & spoke to "**knitting our relationships** with all members of the Board" and "**create a fine tapestry of strong women**"the Proverbs 31 Women!

Aside from a serendipitous coincidence of themes and a Vision, I love it that very soon nearly sixty women from our Oregon District will convene in Roseburg to conduct the two day, semi-annual Exec Board/ Board of Directors agenda, and get acquainted with many new faces and familiar ones wearing new roles! Purple robes of purpose.... We have plans of an early evening break out to include our Zone Presidents and their guests at a four-hour Leaders' Workshop.

The common goal AND SOURCE OF OUR BRAIDED PATHWAYS..... clearly becomes evident, as we recognize the talents we each bring to the table, the infinite variety and years of experience we conjoin off some steep cliffs in our past, and the ultimate beauty we sustain and exhibit as we come together, dazzling in the diamond dust and those gone before us.....and lifted up on the banks of living waters, cleansed in Christ and committing to a Clean Slate in 2018.

We intend to Reignite~Revitalize~Renew~Engage~Equip~ but most of all Encourage and Enjoy the Sisterhood attending, **such that its' contagion ideas will carry home to each of you and your Society for**

A fabulous February get-together Event... "A Gathering of Hearts"

Do be planning now, a unique "Heart-Felt Social Event"

that will draw many women, weary of Winter, to an evening of a hands-on? sharing? pass-it-on? or give-it-away?? get-acquainted Gathering!!!