



LINK

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The Resurrection of Our Sense of Surprise

Did you ever have a friend or family member say at the end of an ordinary conversation: I love you. That is a bit uncomfortable if the other's sense of closeness is greater than ours. We might not feel worthy of that enthusiasm. We could be angry at that person because our space has been invaded — we do not feel in control. We think: I don't love that person; I don't even like them very much.

But isn't it something that they love openly, that they have the courage to reach out. And how do we respond? With a sense of irritation, with a wall of privacy, with a heart untouched by their expression of bigheartedness and gratitude for who we are to them.

We shut down, never fully present to them, and we are as dull as dull can be. We are unresponsive and fail to see beauty or truth in the moment. We never realize the opportunity the other person is presenting us with — to stop the din around us, to be quiet, to contemplate what that unfettered, pure expression of love means to the other person and what it can mean to us.

What would it be like if that scenario were ripe with openness to their joy? Maybe it would be the resurrection of our sense of surprise, wonder, revelation. What more appropriate during this Holy Season. As my term as president of the League of Catholic Women comes to a close, my message is simple: Step out of your hesitancy. Be surprised by that other person in your midst. Be surprised at yourself and your openheartedness to love.

Let us welcome our new president, Mary Jubenville, with an open heart and a loving response.

HAPPY EASTER! SING ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

Fran Rusciano Murnane • League President

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"THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS FILLED THE
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FROM THE VERY HEART OF THINGS

SOMETHING NEW CAN ALWAYS EMERGE."

— Pope Francis,
Laudato Si' #80



profile



Profile of Anne Lawler

Anne, you've been an LCW member for years because of your connection with Marta Ritten Melin. What keeps you an active member?

First of all, any member that knows the Ritten women (Mary, Marta and Anna) knows that it is impossible to say 'no' to them. They are inspirations and the true definition of the women of the League. I was asked by Mary Ritten to take a larger role with the League during the time when the League was in transition, about 3 years ago. I met many dedicated and persistent women. Their love for the League and its mission drew me in. I stay active now because of all the wonderful women I have had the privilege to get to know and the opportunities there are for spiritual, educational and personal growth.

Now that your last child is about to start college in September, what sort of different things are you looking to do as empty nesters?

Well for starters, I will be doing less laundry and dishes! My husband Tim and I have 4 children ages 24 to 18. We are ready for a short break. Neither one of us can sit still for long, so I envision more traveling, which we both love; organizing the home (I might even tackle the dozens of boxes of pictures in my closet!) and attending more sporting events.

Can you talk about some of the main things that you get out of your LCW membership?

What I love most about the LCW is that no matter who you are, how old or young you are, what your interests and passions are, the League is a fit for you. Do you want to

explore your faith? Then our Spiritual Enrichment programs are for you. Do you like that feeling you get when you help others? Then our Community Outreach programs such as Tuesday Club, tutoring, and First Impressions, to name a few, are for you. Do you just want to connect with other women and have a stimulating conversation outside of work or home? Then come to our many social events throughout the year. Not finding exactly what you want? Then bring us your ideas. The League is always open to exploring new creative services for women and families. The League has something for you!

After your experience of serving on the board, what are a few ideas you have for future planning?

First of all, I am honored to have served with such smart and dedicated women on the Board these past 3 years. Just recently, as part of the investment committee, a vote was passed to put a substantial amount of money in an endowment that will live in perpetuity. It is a beautiful symbol of all the many League members and contributors that have given toward the service of women and families these past 116 years. It also shows the commitment of the League to continue to be a beacon of hope and strength for women in need for many years to come. Since 1911, the LCW has sought solutions to problems facing women in every decade of our history. I am excited to see what ideas and solutions our newest and future members bring to the LCW this next decade. I am sure it will make our predecessors proud.

Renew or Join Now!

- Please renew your membership or join today for the year 2017.
- \$60 Basic Membership
- \$100 Supporter
- \$250 Benefactor
- \$500 League Leader
- Support our long tradition of serving women and children and providing spiritual and educational programs for members and others. Keep the League strong and connected to the metro area community, as it has been for 105 years. **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO RENEW OR JOIN!**
- Use PayPal online or send your check to the office.



Thank you, Ladies, for Your Dedicated Service!



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to LCW Board members whose terms expire in May. Thank you!

- Fran Rusciano Murnane** (President)
- Becca Fallon** (Secretary)
- Anne Lawler** (Development)
- Donna Ramsay** (Spiritual Enrichment)
- Alice Randall** (Education)

Without each of you smart and dedicated women, our organization would not be where we are today. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We hope to continue to build on the successes of LCW and make you proud of what we can accomplish in the upcoming year. We wish you the best of luck and God's blessings in the future.



Please consult flyers and Link articles for details about events.

April/May/June

calendar

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. Thursday, May 11 Planning Meeting Hostess: Rose Linnehan
Evening Book Club	Third Tuesday each month/ private homes/ 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 Hostess: Delores Stoltman (contact Delores for book title)
Spiritual Conversation Book Club	First Monday each month/TWC/9:30 a.m.
Spring Annual!	LCW Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon Wednesday, May 17. Woman's Club. 11:00 a.m. social hour/ 12:00 noon lunch
Mia Docent-led Tour	Minneapolis Institute of Art/10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Docent: Terry Edam. Meet in main lobby,



In Memoriam

In loving memory of:

Sandy Butler

Joyce Kegley

Mary Ritten

Anne Kelly

Judy Dawes
Kathy Dolan
Rita Fox
Fran Murnane
Mary Ritten

The mothers of:

Renee Jordan

Annette Meyers

Gloria Woog-Kamish

Kathleen Zavoral

Fran Murnane

The mothers of:

Renee Jordan

Annette Meyers

Kathleen Thiede

Rita Joynt

Anne Kelly

Edie Schmidt

Annette Meyers



Anna Mazig

Please join us for a



**docent-led tour
on Thursday, April 20
with docent Terry Edam.**

10:30 a.m. until noon

1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

MIA TOUR TIMES

All are welcome and the tours are free.

We will meet under the STARBURST in the main lobby.

We have a lot of fun and we learn more about the wonderful collections in our world-class MIA.

Hope to see you!

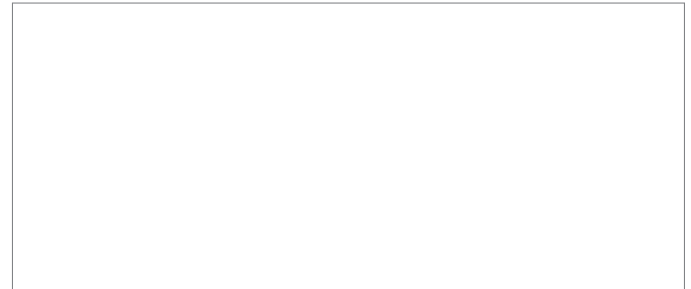




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is an independent service
organization founded in 1911
partnering with women and
families in need to affect positive
change in their lives and enriching
the lives of its members.*



MIA TOURS

We know many of you enjoy attending our docent-led daytime tours at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. We'd like to change it up and add some evening and Sunday tour events too. For some years now, MIA has been hosting docent-led tours based on books picked by MIA. In May, there are tours in connection with the memoir *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Let us know if you are interested in attending a tour with other LCW members and guests on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. It is not necessary to read the book beforehand. The tours are free. Call or email the LCW office if you'd like to join us on May 11 or May 21! **lcwmppls@gmail.com or 612-813-5321**

Nominations Are Now Open For LCW Project Chairs for 2017-2019

The Catholic woman has changed through the generations and we need your voice to meet her needs. We are looking for members willing to get involved in recruiting new members and work on writing the LINK.

Please contact Winnie Collins at 763-546-5224 or at tomwincollins@msn.com if you are willing to help. You will be greatly rewarded in many ways.



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and save.**

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