



Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Algoma Newsletter

Summer 2017



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l-r seated front: Janet Pike, Donna Komyhr, Barbie Garvin and Jacquie Howell

missing: Judy Pratt and Beverly van der Jagt

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Diocese of Algoma

From the Bishop

Ordinary Time 2017

Dear friends in Christ,

"You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." (2 Cor. 3: 2-3)

It was a joy to see so many of you at the opening Eucharist of this year's ACW Annual Meeting in North Bay. I was disappointed not to be able to stay for the duration of the gathering but from all reports it was a very uplifting and Spirit-filled time. A huge amount of work goes into making these meetings the success they are and I want to thank everyone for all the energy and time that went into making this year's so special. Congratulations to Barbie Garvin on her new role as Diocesan President, and to the Rev'd Edna Murdy as Diocesan Chaplain. When I saw Edna last week she spoke of her excitement for being Chaplain and is looking forward to visiting ACW groups across Algoma.

Nowadays we have two mailboxes to check – one here in the Sault, and one in Sudbury. I'm always disappointed though, as usually there are only bills, catalogues, magazines, and at certain times of the year, cards from friends. To go to the mailbox and find a handwritten letter from a friend is so rare an occurrence that when it happens one's heart is set a dancing.

When we first arrived in Canada letters from 'home' were what kept us going. We could hardly wait for Tuesdays when we found those familiar air letter cards in the mailbox. As we adjusted to life away from family, my mother's letters detailing

everything from her mundane daily chores to parties and special occasions were wonderful reminders that we were still part of the family, just further away for now. As phone calls became less expensive mom found it easier to call us to stay connected, but Colin's folks continued writing their weekly letters until they were no longer able to write.

Just as a letter, a phone call, or even an electronic message from the right person can be a great consolation of the day, so we can personally deliver good news from God on whatever doorstep we might arrive. We are, each one of us, living letters, consolation in the flesh, good news in person.

Wherever we go as Christians, we bring Christ with us. We bring Christ to our neighbour who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer, when we offer to accompany her to her doctor's appointment. We bring Christ to our grandchildren when we listen patiently to their many complaints about how unfair life is, without sermonizing back at them. We bring Christ to our workplace when we do not allow gossip about others to dominate lunchtime conversations. We bring Christ to our churches when support, encourage and lift one at all times, rather than criticize or bring them down. In the coming days reflect on whose arrival has brought a 'living letter' of good news to you? To whom do you carry the good news in your heart?

Now, choose a day in which you will pledge to bring nothing but good news to those around you. Be a messenger of good news to your family, your co-workers, your neighbours and even strangers you meet along the way. Bring a living letter from Christ

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From the President . . .

Dear Sisters.

Well, we are home from the Annual. I had such a glorious time. It is so good to get together with all of you, old friends and new, and share in the love, joy and laughter of such a gathering. Thank you to the ladies from Temiskaming for your wonderful hospitality. We love you all.

I am so privileged and humbled to be asked to serve as your president for the next two years. I have been an Anglican Church woman for many years but haven't really thought about a leadership role. We all do our part at home and maybe in the Deanery, but don't consider ourselves capable of being on the Diocesan Executive. I have found out that I don't have to be someone so wonderfully capable. What I need to do is to make myself available for God to work His purpose through me. He will carry me and give me the strength, courage and knowledge that I will need. Please pray for me and the whole executive. Thank you.

Have a beautiful summer, come rain or shine.

Barbie



Our wonderful music sessions submitted by Violet Roberts



From the Vice-President . . .

Greetings

My name is Darla McMeeken, from All Saints' Church, Huntsville. Thank you all for your welcome to serve the Anglican Church Women of Algoma Diocese as Vice President.

I grew up in the church through Sunday School, Confirmation, acting as a youth assistant, and, after moving north, to attendance, and marriage at Christ Church, Roches Point. Other affiliations included Girl Guides of Canada, (experiencing a World Camp), the Order of Rainbow for Girls, and awarded the Grand Cross of Colour.

During our marriage, we had a number of years being not convenient to Anglican services, and our children attended Sunday School at the Missionary Church. With a group of moms, we started Guiding units in Mount Albert where the majority of special services for the community groups were hosted by the United Church. Later, I worked for a food services company as manager of their unit at the Salvation Army National Conference Centre. Older now, my children could find part-time, and summer faith-based employment, and church with their peers during high school years. (Sunrise services by the lake were really special)

During the past two decades, first caring for my mom, and carrying on in Guiding (53 years), I have had more accessibility to my home church and moved to Muskoka. Here I can give my time to serve as Eucharist Assistant, co-ordinate Altar Guild teams, order vestry needs and participate in PAC, ACW, Fellowship, and Youth projects. I have served two three-year terms as Social Action and Family Life Chairs and am prepared, with God's assistance, to endeavour to give my best efforts to fulfill the executive opportunities offered by The Grace of our Lord to serve the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Algoma.

Darla

Introducing the New Secretary

What s delight and privilege to be back on the Algoma Diocesan Board - this time as Secretary - after an earlier 5 year stint as Devotions Chair. This all took place at the Annual Meeting held in North Bay this spring hosted by the Temiskaming Deanery at St. Brice's Church and the Best Western where nearly 100 ladies joined to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the A.C.W.

England was the place of my birth and at age 10 came to Canada with my family in 1948. We lived in London, Ontario for 9 years where I was confirmed at St. George's Church; went to Beal Tech where I learned to type and later worked at the London Free Press.

We moved to North Bay in 1957 where I attended The Church of St. John the Divine and worked at The Nugget Newspaper. 1959 saw us all moving to Regina, Sask. with Dad who was working for Glidden Paint. There met up with a great group of Senior AYPAs at the Cathedral for 2 years then back to North Bay and St. Johns to marry the love of my life Peter. As we lived just around the corner from St. Brice's attended there for 43 years in all.

We raised 2 children - our son in Ottawa and daughter in Belleville with their families and whom I shall be seeing shortly on my circle holiday tour while Peter holds the fort with our aging and last cat - Buttons.

After the children were well established in school I went back to school to Nipissing University as a mature student at age 36 and spent a wonderful 6 years learning the Classics, Can. Lit. with a minor in Psych. Learning of Paul's visit to Athens tweaked my interest immensely.

After graduation in 1980 worked as curator of the North Bay Area Museum until 1994 and then after retiring began my spiritual pilgrimage in earnest taking 5 correspondence courses at Thorneloe and Bible Studies when and wherever offered and Spiritual Direction.

As I look out the window "spring is busting out all over", the sun is shining, the birds are singing, the flowers are in bud and that little chipmunk is insisting on digging up a geranium again. My life is full and rich and what could be better I get to read Acts 2: 1-21 in Church tomorrow.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.....

Thanks be to God.

Pam Handley

Financial Report for 2017

Charitable Gifts from our 50th Annual Anglican Women of Algoma Conference

Thank offering

Pimattiswn Living Water \$ 2,468.82

Open Service Collection \$ 653.05

Camp Temiskaming

Because I am a Girl

Margaret Wright Table \$ 1,727.20

includes \$ 457.00 from silent auction

One Kids Place

Life Members

Hospice North Bay \$ 75.00

Dr. Roedde PWRDF

MNCH \$ 710.00

Includes Book sale (560.00
& Honourium (150.00)

It was passed in our budget to increase our charitable gifts over 2017. With this directive, the Board has agreed to increasing these donations by approximately 10% to round out the cheques. The following cheques have been written.

Pimattiswn \$ 2,700.00

Open collection \$ 700.00

Camp Temiskaming 350.00

Because I am a Girl 350.00

Margaret White Table

One Kid Place \$ 1,850.00

Life Members

Hospice North Bay \$ 100.00

Dr. Roedde PWRDF \$ 800.00

Thank you to all who gave, bought and especially to all who worked very hard to make our Mission to be successful.

Jacquie Howell
Diocesan Treasurer

Greetings from the ex Chaplain

As I write this, we are at the ACW Annual Diocesan meeting, where our theme has been

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” -Ecclesiastes 3:1

I am ending my ‘season’ as your chaplain, and it has been a wonderful four years surrounded by the love and care of my ACW sisters. I have been inspired by your faith, invigorated by your determination, and amazed at your creativity. I know these virtues have – and will – serve you well in every season of your ministry. I am thrilled that you are entering a new season of chaplaincy with the Rev. Canon Edna Murdy. Born and raised in the arms of the ACW, she brings many gifts and experiences to her new role, and I know you will welcome and love her as you did me.

Edna takes up the torch with a greeting in this newsletter, so I will leave you with the following poem that is a call to let the season of Pentecost light the fire in our hearts and our ministries:|

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

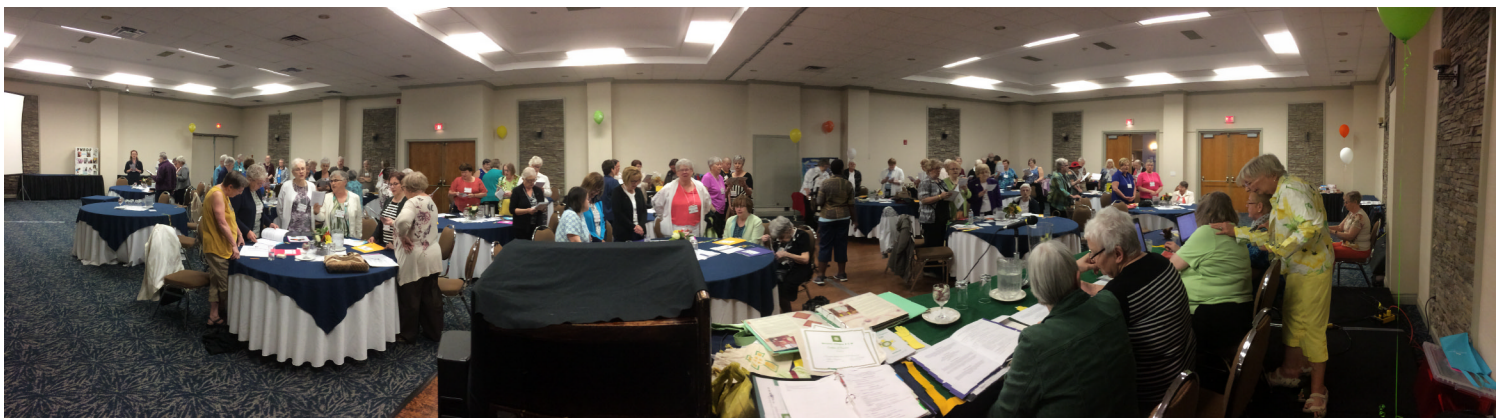
William Blake (1757-1827)

With much love,

Heather



*view of the meeting room submitted by
Violet Roberts*



Greetings from the Chaplain

Dear Friends,

Greetings and blessings! I have been honoured and blessed to become your new chaplain. This Diocesan ACW Annual has been both uplifting and encouraging as I look forward to joining you in our mission to live and preach the gospel throughout our diocese - beginning in each of our own homes and parishes and expanding throughout the diocese and even the world.. Participating in the joy that was evident in absolutely each minute of our annual - singing, praying, celebrating, discussing, and eating together with such open hearts and minds- it was awe-inspiring to see the Holy Spirit blow throughout the room.

Because I am now retired :), I am looking forward to being able to travel to all parts of the diocese when invited to your special events such as deanery annuals and workshops. I would also like to invite all of you to know I will be keeping you in my prayers, and I welcome anyone who is in need of specific prayers to let me know. Although I won't be able to go to every hospital in this widespread diocese, I can still pray. Since God is everywhere at all times, the prayers will be heard.

As we have now returned to our homes, may we bring that excitement and joy back to our families and friends as we (in the spirit of the hymn), “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name!”

Your sister in Christ,

Edna+

Devotions

Hello

Let me introduce myself, my name is Susan Goodwin, you can call me Sue if you wish, and I live in Chisholm township just about twenty minutes east of Powassan. I worship and serve as a Parochial Lay Reader at St Mary's in Powassan, part of the Trillium Anglican Parish. I was born in the UK just after the war and grew up in the county of Hertfordshire, as an adult I spent many happy years living on the South East coast of Kent. It was while I was there that my childhood faith blossomed and I felt called to serve in the church. After three years training I became a Diocesan Lay Reader in 2003, serving in the Diocese of Canterbury. Eventually I came out to Ontario to join my daughter and her family, that was in 2008. Of course there is much more I could tell you about myself but I was instructed to write a SHORT intro so just the briefest of details here I am afraid.

However, I did want to say a few things about my appointment as Devotional Chair.

First of all thank you to all those who voted for me at our ACW Annual in North Bay I shall endeavour to do my best to encourage us in our faith, the inspiration part I hope will come from and through the Holy Spirit. Now, St James writes in James 2: 18 that works and faith must go hand in hand if they are to mean anything, and at the Annual I saw plenty of evidence of this, it was so encouraging. You see I believe our job is to share God's kingdom with the world, by showing them God's unconditional love through our actions and our concern, this I believe the ladies of the ACW already do very well. But sometimes action can erode our capacity to spend time with the Lord and our faith can suffer, spending time on our devotions every day is ideal but, even if it is only at our local monthly ACW meeting it is better than nothing. So please take your time over the opening prayers and Bible passage and or devotional, discuss with one another your thoughts, because you never know who may need to hear what you have to say.

Once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this way.

Blessings,

Sue

Bishop Anne speaking during the opening eucharist submitted by Sharon Corston

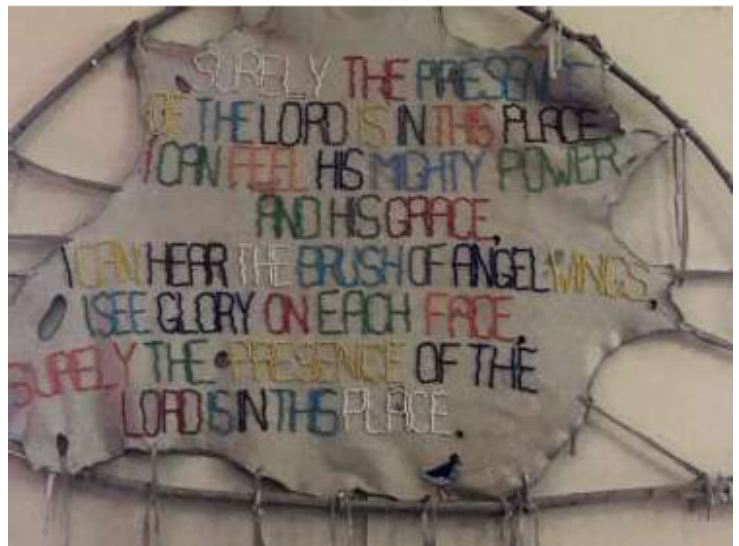
Bishop's Message

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written by your heart, and may you too be a recipient of such a letter.

On Trinity Sunday I visited St. John's Garden River. These letters were sewn on canvas and hung on the wall of their church. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel his mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." Through the gift of God's Holy Spirit in this ordinary time, may you know the presence of God wherever you are.

With blessings of joy and hope,



+ Anne



Family Life

I have been a member of All Saints' Anglican Church since I moved to Huntsville in 2008. Prior to that, I lived in Scarborough, Ontario attending Christ Lutheran Church for 45 years till it closed; then attended at Epiphany Lutheran Church before coming to Huntsville.

I have always been a Sunday School Teacher since I was 16 years old; later leading the Youth Group for over 26 years;

V.B.S. coordinator for 10 years; been the Program Coordinator for the ELW for 15 years; E.A. and Church secretary among other various duties throughout my life serving the Lord, within the Lutheran Church at Christ Lutheran Church.

In the Community, for over 15 years volunteering with Agincourt Community Services, in the food bank, and later a Board Member. (I began a Community Garden, the first in Scarborough on the property of Christ Lutheran Church, and it is still there!).

I have been involved in Girl Guides for 20 years; still an active member.

Since living in Huntsville, I have volunteered at the Table Soup Kitchen, Literacy Counsel with the YMCA.

While at All Saints'; I couldn't wait to restart my involvement with the Youth again ! (it keeps me feeling young!) You get a fresh youthful outlook on life, and glow when you work beside the youth that are filled with the Holy Spirit !

I began the Y.E.S. Young Enthusiastic Saints of All Saints' in 2009; taught Church School, and at the same time, renewed, and refreshed my life with the ACW group. It's all wonderful growth from there!

God put His Wisdom to work in me. He always puts before me people and ideas I had never thought of! Over 5 years ago I began a community outreach (another committee I am on), with our church and in association with the Youth For Christ, at THE DOOR, with James Hunt, coordinator, and his youth group study called; The Ugly Couch Club.

There was a need to help the youth get off the street, and be nourished with food and Gods Love.

The youth have been coming to our church hall, between their studies and The Door drop-in, for a hot

home cooked meal, this is a God sharing time, praying, mentoring and teaching the youth to cook, clean, serve, and teamwork. I also help out, once a month with the Breakfast Program, at a local Public School.

After I attended the Y.W.C.A Business of Life program, some 4 years ago; a small group of us began the Huntsville Women's Group Drop-In. Again, this was initiated by HWG approaching our church Outreach Committee for space to meet. We have received a grant each year from the District of Muskoka, Pay It Forward sponsorship.

Women of all ages come and attend at our church hall. We found a need in the community for women of all denominations, from all backgrounds to attend a support group. The HWG have guest speakers, activities, that pertain to women's health and issues; arts and crafts; personal, emotional support and growth needs.

Other areas, I serve are with the Altar Guild, EA, fundraising with the ACW, helping with Probus and Funeral teas, encouraging ACW women with Social Action needs and Family Life; participating with Ride for Refuge for the Outreach Committee; organizing fundraiser lunches, helping with ACW bazaars, etc., and most recently within the last 2 years as Muskoka Deanery, Social Action and Family Life Chair.

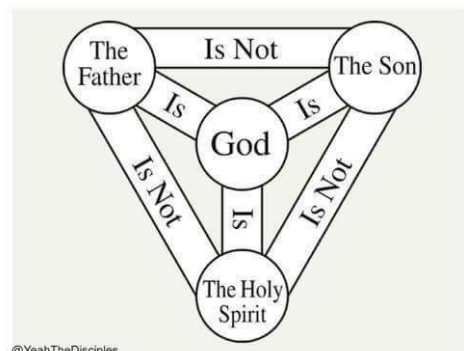
I am looking forward to representing the Diocese of Algoma ACW as Family Life Chairperson.

Hopefully, Barbie, this will give you an insight of who I am. A witness to God's abounding Love for all.

Yours In Christ,

Joy Stott

The original Fidget Spinner



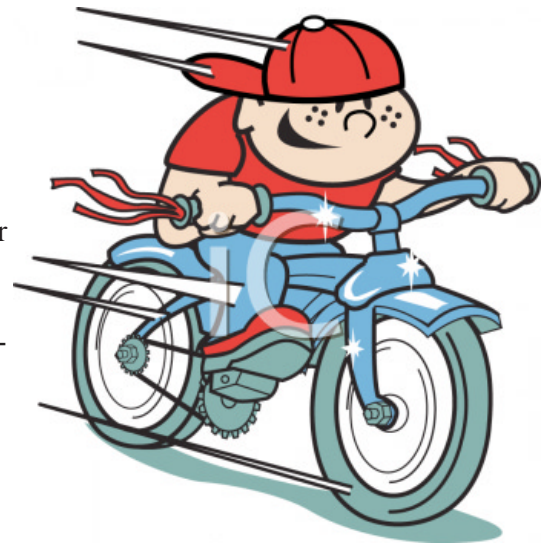
*submitted by
Thelma Smith*

In my Annual 2017 Social Action Report I made mention of the Deanery of Muskoka taking part in the Ride for Refuge. As my details were not totally correct I wish to make mention of this fund raiser again. This information has been supplied to me by Muskoka Deanery should any one wish to become involved.

Ride for Refuge

**WALK.
BIKE.
RIDE.**

is a North American non-competitive ride/walk fundraiser helping charities raise funds for people in need. The goal of this event is to provide refuge and help to displaced, vulnerable and exploited people everywhere.” which includes homelessness and abuse. There are over 175 charities involved that provide care for victims of crime, abuse, abandonment, natural disasters, and oppression. The Ride for Refuge takes place all across Canada on the Saturday before Thanksgiving weekend, thus being September 30, 2017. All Saints’, Huntsville, qualified as a charity providing community assistance in a number of ways through their Outreach



Program. A number of people who were interested in participating, but could not ride bicycles, created a team of ‘Amblers’ in 2015 and one of the organizers rode a rented chair while another senior rode a new electric chair, and the youngest, 7 years of age, brought her ATV, generating over \$1,600. for Outreach. The oldest member participating was 92 years young, on a scooter.

For the past two years, All Saints’ donations have been made to Community Living, a youth drop-in Friday night dinner, Pastoral Care initiatives, the Starfish Program which provides additional support for 4-6 families in need, Christine’s Place, a support program for new parents, and Church Food Bank grocery gift cards were purchased.

You may find more information on the Ride for Refuge
<https://rideforrefuge.org> or pwrdf.org/give/ride-for-refuge

Margaret Wright table submitted by Violet Roberts



panorama of the Margaret Wright table submitted by Sharon Corston



The ACW 2017-2018 Thank Offering Mission All Mothers and Children Count Program (MNCH) 2017-2018

Supported by PWRDF---The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund

PWRDF is the official relief and development agency of the Anglican Church of Canada. The priorities of PWRDF is to focus on food security, maternal & newborn child health, and Micro-finance. During 2016, 2015 and 2014
– Please Read

by Enid Bastien, Co-Chair of the 2017 Annual Conference

To those who attended the annual and incorrectly assumed that Mary Rossiter had chosen the charity which would receive the moneys raised from sales at the Margaret Wright tables ... you're wrong. She DID NOT CHOOSE where it went. Mary had never heard of *One Kids Place* ... she was only the spokesperson, so please don't shoot the messenger.

The Temiskaming Deanery organizers were the ones who made this decision.

One Kids Place is a charitable non-profit organization which serves North Bay, Parry Sound, Muskoka and Temiskaming areas.

In 2002 the Ontario government approved the establishment of the 20th Treatment Centre for Children in the province in North Bay; in Nov. 2004 approval was given for three services designed to meet the needs of children to go ahead under one roof. These three are: North Bay General Hospital, Children's Rehabilitation Services, and Health Services for Integrated Services for Northern Children.

One Kids Place focuses on 'fragmented' children ... many who've 'fallen through the cracks' and aren't helped because their afflictions are slightly different from mainstream conditions. It provides care for children with special needs such as rehabilitation from the hospital, pre-school speech, paediatric care, and school health services ... all in one building close to the North Bay General Hospital.

Therapists work closely with other agencies to provide services for children such as: infant hearing, autism services, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, speech-language pathology, therapeutic recreation and clinics.

It's my belief that when India took over the running of St. Hilda's Orphanage, the country didn't want outside interference or money ... whatever. Thus Algoma Diocese decided that whatever money was raised through sales on the Margaret Wright table would instead be donated to a registered charity for children in the city/area where that year's annual was held. So each deanery in turn made the choice. A small charity right in that city was often the delighted recipient.

One Kids Place in North Bay will this year receive over \$1,700.00 because of your generosity. Thank you for supporting the Margaret Wright sales tables.

2014 their focus was on food security and micro-finance. This year, 2017, their main focus is on maternal and newborn child health issues, although they still are involved with the other areas as well. A funding agreement has been agreed upon with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) to implement the All Mothers and Children Count Program. Matching grants from the federal government's Department of Global Affairs Canada, has also been approved. This program is being implemented in Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique and Tanzania.

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Social Chair

Solar Suitcases

At the 2017 Annual I spoke of perhaps arranging some Diocesan fund raiser (perhaps at the Spring and Fall gathering) for Solar Suitcases. I have checked thoroughly into this with PWRDF and this is the findings---presently \$3,900. is the cost of, purchasing through PWRDF, one solar suitcase. In 2016 the Canadian Government matched all PWRDF donations (individuals & groups) 6:1, meaning a solar suitcase was available, through PWRDF, for a cost of \$600. This Government matching is no longer available at the present time---it was available only during 2016.

On second thought, at the moment, according to our Constitution and Bylaws we have a Diocesan Mission Thank Offering which means everyone has an opportunity to make suggestions and vote on a mission at the conference. Also, during the Spring and Fall Gatherings it is a time for each Deanery to specifically donate to a special cause in their community, whether registered or non-registered, and I feel this is very essential to make ourselves known and provide where they see fit.

Therefore, my decision, as ACW Diocesan Social Chair, is not to proceed with fund raising for solar suitcases. Should you wish to make comment or have questions, please contact me.

May Seguin



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In Africa it is the church that has the trusted responsibility for medical and social support of vulnerable people to a degree unknown here in Canada. Maternal and child mortality rates are high in sub-Saharan Africa. The maternal mortality rate in Mozambique, for example, is 500 deaths per 100,000 live births. The All Mothers and Children Count Program, which seeks to reduce illness and death among women of reproductive age, newborns and children of both sexes under the age of five in rural villages in Burundi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania. Through its partnerships in Africa, PWRDF, with funding from the Canadian Government, will purchase medical equipment for health clinics and maternity wards, construct and refurbish health clinics and nurses' houses and construct wells to provide clean water to communities affected by water-borne diseases.

'Our work is to bring maternal and child mortality rates down and we are making a difference.'

We are so thankful to have the opportunity to hear Dr. Gretchen Roedde, a local family physician who has a practice in Latchford, and who has travelled extensively as an advocate for women's health. She has spent the past 25 years travelling to over 30 developing countries, seeking to improve the health of women and children. She has documented her work and journey in her book, *A Doctor's Quest*, "providing a roller-coaster ride into a far-flung and sometimes dangerous territory, with thrills, spills and occasional joy along the way."

Donation mailing address:

The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2

Telephone 416-924-9192 or Toll free: 1-866-308-7973

Skit picture submitted by Sharon Corston





“Season of Creation” in a box

will be available on August 1st - A free downloadable resource!



This box contains:

- A “Season of Creation” calendar featuring a daily prayer or action (available on July 15th).
- A printable poster,
- An action based activity,
- An educational activity,
- An activity centered on spirituality,
- Prayers for each week,

·and more! from creation.greenchurches.ca

What is the “Season of Creation”?

Every year from September 1st to October 4th, churches are called to participate in a “Season of Creation”. Originally promoted by the *World Council of Churches* in 2008, it has gained popularity in Europe and here in Canada the United Church was the first church to celebrate it.

As of 2017 all churches are invited to celebrate “Season of Creation” in their Christian communities through the free “Season of Creation” resources provided by the Green Churches Network .

Green Churches Forum

May 11, 2017 - Ottawa

With many thanks to the Forum’s 106 enthusiastic participants, from 6 Christian denominations, and 4 Canadian provinces!



Our keynote speaker was the Most Reverend **Mark MacDonald** who spoke about “*Celebrating the Spirit of Creation*”. Bishop MacDonald became the first National Aboriginal Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2007. He is a third-order Franciscan and has contributed to numerous publications, including “Holy Ground: A Gathering of Voices on Caring for Creation” (Lyndsay Moseley, Sierra Club Books, 2008)

Forum Theme : “Celebrating the Spirit of Creation”

We want to celebrate in conjunction with the celebrations taking place throughout the National Capital for Canada’s 150th anniversary. As believers we see Creation manifested in abundance in our home and native land. This event will also be a thanksgiving for the beauty and greatness of God’s work from coast to coast to coast.

Use this link to access the slideshows and notes of the workshops below: <http://greenchurches.ca/forums?ct=t%28Newsletter+-+June+2017%29>.

Workshops

- City of Love and Eco-Spirituality
- Becoming a Green Church
- Theology of Creation in the Christian Orthodox Tradition
- Petitions : Christians have a voice
- Sustainable Finances & Investing for Faith Communities
- Creative Christian Engagement in Canadian Climate Policy
- Eco-Theology
- Beyond Greening - Embracing Change & Ensuring Sustainability
- The Green Pages of the Bible

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Around the Diocese

Algoma

The 50th. Anniversary of our ACW Annual that was celebrated in North Bay was a great success. The women of Temiskaming really outdid themselves as the hotel rooms and beds were very comfortable and the meals were tasty and the service was excellent. Thank You to the executive and workers of Temiskaming Deanery. The opening service celebrated by Bishop Anne was uplifting and delightful. After a long day of riding in a car it is very refreshing to end the day with a Church Service and Communion. I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our Algoma Deanery women who always support the Annual no matter where it is held and after the host Deanery, Algoma Deanery always has the most women attend. This year 23 women attended. The first guest Speaker Dr. Gretchen Roedde, International Public Health Doctor was very interesting and a few Algoma women were commenting to me after she spoke on how entertaining and interesting she was. Our second speaker Fran Wilson a Physical and Occupational Therapist spoke on Sleeping Children Around the World and has travelled to Uganda and Chennai, India to help distribute Sleeping Kits at her own expense. Next year our Annual is in Muskoka and I pray that we will all meet there and renew old and make new friendships.

Congratulations to our new Board of Executives and especially Barbara Garvin our new President.

At the 48th. session of Synod this year our ACW'S provided the luncheon following the opening service at St. Luke's Cathedral on May 3rd. and we were surprised and pleased that so many delegates and observers came over to St. Andrews United Church. We had to set up more tables to accommodate everyone and as usual we had lots of food. We were excited and pleased that Henry Gaines Lay Incumbent of St. Mark's Church Heyden and Rev. Margaret Johnston Hon. Assistant at Trinity- All Saints, Bala and MacTier were installed as Cannons. Henry is a very special person whom everyone respects and loves along with his wife Beverly. They are a team and she supports him in his ministry. Congratulations Henry. Synod once again was a success and Bishop Anne's charge was meaningful and from the heart.

All our groups are having their wind up dinners for the summer in various restaurants across the Deanery. We all work hard ten months of the year and take two months off except if an emergency arises and then we are all ready and able.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Wonderful Summer for you and your Family

Blessings

Marilyn Schmidt

To All Anglican Women, Your and My Friends of Our Communities

Submitted by May Seguin, Diocesan Social Chair

The Annual Conference is now past and we look forward to the 2018 Annual to be held in the Deanery of Muskoka. However, as we prepare reports, evaluations, we must not forget saying,



That is a thank you to everyone who has faithfully col-

lected, sorted, stored and transported Social Action items. I have just delivered the last package to the local carrier today, the middle of July.

I will give you an update on the collections----the milk bags continue to be appreciated and during the Conference 2,896 were collected. A large number of Cancelled Stamps were collected (2 ½ men shoe boxes, size 10). I appreciated so much the international stamps from Africa, Holland, England, etc., as they are valued at a higher price than our Canadian and American stamps. The stamps submitted that were trimmed were also very much appreciated. I continue to receive stamps that are torn or do not have a sufficient amount of envelope around the stamp and, of course, these are worthless and must be discarded. The All-occasion Cards, whether recycled or new, are sent along to those in Prison Ministry and one of our Anglican

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Anglican Church Women in Muskoka

We have just celebrated our 50th anniversary of Anglican Church Women in Algoma and once again, I heard the joyous words of woman across the Diocese who look forward to a summer break from the work of “ACW”. No bazaars – no rummage sales – no bake sales, a well-earned rest. I thought of the women of Muskoka and how diversified our Diocese is in providing worship, hospitality and stewardship.

Muskoka is different from most of the Diocese as it is predominately rural and many parishioners are transient. The permanent residents of the deanery of Muskoka – Parry Sound is approximately 60,000 people. This Deanery goes from Gravenhurst in the south, to South River in the North and Baysville on Lake of Bays on the east to Parry Sound on the west. Churches are also as diversified. The Deanery has two fair sized town churches (ACW taking a break in the summer from regular meetings), two smaller town churches, (who have no “ACW”); the remaining 18 congregations being rural churches, mostly seasonal, that surround our lakes and these women take no break. The statistics claim that the population increases to over 200,000 during the summer and most of these worshipers are located around the lakes. The Anglican Church women in these parishes are very busy. The opportunity to provide worship, fellowship and stewardship for the one or two year round churches in each of these rural areas is very

critical. This includes stipend, and year round outreach. Bake sales, rummage sale, BBQ, Walk-A-Thong, dinners for the community, regattas, children’s programs are some of the activities of Anglican Church Women in rural Muskoka all summer. One of the things we learned was that the fund raising events must take place when the transient population increases. Summer visitors to Muskoka want worship service close to their vacation home – no more travelling after the drive from southern parts BUT they also wish to support the seasonal churches. This is a well-proven fact as we combine with Hospital Foundation, Hospice, Rotarians, Lions, and even the business people of Muskoka. It is the time to make your money so that all the winter programs can survive. As your Diocesan Treasurer, I always follow the money.

To my sisters across the Diocese I wish you a time of rest and reflection as you prepare for the next winter season and I ask your prayers for the women of Muskoka who only have 3 months to provide stewardship for the winter.

I look forward to your visit to Bracebridge, Muskoka in our off-season next May for the 51st annual.

Jacquie Howell
Diocesan Treasurer



The Muskoka invitation to the 2018 Annual submitted by Jacquie Howell.



Darla McMeekin and Linda Smith submitted by Joy Stott.

Sudbury/Manitoulin

by Beverley van der Jagt

*“Spiritual Enrichment, Kingdom Building and Fellowship
Raising of Women”*

Back in June 2015 I wrote in my submission for this newsletter “While surfing the net for visions that other ACW might have I came across the Anglican Church Women Nova Scotia’s Board Purpose “**To encourage and support all women of the Diocese in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering, with the aim of deepening and strengthening their individual spiritual lives and of awakening a greater desire for Christian service in the parish, community, and the world. It’s About the World’**” What a vision for the future of ACW, what if this became our story instead of the reminiscing of how it once was or moaning about the decline in members and the lack of interest of younger generations of women.

As I reflect on my earlier submission, I ask ...”Since that article what has changed in the ACW in our Diocese? What has changed in the ACW of the Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin?” Yes we have made small strides of change but I have found that we easily slip back into old patterns and ideologies. It is my opinion that in the Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin it is no longer time to sit on the fence. It is a time for a radical change in how we look at Women’s Ministry and how we better serve women in our fellow congregations and throughout our communities.

Two inspirations for this new vision can come from Roberta Tilton herself a person who made a radical difference through her call for a way for women to be instruments of God in the Anglican Church of Canada. The other inspiration is that beautiful hymn “Be Thou My Vision”.

Roberta Tilton our founder had a vision to aid, assist and support. She embraced the call to assist with social action and reform. She was compelled to sponsor foreign missions. Perhaps the way this is done has changed but the spirit of love in which Jesus calls us to be hands and feet in His Kingdom that Roberta so deeply felt has not changed. I believe if Roberta was speaking to us as a group of women today she would be saying “Do not fear the unknown. Adopt to the needs of the current culture. Wake up to what God is calling you to do in the spirit of a new vision for the future. Reshape, reimagine how you will make a difference for the next generation of women and children to experience the living Christ. Be bold and of good courage.” That is quite a call so I

ask are you prepared to be reawakened into what God is calling us to do? Are you prepared to let go of procedures of the past and embrace transformation in the way we look at mission and women’s ministry.

“Be Thou My Vision”! “According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, “Rop tú mo Baile” (“Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Forgaill was martyred by pirates, but his poetry lived on as a part of the Irish monastic tradition for centuries until, in the early 20th century, Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn and prayer that at every moment of our lives, God would be our vision above all else.” (http://hymnary.org/text/be_thou_my_vision_o_lord_of_my_heart)

The face of Anglican Church Women may look different in the future but the gospel message is constant. May this be the cry of our heart for the future that, God would be our vision above all else. As we move forward may God be our wisdom and our true word. As we discern our next steps may the great Father, our leadership and our numerous members in the fellowship of women across this Diocese be one. Our methods and structure in each Deanery or local group may be different but may we forge together in unity of the spirit of God. “Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be” our “vision, O Ruler of all.”

The executive of the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin and our seasoned advisors met together in May and came up with a plan for our deanery which will unfold over the next couple of years. Stay tuned as we reshape how we might do things differently in our Deanery. Small groups of women will start to come together to look at the proposal that was brought forward at that meeting and we will also kick start these ideas at our fall annual in October at Holy Trinity, Little Current. Guess what the theme for that Deanery Annual will be? Yes you are right, “Be Thou My Vision.” I look forward to sharing more with you in the upcoming newsletters.

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Temiskaming

by Anne Burton

Hi Everyone,

Here are some pictures of those preparing for the Annual.

(the bulletin board, ladies in a line putting the bags together, May Seguin with the cards and book marks, Grace Weekes, Barb Hogson, and Fran Wilson with their basket for the Margaret Wright table)

Everyone loves statistics, this is what we have:

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| - Opening Eucharist | 110 communicants |
| - Women registered | 106 |
| - Wednesday Lunch Buffet | 93 |
| - Wednesday Dinner | 94 |
| - Thursday Lunch | 87 |

We got off to a great start with the opening eucharist setting the tone for the next few days - terrific music and singing (all the ACW made an amazing choir) and our bishop Anne with her sermon linking the past ACW with the present, her sense of humour showing through.

Wednesday was quite full. Singing and Voting -opening service collection money was distributed as follows - Camp Temiskaming (\$326.67), and the Because I am a Girl Program received funds (\$326.68), Pimattisiwan Nippi Living Water received the Thank offering money (\$2,500 approximately).

Some work was reported on changes to the by-laws. There is more work to be done.

Lunch

Our 1st guest speaker was Dr. Gretchen Roedde, from Haileybury, whose specialty is Mother and Child. She spoke about the section of PWRDF called All Mothers and Children Count. She told us about the poor uneducated women in 3rd world countries struggling with childbirth - poor conditions, poor equipment, no drugs, mid-wives with candles, the only light source, held in their mouths so that their hands could be free for the deliveries. Dr. Roedde showed us that the need for educating for girls and women not just about health but basic things. Better facilities for difficult births are needed. She mentioned the solar suitcase. If a mid wife had one of these she could have plenty of light and could run basic tests from it. These suitcases are available through PWRDF. These will save lives. Let's get a few!!!

Then the tours - some to the Carousels, museum, and

the Green Store - or the Book Study, everyone else did their own thing - maps of the city were provided.

Pictures of the executive were taken, then dinner.

After a short break the entertainment began - skits. All of these activities were enjoyed - lots of laughter.

Thursday, more music, THE BUDGET,

Our 2nd speaker was Fran Wilson, Christ Church North Bay, who talked about Sleeping Children Around the World. This organization provides and distributes bed kits for children. Fran has been to Uganda and Chennai, India so far. These bed kits are made up in the countries where they will be distributed. Each kit contains a mattress, sheets, pillow, toiletries, a suit of clothes, mosquito net, a back pack with school supplies and a toy. All this for \$35.00. These kits are much appreciated by the children and their parents. When the children are small the bedding is used by 2 or 3 children. We can go on line to contribute to this program - great Christmas gifts.

The money made at the Margaret Wright Table \$1677.00, went to One Kid's Place in North Bay.

Closing Eucharist - a very sweet moment occurred when Rev. Muriel Hornsby and her granddaughter danced while the last of the people received prayer.

Thank you to Mary Lee Stennett, Deanery Treasurer, and Enid Bastien, Deanery Secretary, for coordinating this event. There are so many to thank, May Seguin, Deanery and Diocesan Social Action Chair, for the speakers, baskets, and clean-up after segments of the days, Grace Weekes, Deanery Devotions, and Sharon Paris for music, Lynda Hughes, Deanery Family Life, for the goody bags, and for the tour committee(Anne, Deanery President, Barb Proctor, and Ian MacDonald, and Linda Langdon), Betty Burke for her wonderful paintings that graced the cover of our booklet and the cards, to Mary Lee for doing the registration and all the other things that make an Annual special.

Thank you to the Trillium Parish, Northern Lights Parish, and St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls, for fruit and vegetable trays, squares and table favours and baskets, and to all who contributed to the Margaret Wright Table and Mary Rossiter who looked after it.

Thank you to all of you (the choir) who came and contributed joy and laughter to this special 50th Annual. God willing we will see each other again in Muskoka next year.

On May 24, our ACW hosted our twice a year Koffee Klatch where we invite members of the community to come together for Coffee, Tea, Muffins and fruit. We try to have an interesting speaker who will talk about something of interest to both men and women.

We were pleased to have someone come and speak about the new Hospice center which is set to have ground breaking in July in North Bay to serve this northern area.

Here is a picture of Barb Proctor, our President on the left presenting Mathilda Bazinet with a check from our ACW to support this worthy cause.



Preparations being made for the Annual.

pictures by Anne Burton



Our Certificate of Recognition to Lois Adams on May 24, 2017. Sadly, Lois never left the hospital, but died peacefully on June 12, leaving behind her husband, Bob, and three adult children along with many grandchildren.

She will be missed in our ACW group as one of the long-time members who brightened every meeting, work bee, and event.

From left to right: Marcia, Barb, Betty and Mickey.

submitted by Marcia Grawbarger



Thunder Bay – North Shore

by Barbara Williams

Our Spring Deanery meeting was held on March 23rd at St Thomas church with Rev Jonathan Blanchard celebrating the Eucharist. A short meeting followed. Our guest speaker was Pastor Nancy Ringham who talked about CLAY (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth) to be held in Thunder Bay in 2018.

On March 31st, the Ladies Auxiliary to Camp Gitchigomee held their Annual Bake Sale and raised \$1,200.00. This money will be used for bursaries for camp to allows children, who might not be able otherwise go, and for craft supplies for each camp.

It was with great sadness we lost our oldest Anglican Church Woman, Elsie Dumbrell. The funeral was well attended on April 29th.

Our Annual Deanery May Flowers Tea was held on May 13th. It was well attended. The proceeds were \$1,400.00 and will be used for expenses and missions. Thank you to St Michael and All Angels church for hosting event. A bouquet of thanks goes to the St Michael's ladies for all their hard work. All churches in Thunder Bay participated.

While there are ten churches in the Deanery, we only have four active ACW groups.

On Sunday, May 28th, six women from the Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery climbed into a van and hit the road to Sault Ste Marie. There were a few stops Monday morning before we headed to North Bay. A sandhill crane was spotted along the way. As we drove along, we tried to solve all the problems of the world. We all enjoyed the Annual especially Wednesday night's entertainment. On Thursday, June 1st it was time to hit the road again. We had one less passenger for a short while before picking up one at Sturgeon Falls on our way to Sault Ste Marie. Some of us enjoyed a DQ treat that evening.

After Breakfast at Tim's and gassing up, we were on the road again. We had a short stop at Agawa Crafts before heading home. Songs were sung along the way and stories were shared. Two sandhill cranes were spotted at the side of the road. Later, off the in swamp along the roadside, a MOOSE was spotted. At least it wasn't on the road. An eighteen wheeler passed another eighteen wheeler and almost hit us as we all held our breath and let it out as he went by. As usual, the Annual was worth the trip.

Wishing everyone a fun filled summer. Remember to rest, relax and rejuvenate.



May Flowers Tea pictures by Sharon Corston



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As expressed back in June 2015 "So as time marks our varied seasons in the church year may we continue to see visions for the future and dream, dreams of a vibrant community of Anglican Women working and serving together in new opportunities and ministries. May we continue seeking ways of adopting our own ACW in the Diocese of Algoma's mission to unite all women in promoting the love of Christ with their time, talent and resources. May we strive together to reveal His love in prayer, work and stewardship. "

My words from 2015 may be the same but the deep motivation for change is compelling us forward to once again relight the fire of this burning desire for a brave new world in women's ministry and a vision for what God is calling us to do.

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Communications

by Sharon Corston

Happy Summer!

I thought that March was my last newsletter but it turns out that I'm in for another two years. So if you are interested in being the next Communications/PR Chair, please put your hand up! It's four times a year plus sending articles on to the Algoma Journal and advertising the Annual.

The Annual was fabulous! The ladies went all out for the 50th. We had a great trip down, the hotel was fantastic and I can't say enough good things about the organization committee and what they didn't do to make it a 50th to remember. My hat is off to you and it was a five star event.

Enid Bastien and I finally met but we didn't have a chance to sit down and talk. Plus I met a few other ladies who had done the newsletter before Enid – how great is that?

I was overwhelmed with pictures, and fillers. I will be using them in the next couple of issues where I have room. I am thankful. Peggy Hern gave me an envelope filled

with goodies for future newsletters. I am going to see if there is a way to have the pictures archived on Diocesan website. What do you think about a Facebook page for those of you who post? Ideas, Ideas, Ideas – like little ping pong balls going around in my head!

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I always have to wait for a couple of items but this time, I too, had a few pending deadlines. Not to mention that I had misfiled our new president's article and luckily she had kept it. How embarrassing.

Just a reminder that the next deadline for the newsletter is September 1st. A question to you all – is the Ecological column of any interest to you or the Anglican Communication articles that I have put in from time to time? Email – or write. Is there something that you would like to read about? This newsletter is yours!

Here's a little update from our Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group (AELG) of which I am a co-Chair.

We are very thankful for the gift of the offering from the Joint Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Ascension Day service on May 25th. It will be used for God's work.

The AELG would like to announce their 2017 bursary recipients: Alex McCubbin who will be entering the Paramedic program at Confederation College and Latisha Hardy who will be going into the Native Nursing program t

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at Lakehead University. The decision was made to split-made to split the bursary to accommodate both ladies.

The AELG is excited to announce that we qualified and received a grant from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada in the amount of \$2,000.00. The grant will be used to make House Warming Baskets which will be given to women who leave the John Howard Program Halfway House to be re-integrated in to the community and their own apartments as part of a fresh start. We intend to make twenty baskets.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6th at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 10:00 am. First on the agenda will be a guest speaker, Jase Watford. Jase will speak to his journey from the streets to society and University. He is an excellent speaker.

Until next time, have a wonderful and safe summer.

Sharon

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Parishes to create book marks or crafts. The aluminum pop tabs support the Salvation Army while the plastic square/oblong tabs, which are on baked goods, are sold, and support a handicap individual so that she may attend craft or hobby classes.

The Campbell Soup Label program, as you know, has now ended. I am in the midst of closing our account, have placed the last order, which I expect to receive in late August 2017. The final report on this matter will appear in our Fall Newsletter.

All in all---Ladies we are making a difference, thanks to each of you! Keep up the good work! and thank everyone who volunteers with you.

May