



LEADER DEVELOPMENT ~ MAY 2015 ~ from Pat Reck ☺

FROM YOUR LEADER DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2015 !!! SENDING YOU SPRING ROSES.....

*your **MAY** "HUG IN A MUG"and it's a goofy (what happened to Winter?) SPRING, isn't it?*

*BUT I was ready for spring and what this full summer brings. **And** my PORTALS fell open this 5:30 a.m. to the May 24 reading, **John 3:1-17**, likely to calm my heart & soul this new day to "The Gift of Wind." This whole selection to include **the John 3:16** golden niblet, almost took my breath away as I read it, the chapter on witnessing, and of our regeneration and faith! As usual, pre-dawn, I really needed this to remind me, as Christ did to Nicodemus, to be born of the Spirit by baptism and have everlasting life is so springtime nourishing and uplifting, whew..... This time last year, my **HUG** was stirring up excitement for our Portland 2014 Convention, "Joy from the Well!" **And now**, here we are, with a large Oregon contingency of women off and running in less than a month to the 2015 Ntl. Iowa Convention to "Bountiful: SOW*NOURISH*and REAP* I am privileged to attend as a L.A.M.P. representative, and will enjoy the company of Pres. Carolyn's Delegates & Alternates. We need to pray for their safe travel, and the ideas and enthusiasm they will return with, to share and project the future of our 73-year-old arm of the LCMS. In that same vein, I hope your Spring Zone rallies went well, as you gathered to share the coming together at your event,*

always such a joy to see women from so many congregations under one roof. Junipers' Tea Party in La Pine, I must say, with V.P. Janet Schultz' visit and report on our 48.9% goal met on Mission Goals and Mites, was quite the formal, delightful "high tea" and goodies event. All that was missing was white gloves and a few more hats! I hope you fertilized the PING seeds, prepared for summer, ignited new women, nourished your leadership with hugs and thank you cards, and got going on some summer fun? Where has the year gone? What does spring and new leadership at your Zone level bring? What summer events have you planned; I pray you bring your Societies together regularly, get through the summer separation gaps, with those picnics & high lake retreats, and keep our eyes on our terrific September 25-27 DISTRICT RETREAT to gather once more. We will be networking there, looking around for strong candidates to fill positions opening up at the 2016 Eugene Convention, leadership. We need to always be "listening to the gift of wind," and praying for our beloved sisters.

Yours in Christ, in our ongoing & exciting Walk with our gracious, forgiving, and oh - so - loving Lord,

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*(P.S. If you don't get another **hug** from me now until Fall, I am off and running (making up for my motor vehicle accident just 8 days after Convention last year... and slowing me down this past 11 months, thank you God for healings) to Des Moines, followed by the American Council of Blind Students Convention in Dallas, followed in August by our ODLWML Team of six strong women driving 2,400 miles to British Columbia, where we will be missionaries once more and minister VBS to the children of Kitkatla Village, an offshore island ferry-ride , and wonderful privilege to SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.)*