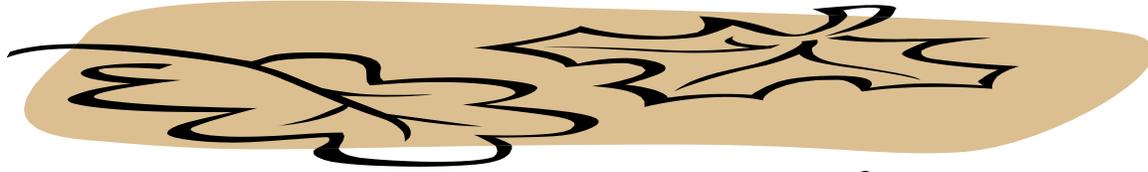


FROM HUMAN RESOURCES ~~ YOUR LEADER DEVELOPMENT CHAIR



NOVEMBER ~ 2015 "HUG IN A MUG" ☺

MOVING THRU THE ALPHABET..the letter V!! *PUTTING MORE VVVvroom in The Room!!*

Hi all, greetings as Fall is now upon us, and the Zone Rallies put behind us! In my last "HUG," I challenged us all to put ZEST { Z.E.S.T. Zone Events (that are) Simply Terrific! } in our program, and now we enter the dark, chilly, rainy, wintry, "who wants to come out anyhow?" months. How to add Vvvvroom to our rooms, daytime or evening get-togethers, and command and captivate our audience is the brief topic here.....sip on.

I have heard back from a few gals, and their rallies were indeed built around guest speakers, Oregon women sharing their adventures in the mission fields! The Zone President' questionnaire from Servant Resources at Macleay resonated that same fact: that speakers draw women out, and we are all wanting to know of the fascinating fields where our precious District mites have been so well-spent.

SO, are we doing that? Each month, our outstanding, updated website heralds the new "Project" goals being met. Each one is laudable and bears our rejoicing! The graph Debbie Faragalli puts up is a triumph for God. I truly believe, as we attend to our Project Boards, we must find a way to let the givers of each penny, nickel, dime and Mite boxes come to Society to be "dedicated" know of our progress toward the Biennial Goal, March~2016.

This biennium, more than ever before, we kept a greater portion of our project selections "at home" on the west coast, within Synod, respectively, and often the project Submitters would be available to speak and share. Six come to mind as I peruse our www.orlwml.org site. Of prime example, Shirley Schwartz can speak personally to our first funding, "Isaiah's Promise," a program of consolation and grief share to parents of fragile birth children. Southern Zone recently rejoiced as the LPFM Radio Station Project hit the air out of Faith Lutheran, Rogue River. Ascension Lutheran, Portland, has wonderful tales to tell of their "Bridge to Jesus" summer soccer camp. Someone could speak to the Bethesda Community Camp Counselor Program, "Be A Friend." Perhaps Tom & Cathy Benzler would honor an invitation to share their Olympic Peninsula "Native Outreach Program" living among the Makah Tribe.

In fact, early this month, our amazing Terry Putnam & Pastor Bohren headed a jam-packed, nine days to the Dominican Republic, along with my dear mission friend, Sondra Latt of Stayton. They will have countless stories and slides to share of their work there. Pictures, slide shows, power point presentations, poster boards....we need to focus this winter on ways to visually and audibly sharing the Promise with our women who faithfully support our hefty Biennium budget of \$67, 500! Deb's thermometer tells us today we are at 65.8% of Goal...that is \$44, 415 collected for funding; \$23, 085 to go in five calendar months...or: \$4, 617 per month.

If we put ZEST into our Society meetings,** lock in ZEAL, we can fashion program events, "**project-based**, "to create interest in our Mites giving, if **ONLY** to share how far the widows' Mites have gone and keep on going. ** PLEASE: Give thought to combining with any and all women of your congregation and surrounding Zone churches.....have a **winter wonder weekend Saturday**, with all ages and scopes of church servants to come and see what we do so well. **INVITE YOUR GOLDEN DAYTIME GALZ, YOUR YOUNG WOMEN & TEENS, ALTAR GUILD, CHURCH & CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS.....and sell it as a premier event and opportunity to "shake hands with a real, live Missionary!"** Our Grant recipients are our Resources; they are accountable & available.

THIS IS MY CHALLENGE TO YOU...and I can't wait to hear back of unique successes. { Just think, if every woman brought a small plate of her favorite open face sandwiches or hors d'oeuvres, or small veggie tray, all you have to do is add the tea, hot & cold! } KISS, keep it short and simple, two delightful, get-acquainted hours....in the dark of winter..... women simply have to get out and away. ☺

Yours in Christ, "**Your statues are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart...set on keeping your decrees to the very end.**" Psalm 119, v. 111-112 , I say it loud & clear, our "heritage" **is the LWML.**

Respectfully & prayerfully submitted,

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