

Woman's Life[®] Connection

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share your news with us!

We love to receive news and photos from your events! Especially photos of your chapter members having fun and helping others. Please describe, in detail, the activity taking place so we can share the information with other members through the Woman's Life magazine, the Connection and of course the website.

Photos and news can be submitted through the website: www.womanslife.org, e-mailed to:

kdeschaine@womanslife.org, or mailed to:

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new favor items available

Two new favor items have recently been added to the F-204 Favor Order Blank:

- Reusable Grocery Bags
- Luggage Spotters

girlfriends' getaway too much fun to miss!

Girlfriends! Join us October 23 – 25 at The Dearborn Inn, in Dearborn, Michigan, for Girlfriends' Getaway 2009! We'll get the party started on Friday evening with a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a specially prepared three-course dinner. That's just the beginning as we'll rock the night away with "Toppermost", a Beatles tribute band. As you prepare for this fun evening don't forget to dress in your favorite 60's themed attire!

Saturday morning we will enjoy a breakfast reception followed by a cooking class led by The Dearborn Inn Executive Chef. There we'll learn the culinary secrets to successfully create a festive Fall breakfast. We'll then engage in a culinary competition, well not really, but we'll engage in an activity that is fun and requires creativity!

Saturday afternoon is yours to enjoy on your own. Explore Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, IMAX Theatre, Ford Rouge Factory

Tour, Detroit Casinos, Fairlane Mall and Michigan Avenue. The area offers many exciting things to explore.

Saturday evening we'll have a frightfully good time at the Halloween in Greenfield Village Dinner Event. We'll eat and be entertained in the Eagle Tavern. Following the sumptuous candlelit harvest dinner we'll make our way into the moonlight and stroll along the enchanted pumpkin path to



Girlfriends' Getaway 2008

take in the sights and sounds of Halloween in Greenfield Village. Feel the whoosh as the headless horseman rides by, banter with a clever witch, and make stops at several treat stations spread throughout Greenfield Village. Oh by the way, when you're packing for the weekend don't forget to bring your favorite

Halloween costume!

All good things must eventually come to an end, but fortunately it's not over yet! Sunday morning we'll come together and enjoy breakfast at The Dearborn Inn. This is the time to hug your girlfriends' old and new, wish them a safe trip home and promise you'll reconnect at the National Convention in 2010!

new local chapters chartered

We are pleased to announce the chartering of the following new Woman's Life Chapters:

Chapter 820 Port Huron, MI -- Charter officers: President L. JoAnn Wilton and Treasurer Kristen Ayotte. The Port Huron chapter was chartered on April 30, 2009 with eleven members.

Chapter 821 Marine City, MI -- Charter officers: President Kristi Donaldson and Secretary-Treasurer Shelly Obrzut. The Marine City chapter was chartered on April 30, 2009 with eleven members.

Chapter 824 Kimball, MI -- Charter officers: Cinda Gondol-Mills and Secretary-Treasurer Donna Thompson. The Kimball chapter was chartered on April 30, 2009 with ten members.

Chapter 825 Lexington, MI -- Charter officers: President Sunnie J. Muir and Secretary-Treasurer Mary E. Johnson. The Lexington chapter was chartered on May 18, 2009 with ten members.

Chapter 747 Carson, ND -- Charter officers: President Cherie E. Zenker, Vice President Valerie L. Reis, Secretary Shannon M. Reis, Chaplain Janice K. Giese and Treasurer Sandra A. Schmidt. The Carson chapter was chartered on June 1, 2009 with eleven members.

Chapter 823 Crosswell, MI -- Charter officers: President Suzette M. Wagner, Secretary Daphne J. Loomis and Treasurer Brigette Reifert. The Crosswell chapter was chartered on June 29, 2009 with ten members.

We wish you lots of fun and success! Joining together we can make a difference!



Chapter 824, Kimball, MI

a website for **your** chapter

Woman's Life is pleased to announce a new **Chapter Website Development Tool** to assist chapters who are interested in developing their own websites.

Two chapters have named webmasters and have started to develop their websites. For a first-hand look at what the tool can accomplish, enter <http://www.womanslife.org/chapter/mi611> in your Internet Explorer address bar to open Chapter 611 Port Huron's site. Entering <http://www.womanslife.org/chapter/mi734> will take you to the Chapter 734 Jackson, Michigan site. We think they are both off to a good start.

If you are interested in creating a site for your chapter, the first step is to assign the webmaster duties to one of your members. Once the webmaster's name has been communicated to the Chapter Development Department (Wanda or Sue), the webmaster will be given access to the Development Tool.

visit chapterweb

The ChapterWeb is a secure area on the Woman's Life website that is dedicated to simplifying the efforts of chapter officers. Two changes were recently made to the site: Access was expanded to include chapter vice-presidents in addition to presidents, treasurers and secretaries, and officers have also been given the ability to change their e-mail addresses online through their ChapterWeb profile. In addition, several forms are now available for on-line submission through the ChapterWeb. They include:

A-71 Matching Funds Request Form

C-35 Volunteer Service Project Request Form

C-36 Treasurer's Report

F-204 Favor Order Blank

working out the bugs

We are thrilled with the number of chapter presidents, secretaries and treasurers that have taken advantage of submitting forms online through their ChapterWeb. For the most part, things are working smoothly.

There are a few areas, however, that appear to need addressing. Let's start out by saying that if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to use the toll free number (1-800-521-9292) to call Sue or Wanda in the Chapter Development Department.

Chapter Logon

First and foremost, please be sure you are logged into your own chapter's ChapterWeb site, using your own logon identification. Once logged in, your chapter number will appear below your name and any and all requests and/or reports submitted will automatically be submitted under your chapter number. We recently had an officer of one chapter assist an officer of another chapter complete and submit a Treasurer's Report. That was a great fraternal gesture, but they were logged in under the chapter number of the assisting officer. As a result, the report was submitted to Home Office under the wrong chapter number.

Treasurer's Reports

Regardless of whether or not you submit Treasurer's Reports on line or complete a report and mail it to Home Office, you should always refer back to your last report to make sure that you are starting with the correct Beginning Balance. We have received several reports that did not begin with the correct beginning balance.

Also if an event other than a business meeting was held, an explanation of the event is required. For treasurers that mail in their reports, information on events should be detailed in the open section just below Chapter Activities. Treasurers submitting their Treasurer's Reports through their ChapterWeb can provide the information by clicking on "Additional ..." next to the event category on that line. Clicking on this link will open a details section where you can explain what the event was all about. If one fundraiser was held during the month, the date and number of members and guest volunteers would be entered on the line provided. Then click on Additional Fundraisers and explain the fundraiser in the detail box. If your chapter held more than one fundraiser, the date and number of members and guest volunteers would be entered in the Additional Fundraisers details section, as well as whom the event benefited.

Submitting Requests

- Once a project is voted on at a chapter meeting, submit the Matching Funds Request or Volunteer Service Project Grant Request form. It does take time to process, so don't wait.
- In addition to providing the name of the organization or needy individual that will benefit from the project, the address and telephone number is also required for Matching Funds. This information is frequently left out, causing delays in the approval process.
- Explain in depth what part the members will play in raising funds or what they'll be doing on the volunteer service project.
- If your chapter designs a flyer for a Matching Funds project, a copy of the flyer must be sent to Home Office along with the request. Remember – Flyers for Woman's Life initiated and organized projects need to carry the name of your chapter at the top: Woman's Life Chapter ###. If the project is co-sponsored by another organization, the top of the flyer should reflect both names: Woman's Life Chapter ### and XXXX organization. All advertising for a fundraiser, whether it be Woman's Life Chapter advertising or the other organization's advertising, must reflect that both organizations are sponsoring the project. Home Office would be more than happy to design a flyer for your event, as well as provide press releases. All you need to do is ask.
- All funds raised by Woman's Life members at a Woman's Life fundraiser must be immediately deposited directly into your Woman's Life chapter treasury. Following the event, a check for the total raised is to be sent to Home Office via a chapter check, payable to Woman's Life. A Society check, including the matched funds, will then be issued payable to the charitable organization or needy individual and returned to your chapter for presentation.



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save the dates:

August 8-10, 2010

Don't miss the Woman's Life 32nd National Convention in beautiful San Antonio, Texas!

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supporting our national cause St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The Fall issue of Woman's Life magazine will have all the details from the members of Club 11 Michigan who were selected to travel to Memphis, Tennessee and tour St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, so be sure to watch for it. They had a very rewarding and educational trip.

Your chapter can qualify for the drawing for the next trip by raising at least \$1,000 with matching funds for St. Jude in 2009. The trip includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, meals and miscellaneous travel expenses for two members. The chapter that wins the trip will select the two members from their chapter to travel to St. Jude. The next drawing will be held early in 2010 and will include all chapters who raise at least \$1,000 with matching funds during 2009.

Don't forget that your chapter is eligible for an extra \$500 in matching funds and an extra \$500 in Volunteer Service Project Grant monies for projects and fundraisers initiated and organized by the chapter to support St. Jude. You can find a copy of the St. Jude suggested patient gift list that could be used to identify items for a volunteer service project on the Woman's Life website, www.womanslife.org in the Chapter Leadership Guide under the Helping Others link. In addition, we can provide you with an information packet that can help you promote your St. Jude fundraising event or volunteer project. Just contact the Chapter Development and Support Department.



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