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Our values, love of service and all we are becoming

When the League of Catholic Women was launched over a hundred years ago, the first members must have experienced the same kind of watchful waiting and powerful potential that we have now during this season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

They were, as we are today, a community of hope serving women, children and families in need. Much has changed over the decades, but what remains the same and is reignited time and again are the values we adhere to and continue to emulate.

They possessed, as we do, an unmistakable and deep sense of faith in God. They lived through, as we have, distinct and challenging times. And over and over again, they met those challenges with their gifts of time, expertise and financial commitment. So, too, do we today.

No amount of tumult would deter the fire of God's love in the hearts and minds of the women of the League at its beginnings. Now, all these decades later, we joyfully observe over 100 years of women becoming—through service to those in need—a community of faith, hope and love. If you have not made your gift to the Green Door Appeal, please consider participating before December 31. Those we serve need your loving support.

"I bring news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10) May God's love surround you and those you love at Christmas and in the New Year.

Fran Rusciano Murnane • League President



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"THERE IS NO ONCE AND FOR ALL MOMENT WHEN WE CAN SAY THAT AT LAST WE ARE WHOLE, THE PAST IS BURIED AND OVER, THE HURTS FORGOTTEN, THE WOUNDS HEALED. INSTEAD WE FIND THAT IT IS TO BE A SEARCH THAT WE MUST EXPECT TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES."

— Esther de Waal, *Living With Contradiction: An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality*



Meet Winnie Collins

Winnie, when did you join LCW?

I joined about five years ago.

How did you hear about it?

I have known about LCW for years and thought about joining about ten years ago, but when three good friends joined I did too.

What do you find attractive about the group?

I like the mix of backgrounds among the women and the wisdom of the long time members. I love the socials at the Woman's Club.

How have you been involved with LCW?

I attended several offerings the first couple of years, did the LINK mailings, served as secretary for a year and now am Governance Chair.

What things do you think women your daughter Katie's age (sort of empty nesters) would find most appealing about the group?

I think many women in their 40's and 50's would enjoy the retreats (if they were held on Saturday morning for instance); the educational sessions such as we have had this year; meeting other women whose families are grown or nearly off on their own; widening their social scope to include like-minded women; and of course the luncheons.

What led you to ask me as a younger woman to join the LCW and become an active member? It didn't seem to matter if I was very active in my church or not.


I know you work at enriching your spiritual life. You are the age of the women we need to bring in. I think you saw it as an opportunity to be active in the Catholic Women's world. Also you saw it as an opportunity to spend more time with **ME!** Ha!

What can long-time members do to recruit new (perhaps younger) members and get some of them involved in leadership and activities?


We need to talk it up in our own world—church, card and book clubs, etc. Perhaps invite a younger woman to an event . . . and pay her fee. Make sure that the events planned are of interest to younger women too and at a time convenient for them.

Winnie is my aunt and she is 20 years older than I am. She invited me to join the LCW three years ago and I thought talking with her might help you think about inviting others to join our organization. — Mary C. Jubenville





**Welcome
New Members**



Claire Persaud
Patty Griffith
Naomi Terlouw
Megan Hume

2017 Retreat

We are excited to announce that Fr. Mike Byron will present at our 2017 Lent Retreat at St. Olaf Catholic Church in March. See enclosed flyer for more details.



Please consult flyers and Link articles for details about events.

December/January calendar

Coming Attractions for ALL

Monday, January 9 First Impression/ Samaritan Drive/ St. Olaf/ 10:00 -1:00

Activities designed for League members and guests

Tuesday Club Second Tuesday each month/St. Olaf/10:30 a.m.

Daytime Book Club Second Thursday each month/private homes/9:15 a.m.
No meeting in December
Thursday, January 12 "Call of the Wild" Jack London
Hostess: Mary Culhane/ Reviewer: Rita Peller

Thursday, February 9 "Good Thief" Hannah Tinti
Hostess: Pat Vagnoni/ Reviewer: Mary Wehmann

Thursday, March 9 "Dead Wake" Erik Larsen
Hostess: Alice Weindes/ Reviewer: Pat McCauley

Evening Book Club Third Tuesday each month/ private homes/ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan 17 "Boys in the Boat" Daniel James Brown
Hostess & Reviewer: Judy Tischleder
Feb 21 "All The Light You Cannot See" Anthony Doerr
Hostess & Reviewer: Carolyn Lewis
March: Spring Break No Book Club
Submit your selections before April meeting for next year

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ONLY

Spiritual Conversation Book Club First Monday each month/TWC/9:30 a.m.

Mia Art Tours 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8 • JeanMarie Burtness
Tuesday, March 21 • Fran Megarry
Thursday, April 20 • Terry Edam

Stay Tuned for 2017 Education Programs and our Annual Lenten Retreat!!!



In Memoriam

The League offers sympathy to the families of long-time member **Marjorie Sheehan, Joannette Coogan, and Barbara Tiede** on their deaths.

Calling All Women Who Can't Always Attend Daytime Events

We know it can be a challenge to attend some of our terrific daytime events. But we do want to encourage comraderie for developing friendships and stronger ties for all our members.

- * Would you like to meet for 8:00 a.m. mass some Saturday morning at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis and then have brunch together at the Hen House Eatery across the street?
 - * Or meet at the Minneapolis Institute of Art some Thursday evening and tour an exhibit?
 - * Or meet for dinner and discussion some evening?
 - * Any other suggestions?
- Please let Mary C. Jubenville know if you have an interest in exploring some get-together events outside weekday daytime hours.

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First Impression/St. Olaf Samaritan Ministry

Monday, January 9, 2017 is drop off day

Needed: Backpacks, Totes, **Purses**, Billfolds, Winter Hats, Caps, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves, Boots, Warm Socks. Small Facial Tissue Pacs, Lip Gloss, Nail Files, Small Note Pads & Pens, Small Calculator, plus Any Item for Purse Contents

Note: Purses especially needed!!

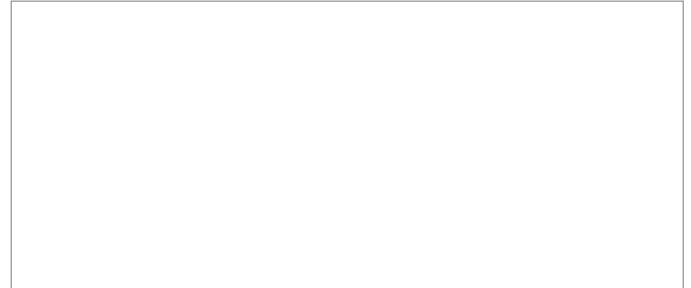




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families in need to affect positive
change in their lives and enriching
the lives of its members.*



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