



# Southeast Region Ladies Uplift Circle Newsletter

## The Church of Jesus Christ

### Greetings from our President

Dearest Sisters and Friends,

It is with great excitement that the first installment of the Southeast Area Ladies Circle Quarterly Newsletter is being distributed to all sisters and friends. Since, as we all are aware, our locals are spread out among many miles the hope is that this newsletter will serve to connect us as sisters and unite us in a common purpose, to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with a greater sense of shared accountability.

It was a joy to see so many of you at our last Fellowship Weekend in the fall. As you may remember the theme for the weekend was "Am I My

'Sisters' Keeper?" I believe the strong consensus was a resounding YES; we are responsible for each other's welfare. Through this communication we want to share our good times, encourage one another, and remember to pray for our needs. Therefore the success of this newsletter depends upon each of you. We are relying on each local and individual to keep us apprised of what is happening in your local. What are you studying? What unique fundraising activities are you engaged in and how can we all help? Do you have great recipes to share (food is always a part of the Circle...ha!ha!)? Are there critical needs in your local we should know

about or milestone occasions? Let's keep informed about one another. Sis. Lori Checchi, our Newsletter Editor, is anxiously waiting to get in all of your submissions.

In addition, we are looking for a good name for the Newsletter. If you have any ideas please submit them to Sister Lori's email address at: [lovereading@bellsouth.net](mailto:lovereading@bellsouth.net).

All submissions will be due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If we select your submission to title the newsletter, you will not only receive our gratitude but also a \$25 Target gift card. So send those ideas into us!

Any and all submissions as well as comments and suggestions are

welcome. Remember, this is your Newsletter, your voice. We look forward to hearing about you.

God Bless,  
Sis. Alicia Draskovich  
Southeast Area Ladies Circle President



### Editorial - S.E. Ladies Uplift Circle Fellowship Weekend

Editor - Sis. Josie Jasmin  
"Am I My Sister's Keeper" was the theme for this wonderful Southeast Ladies Uplift Circle event which was held on September 22 - 24, 2006 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. We gathered together on Friday afternoon and evening to check in to the Springhill Marriot with anticipation for a grand weekend. Yes,

grand it was, as we socialized one with another, leaving all of our cares behind us. We greeted one another in love, and were pleased to have sisters who came from out of state wanting to join in our weekend. We had sisters come in from New Jersey and Ohio. There was good representation of each of our local circles here in

South Florida.

On Friday evening we were treated to some good old-fashioned pizza, singing and fellowshiping with each other and anticipating a good weekend.

Saturday, after a very good breakfast, we joined with each other to hold our yearly business meeting.

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#### Upcoming Events

- September TBA - Southeast Region Ladies Uplift Circle Business meeting
- October 13 - General Ladies Uplift Circle Conference in Greensburg

## Editorial continued

Sis. Alicia Draskovich was re-elected to be President along with Sister Angela Jasmin as the Vice-President. Our new secretary is now Sister Debbie Gonzales. Others were re-elected to offices and some new ones were added. All in all we had a very nice time organizing the business part of the Circle.

The seminar that was made up for us was wonderfully prepared by Sis. Susan Moraco and a beautiful banner was made by Sister Kathy Kirschenfad of the Hollywood Circle. The banner showed how we as sisters are connected one with another as tied with beautiful ribbons.

We had a special speaker who was a part of the seminar and that was Sis. Lettie Obradovich from the Lake Worth Circle. Sister Lettie emphasized on the subject of "gossip". We discussed the qualities of a sister and to keep ourselves from any gossip of any kind, so as to not

bring any hindrance to The Church of Jesus Christ. We need to shine our light as saints all the time because it is not just a part time job being a saint of latter days. Sister Lettie also had us do some wonderful crafts, crafts that pertained to being good sisters to each other. One was making note cards with beautiful sayings on them and then to present them as gifts to other sisters in our lives. Sometimes just a kind little note like that will bring a great big smile on someone's face and to brighten his or her day.

Saturday night was Talent and Fun Night to relieve all tensions that might exist and change all tension to much hearty laughter. A good laugh lightens the heart, mind and soul. Everything was done in good taste and respectfulness.

Sunday morning, we gathered for our Sunday service in the meeting room and again there was a

wonderful turnout of sisters. We were honored to have with us two of our Elders to take charge of the service and communion. These were Brother Kevin Jasmin and Brother John D'Orazio. The message delivered was very inspired and good for the soul. It satisfied everyone that was in attendance and filled our hearts with more love for each other.

Sadly everything has to come to an end and we prepared to depart to our respective homes and back to our families. We sisters want to thank especially the husbands who took over the family affairs while the mothers were away.

Praise God, for this glorious weekend of fellowship!



*We had a wonderful Ladies Circle Fellowship Weekend last Fall.*

*Our newsletter needs a name!  
Send your ideas to:  
lovereading@bellsouth.net  
(more details in President's address)*



*Let's Grow! Invite a friend to your next Ladies Circle Meeting*

## News from our Local Circles

### Treasure Coast Local

Greetings! The Treasure Coast Local meets once a month on the last Sunday of the month. We meet right after the Branch Sunday meeting and have found that our attendance has greatly improved. Our local has had a wonderful year with our secret sister program. Every spring, sisters exchange names and send cards to their secret sister and pray for her. After one year, we meet for dinner at a sister's home, fellowship and reveal who our secret sister has been for the past year. It is a very uplifting way to encourage the sisters in

your branch who might not otherwise come to Ladies Circle. We have also invited the young teen girls in our branch to attend our local meetings and they are now at every meeting, participating in the lesson and even volunteering to be the question/word giver.

*To submit an update about your local Circle, send it to [lovereading@bellsouth.net](mailto:lovereading@bellsouth.net).*

## Scripture Study Section

Did you know that the General Ladies Uplift Circle has their own website? It can be viewed at:

<http://www.generalladiescircle.org/>

Among the many items featured on the website are a scripture of the day. Why not save this website to your favorites and view the new scripture posted daily? Here is an example of a recent posting:

“Brethern, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians, 3:13-14)

Have an interesting question from a recent Ladies Uplift Circle meeting?

Send it to: [lovereadings@bellsouth.net](mailto:lovereadings@bellsouth.net)

## Area Officers

President:

Sister Alicia Draskovich

Vice-President:

Sister Angela Jasmin

Secretary:

Sister Debbie Gonzalez

Financial Secretary:

Sister Flo Perri

Treasurer:

Sister Linda D’Orazio

Editor: Sister Josie Jasmin

## Origin of the Ladies Uplift Circle

Sister Sadie Cadman had, from her youth, a wonderful ambition to work for the cause of Christ as a missionary. It was out of this desire that Sister Sadie Cadman's mind was inspired to do something for the women of the Church and help in spreading the gospel.

In January of 1920 Sister Sadie asked and was granted permission to create an organization for

the women of the Church. The decision to call the new organization "The Ladies' Uplift Circle" was given by revelation to Sister Violet Sarver. The sisters felt God prompted this work and they expressed great joy as they discussed their role as women in The Church of Jesus Christ.

The Ladies' Uplift Circle continues to provide opportunities for today's women of the Church to

work cooperatively for the missionary and charitable needs of the gospel.

*We pledge ourselves to read and search the Scriptures and ask God to direct and bless our Ladies' Uplift Circle in every way. We will do our duty in visiting the sick; we will neither find fault nor offend in word or deed, but will be a help to each other and help others to the best of our ability.*



## General Ladies Uplift Circle Needs

The following is a list of requests submitted at the October 2006 conference.

Philippines - funds for building and land, \$1,000

Kenya - travel expenses for sisters to Ladies' Circle meetings, \$900

India - 1 motorcycle, \$1,100

India - Bibles and Books of Mormon, \$1,000

Nepal - Bibles & Books of Mormon, \$250

South America - Travel expenses for conference, \$1,500

## The Church of Jesus Christ

[www.generalladiescircle.org](http://www.generalladiescircle.org)



### Aims:

1. To assist The Church of Jesus Christ in its Missionary work, especially among God's Covenant People, the American Native and also among the Gentiles.
2. To promote a close fellowship among sisters throughout the Church by praying and sharing their problems and joys with one another.
3. To attract nonmembers of the Church.
4. To provide wholesome, beneficial study of God's Word and opportunities for meaningful service.

## Recipe Section

### HAWAIIAN BANANA MUFFINS

#### Ingredients:

- 3 c. all-purpose or whole wheat flour
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 2 c. ripe mashed bananas (approx. 5-6 large bananas)
- 1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray muffin pans with PAM. Combine first 5 ingredients. Then, mix together remaining ingredients and add to flour mixture. Stir until moistened. Mixture will be lumpy. Spoon batter into muffin pans and bake for 12-17 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes before eating. You can also use this recipe to make bread loaves. Instead of muffin pans, spoon batter into 2 greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 3 inch loaf pans and bake at 350 for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

#### Yummy recipe variations:

- 1) Add 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips to

recipe for Banana-Chocolate-chip muffins.

- 2) Instead of 2 cups ripe mashed bananas, use 1.5 cups ripe mashed bananas and .5 cups diced ripe strawberries for Strawberry-Banana muffins.

