

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
51ST CONVENTION
EXPRESS EVENT CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 16-17, 2010

MSC = Motion made, seconded and carried

The 51st Oklahoma District Lutheran Women's Missionary League District Convention was hosted by the Oklahoma City Zone at the Express Event Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 16-17, 2010. The theme of the Convention was "Glorify God with One Heart One Voice" based on Romans 15:5-6.

Convention general registration and Young Women's registration opened at 8:30 a.m. in the Magnolia Lobby. At 9:30 a.m. the exhibits and the LWML Store opened in the Founder's Ballroom. Child Care at Zion Lutheran Church opened at 9 a.m.

At 9 a.m. the Servant Activities opened in the Founder's Ballroom. At 9:30 a.m. there was opening procession practice in the back of the Redbud Auditorium. At 10:30 a.m. there was a Young Women's Servant Activity with Susan Brunkow and Katy Gifford. At 11 a.m. there was a Young Women's Luncheon with Susan Brunkow, Katy Gifford and Eloise Kuhlman in the Willow Auditorium. At 12:00 (noon) the Young Women received YWR pins and had orientation with Bev England, Susan and Katy.

Box lunches were available for convention attendees at 11 a.m. Delegate orientation was conducted at 11 a.m. by Bev England, Krystine Gibson, Nancy West and Carolyn Love. At 11:45 a.m. there was choir practice at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Singing prior to the convention opening was led by Betsy Allie accompanied by Debbie Gerling on keyboard.

The Convention opened with a banner procession followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Choctaw High School ROTC, under the direction of Chief Walter Kula and the singing of the National Anthem was led by Sarah Kreienbrink from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond. President England called to order the 51st Convention of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

President England welcomed everyone in the assembly to the convention. She introduced the Zone Convention Committee Chairmen, Gloria Bozarth and Chris Lee; Oklahoma City Zone President, Shari Stepanek and Vice President of Servant Resources, Carolyn Love. Carolyn, Gloria and Shari welcomed those in attendance and explained the layout of the convention center. The women of the assembly were asked to turn off their cell phones during the convention sessions.

President England recognized the special guests. She recognized Katy Gifford from Wausau, Nebraska who is our Teen and Young Women's advocate; the keynote speaker, Gary Thies from Mapleton, Iowa; LWML representative and National Vice President of Servant Resources, Eloise Kuhlmann from Amarillo, Texas; Rev. Mark Muenchow, Bible study leader from Messiah Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City and Rev. Barrie Henke the Oklahoma District LCMS President and the LWML District Senior Counselor. She also welcomed the former Oklahoma District Presidents in attendance. They are Patti Ross, Marguerite Christman, Marilyn Laramy, Joy Schweer and Ebba Johnson. She told the assembly that Patti Ross is serving the National LWML as Vice President of Christian Life and Marguerite is serving as National Convention Manager.

President England introduced Nancy West, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, as Vice President of the Day. Nancy gave a brief explanation of a Mite Box activity she put together, available in the Exhibit Hall for all to participate.

President England called on Gloria Bozarth to introduce Rev. Mark Muenchow, the Bible study leader. Pastor Muenchow has served at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo; Oklahoma, First Lutheran in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Covington, Louisiana. He is currently serving at Messiah Lutheran Church and School in Oklahoma City where he has been serving since 2004.

Pastor Muenchow led a Bible Study based on “To Glorify God with One Heart We Need to Live in Love” based on the convention theme of Romans 5:5-6.

Singing

June Wadley, Oklahoma District LWML Corresponding Secretary, gave the First Credentials Report.

Number of Units:	57
Number of Delegates:	138
Number of Voting Members of the Board of Directors:	17
Number of Past Presidents:	5
Total number eligible to vote:	160
Number of Members/Guests:	90
Number of Teens:	3
Number of Young Women:	10
Number of Pastors:	11
Total Registration:	274

June Wadley, District Corresponding Secretary, made a Motion that the roll of the delegates registered as of 1:40 p.m. Friday April 16, 2010 be the Official Roll of Voting Members of the Convention. MSC

Heartfelt Players #1

President England drew attention to the District banner. The banner was made by Mona Deering of Faith Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. She thanked Mona for all her dedication and hard work. President Bev stated joining her on the stage was Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary and Krystine Gibson, Structure Chairman and Parliamentarian.

Krystine Gibson, Oklahoma District Parliamentarian, read the Convention Rules printed on page three of the Convention Manual.

MSC Jarie Coggins, President of the Panhandle Zone, made a motion that the Convention Rules as printed on page three of the Convention Manual be adopted as the rules of the 51st Oklahoma District Convention.

Krystine next presented the highlights of the Convention Agenda recorded on pages five and six of the Convention Manual.

MSC Debbie Tabisz, Vice President of Christian Life, made a motion the Agenda of this 51st Convention of the Oklahoma District LWML be adopted with necessary changes.

The Chair made the following appointments:

Crisis Management Team – Carolyn Love, Vice President of Servant Resources; Pastor Dwayne Schroeder, Counselor; Marguerite Christman, Meeting Manager; Shari Stepanek, RN; Bev England, LWML District President.

Minutes Review – Leola Theimann, Chairman, Grace Peterson and Sharon Bomhoff.

Tellers for Mission Grants: Beth Schoeling, Chairman, Enid Zone; Kathie Gerdes, Assistant, Lawton Zone; Dianna Wallace, Enid Zone; Esther Arnold, Kingfisher Zone; Sharon Greene, Lawton Zone; Edie Cottrell, Miami Zone; Jill Tarver, Oklahoma City Zone; Jackie Bair, Panhandle Zone; Carol Lenaburg, Ponca City Zone and Vicki Wing, Tulsa Zone.

Tellers for the Election of Officers: Beth Schoeling, Chairman, Enid Zone; Kathie Gerdies, Assistant, Lawton Zone; Lettie Cheeseman, Enid Zone; Lanoy Peters, Kingfisher Zone; Patricia Tucker, Lawton Zone; Karlene Hok, Miami Zone, Linda Sheehan, Oklahoma City Zone; Eileen Honeman, Panhandle Zone; Val Dehne, Ponca City Zone and Susan Postier, Tulsa Zone.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Nancy West, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, was asked to assume the chair during the President’s Report. England thanked God for the guidance and support over the past two years she has served as District President. She

also thanked Board members and the ladies of the LWML. President England stated we are Lutheran Women in Mission and we are Lutheran Women on a mission. There are 250,000 Lutheran Women nation wide. The various departments in our Oklahoma District set goals at the beginning of this past biennium and then set out to do the work to attain those goals. Some of the goals accomplished are:

- Spiritual Care Kits were developed
- A servant activity was organized to make curtains for Camp Lutherhaven
- Many pounds of items were collected for Lutheran World Relief
- Coordinated and sponsored a Pastors and Vicars Wives' Retreat
- Prayer Pals were established
- \$180,000 in Mites was used to pay grants during this biennium
- LWML Blitzes were given at several District churches
- The YWR program gives young women the opportunities to serve
- The Teen program continues to grow
- New officers receive training
- *The Voice of Service* is now distributed online
- The delegate packets for the convention were send electronically for the first time
- The Web site continues to be enhanced with a wide variety of information
- The communication department writes articles each month for *The Lutheran Witness*, Oklahoma Section

President England thanked the women and pastors for their support of her and the LWML. She stated each woman can and does make a difference. She said together we will today and tomorrow and the next day and the next...after that move forward to "Glorify God with One Heart One Voice" Romans 15:5-6.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Lanece Young, Oklahoma District Financial Secretary and Lisa Graf, District Treasurer gave their reports. Their reports are on pages 41 and 42 of the Convention Manual. The Financial Review Reports appear on pages 39 and 40 of the Convention Manual. The report covers the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2010. The balance on hand on March 1, 2008 in the General Fund was \$77,216.51. The balance on hand on March 1, 2008 in the Unrestricted General Fund was \$65,505.31 and the balance on hand March 1, 2008 in the Restricted Cartridge Fund was \$11,711.20. Lanece reported total receipts for the period was \$202,639.01 and Lisa reported the total disbursements for the period were \$256,075.73. The balance on hand as of February 28, 2010 in the General Fund was \$23,779.79 minus the balance in the Restricted Cartridge Fund of \$9,746.33 leaving a balance in the Unrestricted General Fund of \$14,033.46.

The balance in the Delegate Fund on March 1, 2008 was \$2,207.52. Receipts from the General Fund were \$7,923.86 and \$2,389.11 was transferred from the OK District Convention. Interest for the period was \$127.02. Disbursements totaled \$8,416.01. The balance on hand in the Delegate Fund, February 28, 2010 was \$4,231.50.

The opening balance on March 1, 2008 in the Cartridge Fund was \$11,711.20. Receipts for the period were \$9,625.49. Disbursements included (25%) \$2,406.38 to LWML Mites, (10%) \$962.58 to the Special Gifts Fund and \$8,221.40 for general expenses. The balance on hand in the Cartridge Fund February 28, 2010 was \$9,746.33.

President England noted that the report in the Convention Manual reflects that all Mission Grants for the 2008-2010 Biennium have been paid.

MSC Carolyn Love make a motion to accept the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report as found on pages 41 and 42 in the Convention Manual. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Charlene Cornelsen and Vicki Freeman and is found on page 40 of the Convention Manual. The Financial Secretary's Report was reviewed by Carolyn Bening and Ann Rape and is found on page 39 in the Convention Manual.

Singing of the Doxology

President England called on former Oklahoma District President Patti Ross to introduce Oklahoma District LCMS President and the LWML District Senior Counselor, Rev. Barrie Henke. Pastor Henke brought Greetings from the Oklahoma District. He stated he has been an LWML District Counselor for six years. The LWML has given him

great joy over the years. He stated the focus of the LWML is on mission and they have changed many lives in their mission of giving.

Heartfelt Players #2

President England next called on Marguerite Christman to introduce Eloise Kuhlmann, National Vice President of Servant Resources. Eloise brought greetings from National and greetings from National President, Jan Wendorf. She stated four other Districts were also having their District Conventions this weekend. She reported Heart to Heart was started in 2003 and continues to grow with several nationalities represented. Since that time many women have participated in the program. LWML materials have been developed in languages other than Spanish and are available in the LWML Catalog. The YWR program also continues to grow. She shared a video with a message from Jan Wendorf. President Wendorf's mission statement is "Growing in the Lord".

Singing

Next, President Bev called on Past Oklahoma District President, Marilyn Laramy to introduce Pat Bilow, LWML Gift Planning Counselor. Pat reminded those in attendance that the Oklahoma District was the first LWML District to organize. The District organized in 1928 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma District started the quarterly publication of *The Voice of Service* in 1929. Pat explained the LWML Gifts of Love program. It can be used in estate planning so you can continue giving after death. All are invited to visit her at her booth. The Web site is LWMLgiftplan.org.

June Wadley, Oklahoma District LWML Corresponding Secretary, gave the Second Credentials Report.

Number of Units:	57
Number of Delegates:	139
Number of Voting Members of the Board of Directors:	17
Number of Past Presidents :	5
Total number eligible to vote:	161
Number of Members/Guests	93
Number of Teens	3
Number of Young Women:	11
Number of Pastors	15
Total registration	283

Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President, made a motion that the roll of delegates registered as of 3:17 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010 be the Official Roll of Voting Members of the Convention. MSC

President England introduced Krystine Gibson, Chairman of the Structure Committee. The proposed Bylaw changes were provided to the delegates some weeks ago. Krystine made a motion that by the direction of the Board of Directors, the Structure Committee be authorized to make the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Krystine read each proposed change by Article, Number and Title.

President England repeated the proposed Bylaw changes.

President England called the question. With a greater than two-thirds in favor of the motion, the new Amended Bylaws were adopted.

A Purplemercial was given promoting LWML items for purchase.

President Bev introduced Nancy West, Vice President of Gospel Outreach. MSC Nancy West, by the direction of the Oklahoma District LWML Board of Directors, made a motion for the adoption of \$88,000 as the Mission Grant Goal for the 2010-2012 Biennium.

The assembly sang the Doxology.

Nancy then presented the DVD on Mission Grants to be considered for selection.

President England thanked Nancy for all her hard work and thanked her committee members, Marlene Hamm, Brenda Schlesinger and Barbara Coghill.

President Bev stated we would receive our dinner instructions and announcements and we will pray as an assembly for the Mission Grant voting. After the prayer, the non-voting members of the assembly were dismissed to attend the Interest Sessions and then attendees should have time to visit and do some shopping before dinner. The LWML Store and the exhibits will be open.

Carolyn Love reminded those in attendance that no breakfast is being served in the Event Center tomorrow morning so be sure to eat at your hotel. The cookie bar will be open tomorrow. Those registered for dinner will have it marked on their badges. The dinner is a sit down dinner and will be served by LWML support staff. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. When your table is filled, each table may sing or say Grace together. Carolyn reminded choir members to be at Messiah by 6:45 p.m.

President England called on Joy Schweer, past District President having served from 1984-1988, to lead the assembly in prayer for balloting. Following the prayer, the non-voting members were dismissed.

Nancy West returned to the stage and moved as directed by the Oklahoma District LWML Board of Directors, the delegates select by ballot the Mission Grants for the 2010-2012 Biennium from those proposed on pages 15-25 in the Convention Manual by voting for eight of the proposed Grants. Nancy moved for adoption. Motion carried.

President England asked those present to check their badges to make sure they are a delegate. She instructed the delegates to mark eight grants. If they mark more than eight, the ballot will be invalid. After the balloting, she dismissed the delegates for dinner.

At 7 p.m. a worship service with communion lead by Pastor Dwayne Schroeder commenced at Messiah Lutheran Church. The message was delivered by Pastor Barrie Henke based on “Glorifying God with One Heart One Voice” Romans 15:5-6. The offering of \$2463.96 will go to the 2010-2012 Mission Grant Goal. The communion ware used was from the 2003 National Convention hosted in Oklahoma City.

Following the worship service there was an LCEF sponsored reception in Johnny Barfield’s suite for Board members, convention committee members and special guests.

Saturday morning began with singing. President England welcomed everyone to the Saturday session of the convention. The Vice President of the day is Debbie Tabisz, Vice President of Christian Life. Joining President Bev on the stage is Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian, Krystine Gibson. The Minutes Review Committee consists of Leola Theimann, Sharon Bomhoff and Grace Peterson.

President Bev re-introduced Bible study leader Rev. Mark Muenchow. Today’s Bible study focused on “Glorifying God with One Voice” based on Romans 15:5-6. He read Ephesians 4:1-6. In that passage Paul encourages believers in Ephesus with a deeply personal challenge that will affect the whole church, namely: “To keep the unity of the Spirit”.

Singing

President England then recognized all those attending their first convention, YWRs and pastors.

Heartfelt Players #3

President England called on Tellers Chairman, Beth Schoeling to give the results of the Mission Grant balloting from Friday. Beth gave the following results:

	Votes received
1. OK District Ministerial Students	124
2. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.	64
3. Pastors and Vicars Wives’ Retreat	58
4. Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ	46
5. Joint Seminary Student Assistance	88
6. MEND Medical Clinic	70

7. Youth Outreach Mission Focus – Cristo Rey, Oklahoma City	40
8. Good Shepherd Lutheran School Scholarships – Midwest City	22
9. Water Purification Systems – Guatemala	89
10. Body & Soul Care for Women & Children – India	59
11. Concordia Seminary Food Bank – St Louis	65
12. School Supplies & Equipment – Guinea, Africa	50
13. Immanuel Christian Academy Expansion – Broken Arrow	20
14. Veterans of the Cross – Aid for Retired Church Workers	58
15. Picture Dictionaries for Chinese Teachers	29
16. Deaf Outreach & Leader Training	44
17. OU Campus Ministry ESL Outreach	27
18. M.O.S.T. Ministries Water Outreach Project	59
19. ‘Smart’ Technology – Messiah Lutheran School, Oklahoma City	18
20. OK District Missions	65
21. Missionary Kids’ Education	39
22. LCMS Campus Ministry Training Grant	32
23. Morning Star Program-Olympic Peninsula in Washington State	14
24. Chapel Roofs – Africa	50
25. OK District Professional Church Workers Scholarship Fund	65

President Bev re-read the report. The chair declared the following Mission Grants chosen for funding over the next biennium 2010-2012 in the order of number of votes received:

1. OK District Ministerial Students (\$14,000)
2. Water Purification Systems – Guatemala (\$5,000)
3. Joint Seminary Student Assistance (\$12,000)
4. MEND Medical Clinic (\$5,000)
5. Concordia Seminary Food Bank – St. Louis (\$10,000)
6. OK District Missions (\$6,000)
7. OK District Professional Church Workers Scholarship Fund (\$12,000)
8. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. (\$3,000)
9. Body & Soul Care for Women & Children – India (\$8,000)
10. M.O.S.T. Ministries Water Outreach Project (\$2,550)
11. Pastors and Vicars Wives’ Retreat (\$1,400)
12. Veterans of the Cross – Aid for Retired Church Workers (\$4,000)
13. School Supplies & Equipment – Guinea, Africa (\$2,525)
14. Chapel Roofs – Africa (\$2,525)

MSC Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President, made a motion that the ballots be immediately destroyed following the convention.

Singing

President England stated the young women involved in the mission and ministry of the LWML are the lifeblood of this organization and is truly a blessing to behold. Young women of today have many hats to wear. They are professionals, moms, chauffeurs, coordinators, planners and more. The Young Women Representative program, known to us as the YWR program, was established in 1975. Our YWR program here at the convention has been coordinated by Susan Brunkow from Ponca City. Susan has designed a wonderful two days for the YWRs. President Bev invited Susan to the stage who in turn invited the YWRs in attendance to join her. Susan presented the YWRs, and introduced the Oklahoma YWR Representatives to the LWML Convention in Portland, Yvonne Moore and Joanna Wescoatt. The YWRs led the assembly in the LWML League Pledge.

The assembly sings “Lutheran Women One and All”.

President England introduced the Keynote Speaker, Gary Thies, who comes from Mission Central in West Central Iowa.

Missionary Gary told those in the audience to “Wake Up”. All works are a work in progress. He related the people in Africa are on fire for Christ. There are more Lutherans in Africa then there are in the United States. The fastest

growing religion in the United States is the Muslim religion. Missionary Gary asked “Are you taking Jesus personally and proclaiming His name?” The opportunity of the Church is the people in the Church. Gary also told the stories of several missionaries. He also recognized those in the assembly who have participated in mission trips.

Heartfelt Players #4

June Wadley, Oklahoma District Corresponding Secretary, gave the Third Credentials Report:

Number of Units:	58
Number of Delegates:	139
Number of Voting Members of the Board of Directors:	17
Number of Past Presidents:	5
Total number eligible to vote:	161
Number of Members/Guests	109
Number of Teens:	10
Number of Young Women:	17
Number of Pastors:	18
Total Registration:	315

MSC Beth Schoeling made a motion that the roll of delegates as of 8:45 a.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010 be the Official Roll of the Voting Members of the Convention.

President England asked Sherrie Schroeder, Nominating Committee Chairman, to present the report of her committee. The report of the Nominating Committee appears on pages 12-13 of the Convention Manual. Sherrie asked her committee to stand to be recognized. Committee members are: Wilma Grimes, Enid Zone; Leona Oppel, Kingfisher Zone; Cherri Stegemoeller, Lawton Zone; Bonnie Schulze, Miami Zone; Esther Shelby, Panhandle Zone; Esther Bersche and Bonnie Giese, Tulsa Zone.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Sherrie Schroeder, asked the nominees to approach the stage. She reported that the Nominating Committee places the following candidates in nomination:

Vice President of Christian Life:	Darcy Cline Joyce Von Dielingen
Vice President of Communication:	Susan Brunkow
Vice President of Gospel Outreach:	Ann Reedy Lori Steele
Recording Secretary:	Susan Anderson Esther Bersche
Treasurer:	Teresa Nightingale Katie Schroeder
Pastoral Counselor:	Rev. Frank Kinast Rev. Eric Van Scharrel

President England called for nominations from the floor for all the offices except for the office of Pastoral Counselor. There being none, the Chair declared that the nominations were closed. England thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve the District over the next four years. The candidates for office were introduced to the assembly.

Lisa Graf, District Treasurer, led the assembly in prayer before the balloting.

Voting for officers proceeded. The ballots will be counted during the lunch break.

President England stated the LWML is one of two auxiliaries of the LCMS. The other auxiliary is the LLL or Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries. The LLL in Oklahoma is most fortunate to have as director,

Ron Schaulat. The Chair called on Ebba Johnson, past District President, serving from 1980-1984, to introduce Ron.

Schaulat brought Greetings from the LLL and commended the LWML for their work and encouraged them in their work. He reported that Phyllis Wallace, hosting "Woman to Woman" is now heard on over 300 hundred radio stations. He also stated "The Lutheran Hour" is broadcast on over 1300 stations. The LLL is also working on a men's ministry program called "Equipping to Share".

President Bev introduced and thanked Linda Lee Kremeier, Vice President of Human Care, for organizing the Servant Activities held on Thursday morning and Debbie Tabisz, Vice President of Christian Life, for heading up the Gifts from the Heart. President England asked Linda Lee and Debbie to come forward to report on items made and/or donated. Debbie reported Gifts from the Heart collected 107 packages of diapers (4494 diapers), 80 packages of baby wipes, 55 pacifiers, 52 training cups, 138 packages of socks, 31 boxes of Kleenex, 14 packages of T-shirts and 20 miscellaneous items. These items were divided between The Children's Center and Infant Crisis Services, Inc., both located in Oklahoma City. Linda Lee reported 2100 cards were made for the seminarians and missionaries, 1000+ books were wrapped and will be divided between Kendall-Whittier School in Tulsa and Putnam Heights School in Oklahoma City. One hundred forty Spanish Bibles were marked and 40 bedroom/bathroom kits were assembled for the Mexican Mission.

President Bev made mention that the Servant Activities held Friday morning were partly funded by a \$1000 gift from Thrivent and introduced Ed Meyer, Thrivent Representative, who brought Greetings to the Convention. Ed explained the mission of Thrivent to the assembly and also explained some of the changes occurring in Thrivent. President Bev thanked Ed, also, for helping his wife, Karen, with the Convention Registration.

President England introduced Katy Gifford from Wausau, Nebraska. Katy has done work in launching the Young Women's programming by establishing purpose and focus. Katy has worked with the YWRs and the Teens during this convention. Katy told how she, as an individual, became involved in LWML and how she went on to serve both on a District and National level. She asked those in attendance to use their voices for the LWML.

Purplemercial

President England called on Carolyn Love and Gloria Bozarth for lunch instructions and other announcements. The assembly was dismissed for Interest Sessions and lunch. The convention will convene at 1 p.m.

President Bev recognized Dorothy Gilbreath from Langly, OK. Dorothy made all the tags we were given to put on our bags. Dorothy was also the one responsible for organizing the sewing of curtains for Lutherhaven that the Oklahoma women accomplished.

President England introduced Delia Hansen, our District Coordinator for Teen LWML – Friends Into Serving Him.® Delia reported there are eight societies in the District that have Teen LWML and there are 10 Teens attending this convention. Delia asked the Teens to stand, yell and wave. If societies are interested in starting a Teen LWML, they should contact Delia.

President England recognized Marilyn Alsip who could not attend the convention due to recent surgery. Marilyn is the District Archivist-Historian and has done much work over the years. President Bev asked that we keep Marilyn in our prayers, praying for a speedy recovery.

President England stated the Heart to Heart Sisters program in LWML is to encourage outreach to and inclusion of diverse ethnic women in the programs of the church and the LWML. We have a Heart to Heart Sisters coordinator on the Board of Directors. Nelly Castaneda fulfills that role on the Board. The Chair invited Nelly to address the assembly. Nelly told about the Mexican Mission and how the bedroom/bathroom kits made at this convention will be used. She also told the assembly there will be cookies, baked by the women of Cristo Rey, and bottled water given to them as a parting gift as they leave the convention.

President Bev stated all LWML women are known for their smiles and hugs. There is one lady who was born with a lovely smile that she has cherished for many years. Marilyn Laramy has a gentleness in spirit but no task is too large or small that she could not or would not do it. Her gentleness and kind heart is a mainstay on the LWML Board of Directors. Marilyn served as District President from 1988-1992. She has served in her society, her zone

and has served the District as *VOS* editor, and more recently has served as chairman of the Special Gifts Fund. President England read a Proclamation to Marilyn and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

President England stated Peoria, Illinois is the location of our next convention. Gloria Bozarth is Bus Chairman and we want to fill two buses. She urged societies to start planning now to raise money. The zone PR representatives have been going around with candy baskets and button baskets advertising the Peoria Convention.

An invitation to the Peoria, Illinois LWML Convention was given in the form of a sketch.

OFFICER BALLOTING REPORT

England next called on Beth Schoeling, tellers chairman, to give the officer balloting results.

Vice President of Christian Life		Vice President of Communication	
Number eligible to vote	161	Number eligible to vote	161
Number of votes cast	160	Number of votes cast	157
Illegal ballots	0	Illegal ballots	0
Necessary for election	82	Necessary for election	82
Darcy Cline	54	Susan Brunkow	157
Joyce Von Dielingen	106		

Vice President of Gospel Outreach		Recording Secretary	
Number eligible to vote	161	Number eligible to vote	161
Number of votes cast	159	Number of votes cast	160
Illegal Votes	0	Illegal ballots	0
Necessary for election	82	Necessary for election	82
Ann Reedy	39	Susan Anderson	78
Lori Steele	120	Esther Bersche	82

Treasurer		Pastoral Counselor	
Number eligible to vote	161	Number eligible to vote	161
Number of votes cast	160	Number of votes cast	159
Illegal votes	0	Illegal votes	0
Necessary for election	82	Necessary for election	82
Teresa Nigtingale	33	Rev. Frank Kinast	69
Katie Schroeder	127	Rev. Eric Van Scharrel	90

The Chair read back the election results and declared the following elected: Vice President of Christian Life, Joyce Von Dielingen; Vice President of Communication, Susan Brunkow; Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Lori Steele; Recording Secretary, Esther Bersche; Treasurer, Katie Schroeder and Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Eric Van Scharrel.

MSC Linda Lee Kremeier, Vice President of Human Care, made a Motion the ballots for officers be immediately destroyed after convention.

Heartfelt Players #5

June Wadley, Oklahoma District LWML Corresponding Secretary, gave the Fourth and Final Credentials Report at 1:22 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Number of Units	58
Number of Delegates	139
Number of voting member of the Board of Directors	17
Number of Past Presidents	5
Total number eligible to vote	161
Number of Members/Guests	112
Number of Teens	11
Number of Young Women	17
Number of Pastors	19
Total Registration	320

President England thanked the Oklahoma City Zone for their hard work in putting together the convention. The Host Committee was introduced by Carolyn Love, Convention Chairman. Host Committee members include: Co-Chairmen Gloria Bozarth and Chris Lee; Finance Chairman, Sherrie Schroeder; Food Chairman, Elizabeth Amendt; Child Care Chairman, Laura Schaulat; Registration Chairman, Karen Meyer; Housing Chairman, Ann Reedy; Building and Properties Chairman, Marilyn Alsip; Hospitality Chairmen, Nancy West and Jill Fischaber; Music Chairman, Betsy Allie; Photographer, Lori Steele; Decorations Chairman, Bev Stevens; District Planner, Judy Roggow and Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Dwayne Schroeder. Zone workers were asked to stand to be recognized.

An invitation to the 2012 District Convention was given by Leola Theimann and Elizabeth Whitfield of the Ponca City Zone in the form of a sketch.

President England recognized and thanked the Board of Directors and asked they come on stage when their name is called. They are V.P. of Christian Life, Debbie Tabisz; V.P. of Communication, Audrey House; V.P. of Gospel Outreach, Nancy West; V.P. of Human Care, Linda Lee Kremeier; V.P. of Servant Resources, Carolyn Love; Corresponding Secretary, June Wadley; Recording Secretary, Gloria Bozarth; Financial Secretary, Lanece Young; Treasurer, Lisa Graf; Zone Presidents, Beth Schoeling, Sharon Bomhoff, Kathie Gerdes, Grace Peterson, Shari Stepanek, Jarie Coggins, Leola Thiemann and Carol Fruehling; Junior Counselor, Rev. Dwayne Schroeder; Senior Counselor, Rev. Barrie Henke; Editor and Graphics Designer, MMV Consultant, Betty Reichert; Meeting Manager, Recycling and MMV Consultant, Marguerite Christman; Public Relations Director, Patti Ross and Lori Steele; Web Servant, Sarah Ross; Structure Chair, Parliamentarian, Special Gifts Fund Chair, Krystine Gibson; District Planner, Judy Roggow; Archivist-Historian, Marilyn Alsip; Young Women Coordinator, Karen Rumsey and Susan Brunkow; Teen LWML Coordinator, Delia Hansen; Heart to Heart Sisters, Nelly Castaneda; Field Reporters Anita Miller, Marci Beikmann and Alexis Wasson; Store Coordinator, Carol Fruehling and Meeting Song Leader, Delores Withers.

Carolyn Love asked attendees to fill out the Evaluation Forms and leave them in the boxes provided. She also asked that name tags be left for future use. There will be a Transition Meeting at 3 p.m. in the dining hall.

President England asked all the newly elected officers and the mission group going to Latvia to come on to the stage. Pastor Henke then Commissioned the Latvia Mission Group, dedicated the Gifts from the Heart and installed the newly elected officers.

President England adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

The 51st Oklahoma District Convention was Closed with a worship service led by Pastor Barrie Henke with special singing provided by Pastor Dave Nehrenz. The Benediction was given by Pastor Eric Van Scharrel, the newly elected District Counselor.

Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District

Bev England, President
Oklahoma District