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Penn Mid-Atlantic Ladies' Uplift Circle

Letter From The President

"I find it a privilege..."

Dear Sisters and Friends,

I have had on my mind the last few weeks what a privilege it is to serve as your Area Ladies' Uplift Circle President. I did not have the opportunity to grow up in this Church and I am continually thankful to our Lord, God for the privilege of now being a member of His Church. Before meeting my husband, I attended an Episcopal Church with people for whom I cared a great deal. I was very active with the ladies group at that church. However, upon reflecting back, the fellowship I shared with those ladies was very different. We did not meet often to discuss the Scriptures, we did not focus on missionary efforts, and we did not work together to attract nonmembers to the Church. Yearly fellowship weekends were not an option. How different it was then compared to what I have found. I have found such wonderful love, friendship, and spiritual growth as a member of the Ladies' Uplift Circle of The Church of Jesus Christ. Whether at a weekly meeting, fellowship weekend, the spring luncheon, or yes, even a business meeting I leave with a renewed spirit and increased love for the Saints of God, Our Church, and Our Lord. It is indeed a privilege to be a member of our Church and also a member of our Ladies' Uplift Circle. I would encourage you all to strive to become even more active within your own



Locals, the Area, and the General Circle. The world does not have anything that could compare to what can be found within The Church of

Jesus Christ. The benefits far exceed the efforts put forth when we strive to do God's work. Please continue to remember me in prayer as I try to serve you as your Area Ladies' Uplift Circle President.

Love in Christ,

Sister Jacqui King

Visiting Sisters

By Sis. Marian Yoder

On October 28, 2006 The Visiting



Sisters traveled to Ohio to attend the Ladies' Circle Midwest Area Mother/Daughter Dinner. We had six sisters and one

young girl representing Imperial, Aliquippa and Vanderbilt. Sister Angela Yoder was the guest speaker and she presented an inspiring talk concerning the Muncey Vacation Bible School. She also had several slides of the children who attend. There was much discussion after she completed her talk and several sisters voiced the desire to travel to Muncey.

Sisters Barb Nuzzi and Rosalie Mott opened their homes to the Visiting Sisters enabling them to attend the Kinsman Branch on Sunday. Bro. Phil

Jackson spoke concerning the need to take the gospel to the Seed of Joseph. It was confirmation of the topic given at our dinner the day before. We were blessed to be able to participate in the ordinance of feet washing with our sisters and brothers. After the meeting we gathered at Sis. Rosalie's home for a feast, fellowship and a season of singing. It was truly a weekend filled with the spirit of God.

*The Visiting Sisters are planning to travel to McKees Rocks and Aliquippa after the first of the year. Remember, EVERY sister is a visiting sister. What a wonderful excuse to fellowship and grow with one another in the service of our Lord. If you would like the sisters to visit your local or you would like to go with the sisters on their next visit, please contact Sis. Marian Yoder or Sis. Karen Progar.

Business Meeting in Glassport

September 9, 2006

The Penn Mid-Atlantic Locals met together in Glassport, PA to take care of Area Circle business. The sisters of the Glassport Local made great preparation in anticipation for a full day of fellowship. The day began with Area Vice-President, Sis. Paula Hemmings, reading from Mosiah 4:26-27.

"And now, for the sake of these things which I have spoken unto you-that is, for the sake of retaining a remission of your sins from day to day, that ye may walk guiltless before God-I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants. And see that

all these things are done in wisdom and order; for it is not requisite that a man should not run faster than he has strength. And again, it is expedient that he should be diligent, that thereby he might win the prize; therefore, all things must be done in order."

Devotions followed by Area President Sis. Jacqui King. She used the monthly letters and exhortations from General Circle President, Sis. Karen Progar. We were encouraged to be gregarious and welcoming to attract others to the Circle. To read more, go to the President's Page on the GLUC Website.

www.generalladiescircle.org

The meeting continued with Area Reports. The Sisters have been busy bees! Much was accomplished from January – June 2006. Some highlights from the meetings:

- 26 cards of "uplift" were sent and 26 calls made by our Card Sender, Sis. Maggie Frankenberg
- Songs of Zion books were updated prior to the October General Conference by a group of our Sisters
- Joy Boxes were sent to Sisters Betty Vignone and Anita Noel
- Spring luncheon was hosted by the Glassport Local with the theme "Praise Him."
- Fellowship Weekend was hosted by the Vanderbilt Local with their theme being "Are We Mountain Climbers or Are We Mountain Movers?"
- \$1000.00 was donated to the Congo for Bibles and Books of Mormon
- \$130.00 toward creating a PMA Circle Website
- \$100.00 each to San Carlos, Six Nations, Muncey, Guatemala and Dominica for their Vacation Bible Schools.

- Layette items were brought and later sent to San Carlos to be distributed by Sis. Sylvia and Bro. Lawrence King, as they were there on Missionary Work.
- The Sewing Circle made beaded socks that were sold as a General Circle Project at the GMBA Campout.

Upcoming Events and things to remember:



- Be sure that each Local sends a representative to Area

Meetings

- Locals, please discuss hosting and volunteering for Circle Meetings and Events prior to Area Meetings
- Bring a \$5.00 Wal-mart gift card to next business meeting.
- Area Special Project – Please help by raising funds
- PMA Fellowship Weekend – Coordinator Sis. Amy D'Orazio (Info. will be sent out at a later date)
- PMA Business Meeting to be held in McKees Rocks on September 8, 2007 at 10 a.m – 2:00 p.m..
- Mother/Daughter Tea – Coordinator Sis. Angela Yoder (Info. will be sent out at a later date)

Area Officers:

- President – Jacqui King
- Vice President – Paula Hemmings
- Corresponding Secretary – Sherri Wasik
- Asst. Sec. – Angela Yoder
- Treasurer – LuAnn Carson
- Financial Secretary – Diane Robinson

Auditor – Lucetta Scaglione
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 Card Sender – JoAnn Niehl
 Librarian – Marian Yoder
 Editor – Becky Tarbuk
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Editorial

By Sis. Becky Tarbuk

Sisters,

What a wonderful year it has been in the service of God. The Circle is active and on the move. With original intent and goals intact, many new ideas and programs exist and many being developed to spark interest and grow membership. Like the sharpening of a tool becoming more effective in its use, our members are working hard to effect change and they invite all to come and work side by side with them. How can we start?

*Energize your locals by being involved in the thrust of sisters from all over the church to become students of God's word, lively vessels, fit for His use. The scriptures are inspiring and an igniting flame that spurs us on to labor for the Church and mankind as servants.

Mosiah 2:17 “...when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.”

*Women and girls of all ages, please step out on faith, join your local Circle, and dedicate yourself to being an active member. Inactive members, become active again. You are needed now more than ever!

*As members of your locals, vow to travel as a group to Area meetings where the sweetness of fellowship is enjoyed. Plan to stay the day. Come and meet those whom God has called out of this world, with living testimonies of God's goodness and examples of women who strive to walk daily with Christ; Sisters of the Restoration with

whom you have all things in common under the bond of unity.

I Corinthians 1:10 “...that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind...”

Mosiah 18:21 “...having their hearts knit together in unity and in love one towards another.”

*Attend, as Areas, the General Circle meetings. What joy we experience when we see the fullness of our labors in General Circle conferences and having a voice therein. It can be thrilling, being filled with a real sense of accomplishment and sisterhood.

As the world focuses on volunteerism, let the church become our primary focus. Worldly organizations have hundreds and thousands of people to draw from to fill their ranks and perform their duties. The Church of Jesus Christ awaits its' members to come together in one band, like an army, small but great, to fulfill the Lord's command.

Jacob 5:72 “And it came to pass that the servants did go and labor with their might; and the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them; and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things.”

See upcoming events, mark your calendars and let's flock, let's herd, let's swarm, let's gather together. Let's have a tea, some glee, some fun, and when the works begun, let's all pitch in and labor together!

“Her price is far above rubies...”



Proverbs 31:10

In Memory of Sister Thelma Petrosky (1923-2006)

I spoke with Sis. Charlotte Sapko recently and it was touching to hear her reminisce about her mother, Sis. Thelma

Petrosky. **“I had a wonderful mother who was concerned for other people. Her house was always open if you needed a place to stay or a meal, she was unselfish and caring. She was just glad to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.”**

Sis. Charlotte thanked God for the legacy started by her Grandparents, Bro. Joseph and Sis. Reba Shazer. They worked with their hands to help build the Vanderbilt Branch from which now Sis. Thelma will be greatly missed.

Sis. Thelma was a faithful member of the Ladies' Uplift Circle. She hosted meetings in her home, attended Area meetings, enjoyed Fellowship Weekends and Mother/Daughter Banquets. She labored with her hands to raise money for the various needs and requests of the church. She and Sister Goldie Hixon would often travel together, two buddies, full of cheer, happy in the Lord. I can still picture them laughing with the sisters around the table as we dined together on weekend retreats. I also remember tears of thanksgiving to God and how quick they were to stand up and praise the Lord.

(Mt. 5:12 “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven...”)

Greetings from San Carlos, Arizona



Greetings Sisters,

I am here in San Carlos Native American Reservation. I am reminded of the many spiritual pillars of The Church (est. here in 1962) and Sisters who were members of the first Ladies' Uplift Circle in San Carlos. Many memories of Sisters such as Ruth

Mountain, Rose Milantoni, Sara Vancik, Grace Brutz, Ella Furnier and Evelyn Dale. The list goes on. The lessons taught by these sisters are discussed frequently. Our sisters have been a great asset to the Mission in the past and remain to be a great support through today. They have a hunger to learn more from the Book of Mormon and the Bible. They desire to have God guide their lives that they might find favor in God to rescue their families.

Our sisters are now active in distributing layettes to Mothers in need. There is a great need on San Carlos to reach the young mothers who are having children. Layettes have been donated by the following Ladies Circles: Herndon (included a handmade blanket), Mesa and the Penn-Mid Atlantic Area. These items are greatly appreciated. When contact was made with the representative at the San Carlos Hospital, the first question was, Are the blankets handmade? A blanket, handmade, holds a special love shown to these mothers. I, for one, will be getting my machine out of the closet and my yarn box and crochet needles flying!

We are not yet an official Ladies' Uplift Circle but we meet every Monday night in a Circle of God's love. Sometimes our circle is small, sometimes larger, but always blessed by God's Spirit.

May God bless each of you and please pray for those of San Carlos. Love in Christ, Sis. Sylvia King
Here's a great pumpkin dessert! (This was Sis. Dorothy Gilbert's famous recipe)

Pumpkin Pie Cake

*1 Yellow cake mix, ½ C. margarine or butter and 1 egg.
Remove 1C. cake mix and set aside.
Add egg and melted butter to cake mix. Mix with fork until well blended.
Spread in well greased and floured 9x13 pan and set aside.
*Mix together the following and spread over cake mix.
1 large can pumpkin, ¼ C. packed brown sugar, 3 eggs, 1 ½ t. cinnamon, ¼ C. sugar and 2/3 C. milk. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes.
*Topping: Mix together the following until crumbly and sprinkle on top pumpkin and bake. Enjoy!
1 C. Reserved cake mix, ¼ C. margarine, ½ C. Sugar and ½ C. chopped nuts.

Ideas for Holidays

- Invite someone to your Thanksgiving table who might need an uplift. Remember those who are alone during the holidays.
- Don't forget to donate to the food bank in your branches and help deliver if you can. Bring joy to those in need.
 - Visit the shut-ins, take some treats, sing some songs and have conversation, just letting them know that someone cares.
- Plan Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years programs at church and invite others!
- Create special memories with your children. Teach them to



be generous by baking together and sharing with a neighbor.

- Don't forget to have a thankful heart all year round!

***Our Gen. Circle President challenged our Sisters to grow the Circle by 10 % this year. Invite someone, two, or three!**

Example: Sis. Margaret Roscart recently took this idea to heart. She had Circle in her home and invited her friends and three came! We had a wonderful time studying the scriptures with fellowship and of course a snack. What a lovely evening!

***General Circle Fellowship Weekend is coming up in February 15-18, 2007 in San Antonio, TX. Let's go!**

***Go to the General Circle Website and "Ask Sis. Esther" a question or participate in the "Book Club". See you at the next meeting!**

Locals: Please forward updates names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to: Sis. Sherri Wasik, 730 North Branch Rd., McDonald, PA 15057

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