



# LINK

2015 Winter 2016

On December 7 LCW family members and friends came together at the home of League member, Eva Chapman, to fill St. Nicholas tote bags with items to bring comfort and joy to our homeless neighbors in need.

## The 70/30 Split and Prudent Spending

**Grants are part of our history**—Risen Christ and Pope John Paul II schools, St. Catherine University and, in 1973, The Clinton Club, a non-denominational residence for women with intellectual challenges. We are at a point where we need to look at awarding grants more intentionally by:

- Appointing a grant committee that is experienced and knowledgeable
- Establishing guidelines to create parameters for applicants and the League
- Budgeting a total amount to be granted

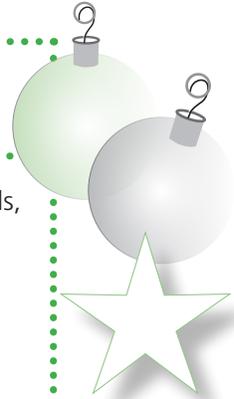
Awarding grants will ensure we have sufficient programmatic spending to satisfy the State-suggested Expenses vs. Program ratio—no more than 30 percent of revenue goes to Management/General and Fundraising, while 70 percent or more goes to Programs to serve the community. Many nonprofits spend 80-90 percent of revenue on programs.

Program expenses are directly related to fulfilling our mission. They include the obvious cost of programs, but also a portion of printing, postage, office, IT, rent, depreciation etc., we incur for those programs. For 2014, we spent 65 percent on Programs and 35 percent on Management/General and Fundraising. We must continue to work toward a higher percentage of revenue going to programs.

The funds we received from the sale of our building are in short term, high quality investments in the Administrative account, where they are most readily available. You may have heard Jerry Brennan speak at the fall lunch on the need to develop a spending formula by creating a strategic financial plan first. We are creating the preface for that plan. It will allow us to use those funds prudently to balance the budget and fulfill mission.

We must continue to ensure the financial viability and sustainability of the League and our mission. We have made significant progress and are more skilled at anticipating and solving management challenges. With your support, we have dealt effectively with critical and complex issues and are stronger for it. **Thank you!**

Fran Rusciano Murnane • League President



May God shower all of our League members, clients and their families with grace and blessings this Christmas season and throughout the new year.

### Welcome New Members

Susan Johnson  
Jan Humphrey



# social services

## A Driving Force For Our Community

For a year now, the League's First Impression volunteers have continued to supply goods for our neighbors in need through a fruitful collaboration with the Samaritan Ministry at St. Olaf's Catholic Church.

467 items

467 items for the "Warm and Dry" Drive were contributed in this joint effort conducted on November 5. Children's clothes and blankets collected and not needed by St. Olaf were given to long-time LCW partner, Northside Child Development Center. League Coordinators, Annette Meyers and Judy Dawes express their heartfelt appreciation to all our wonderful, loving League members and their friends for their time and generosity in this successful venture.

**Begin preparing** now for the next Drive scheduled for Wednesday, January 27. Entitled "Carrying Precious Belongings," it aims to collect backpacks, totes, purses, and billfolds as well as always appreciated warm winter hats, caps, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks.

**Start shopping** at those post-holiday sales and bring your items to St. Olaf office the week of January 25 from 9:00 to 4:00. For more information, contact Judy Dawes (651-483-4430). Mass and lunch afterwards at the Hen House are perks for your participation!



## Tuesday Club: A Ministry That Keeps Serving

Contributed by Kathleen Kennedy,  
Tuesday Club volunteer

**Tuesday Club, the League of Catholic Women's oldest running community service project**, began in 1974 when new high-rise apartments in the city housed mostly single seniors. TC provided a hospitable place to meet, socialize and have fun over lunch. Gatherings occurred bi-monthly when the League owned its own building. It currently meets on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Olaf Catholic Church.

Yet fun, fellowship, food, bingo and special themes still encourage guests to dress up and participate in festive meals. Games, activities and occasional entertainment highlight these gatherings.

The backbone of Tuesday Club is its selfless volunteers, some of whom have been involved since 1974. Ruby Johnson, now deceased, set the tone for dedicated volunteering.

Mary Murray, Rosemary Flynn, Laverne Levy and Rita Fox, along with enthusiastic new volunteers, form a legendary culinary group. TC even has its own cookbook! Want to play even a small part in this much appreciated LCW ministry? Call Rita Fox (612-670-2692 or 952-935-4004) to see how you can plug in to cook or serve an occasional meal.

Currently TC guests come from the St. Olaf neighborhood, Catholic Eldercare, Northeast Seniors and Little Brothers. We are most grateful for staff and volunteers who transport our guests, who number between 70-80 each month.

Volunteers emphasize the joy they receive from "connecting with regular clients" and "the camaraderie between guests and with our volunteers." Those served and those serving give Tuesday Club a hearty thumbs up!



# January/Feb/March calendar

## Coming Attractions for ALL

Wednesday, January 27 First Impression/ Samaritan Ministry Drive/ St. Olaf

January date to be announced in E-blasts Members Gather for Sunday Brunch The Woman's Club

## Continuing Activities for MEMBERS

Exec. Committee Meeting First Tuesday each month/ 4:00 p.m. The Woman's Club's LCW office

Board of Directors Meeting First Tuesday in February/ 4:00 p.m./ St. Olaf

**Board of Directors now meets every other month**

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

Daytime Book Club Second Thurs each month/ private homes/ 9:15 a.m.

Evening Book Club Third Tuesday each month/private homes/ 7:00 p.m.

Spiritual Conversation Book Club First Monday each month/ The Woman's Club/ 9:30 a.m.

Docent Tour Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, March 23 Minneapolis Institute of Art/ 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.



## In Memoriam

In loving memory of:

**Beverly Frothinger**  
Sheila Lind

**The League extends sympathy to:**

**Dick Klein**  
husband of Anne Lahiff Klein

**The family of Elizabeth (Betty) Garrity**

**Renee Jordon on the death of her father, Hugh Schmidt**

**Mary Margaret Ness on the death of her husband, Gary**

**The family of Ernie Jones, long-time maintenance employee at the former LCW residence on 7th Street**

## More "Links" Than Ever for LCW Members

Once upon a time, there were **three ways** for League members to get information:

- the League Link (11 issues, one member at a time, printing and mailing costs)
- the League office (open 4-5 days a week, full-time salaries, one member at a time)
- other League members (burning up the phone lines, one member at a time)

**Along came the computer**—a prince charming or an ogre, depending on your viewpoint. That changed things considerably.

Now League members can obtain **information** from:

- the League Link (quarterly issues, less money, fewer deadline headaches)
  - the League office (by phone 2 mornings a week, by e-mail 24 hours a day)
  - other League members (who still burn up those phone lines!)
  - E-Blasts (twice a month, full of current and comprehensive information, links 300 members and potential members with LCW activities and news at a very low cost)
  - the League website (always available up-to-date info, reaches members and potential members who surf the web, practically free now that it is up and running)
- Oh, and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook!  
See: [leagueofcatholicwomen.org](http://leagueofcatholicwomen.org).

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There are currently 37 LCW members who either do not use a computer or who have not sent in their e-mail addresses to include in the LCW database. If you use a computer and did not give us your e-mail on your membership form, please send the office your e-mail now so we can keep you up to date.

If you do not have a computer, how can we serve you better? Please let Fran Murnane, our president (612-286-8557) or Mary Ritten, vice-president (612-991-4097) know your concerns. We will attempt to accommodate you to the best of our ability.

The League of Catholic Women continues to try to answer the demands of the 21st Century while retaining the gracious spirit instilled by our founders. They were both respectful of tradition and fearless in the face of change. Let us follow in their footsteps to forge another century of service and friendship.

**For further information**

**See: [leagueofcatholicwomen.org](http://leagueofcatholicwomen.org)**

**Read our member e-blasts**

**E-mail us: [lcwmp1s@gmail.com](mailto:lcwmp1s@gmail.com)**

**Call us: 612-813-5324**

**Oh, and don't forget to Like us on Facebook**



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LCW Office Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. to noon

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