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New Educational Enrichment Series Begins May 6

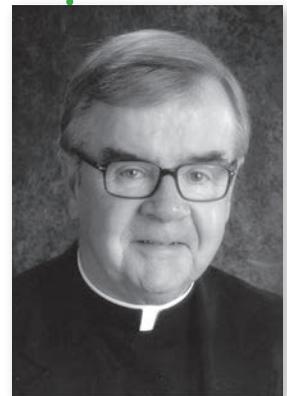
The League of Catholic Women is excited to announce its 2015 Educational Enrichment series.

This series raises awareness of two community initiatives that address the difference in achievement between students of color and students who are white and its dramatic individual and community consequences. Minnesota has one of the lowest achievement levels in the nation for children of color.

Our series begins on Wednesday, May 6, when the League welcomes dynamic speaker, Sondra Samuels. Sondra, President and CEO of Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), is "a national leader who advocates for evidence-based cradle-to-career solutions. She heads up a revolutionary culture shift in North Minneapolis focused on ending poverty through education. NAZ is a nationally recognized model for comprehensive community development and systems change." She will raise our awareness of this innovative approach to better educational opportunities on the north side.

On June 24, Father Michael O'Connell and Sondra Samuels will conduct Part II of this series with a special bus tour of North Minneapolis for LCW members.

The series will conclude next fall with Part III, featuring former Minneapolis mayor and current Executive Director of Generation Next, RT Rybak. These three programs will give LCW members opportunities to learn more about how closing the achievement gap will benefit our community. What we hear may inspire us with ideas to expand our current literacy outreach services or open the door to further efforts on behalf of students and their families in underserved schools and neighborhoods.



Look for more information about this continuing series in the June Link and in future E-Blasts.

Educational Enrichment Series: Part I

Sondra Samuels: NAZ—A Road to Academic and Personal Success

Wednesday, May 6

Hospitality 9:30 a.m. • Program 10:00 a.m.

The Woman's Club Centennial Room

Preregistration: \$10.00. At the door: \$15.00

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LCW Moves Forward with Confidence



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The remarkable progress made since November 2014, could not have happened without the hard work, volunteer and financial support and good will of League members.

Spring brings renewal, and the League is doing just that.

The Board recommends the return of the Project Development and Evaluation (PD&E) Committee to vet new community outreach programs and evaluate current ones.

A Nominating Committee will submit names to be voted on at the Annual Meeting May 21. Governance along with PD&E and Membership, held in the interim by Julie Ann Schmidt and Lisa Miller respectively, comprise the slate. Terms of other board members continue until May 2016.

St. Paul Development Company bought 207 South Ninth Street. Their tenants are one of two state-sanctioned suppliers of medical marijuana in Minnesota, and a complete renovation is underway. All attorney fees for the sale of the building, amounting to thousands of dollars, were provided pro bono by Jeff Johnson, Barna, Guzy & Steffens.

The \$700,000 proceeds will both reimburse the Endowment Fund for \$100,000 the League borrowed during the early 2000s and generate interest income for operating expenses. We will soon confirm professional volunteer advisors to assist in managing investments.

We were able to secure lower rates with Dolliff Insurance as our new carrier. Founded in 1929, it is one of the oldest and largest independent and family owned agencies in the Twin Cities. A newly designed and updated LCW website will debut with an E-blast announcement. The Board voted to approve a new League logo. See article below.

Thank you!

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Introducing Our New Logo

As we continue to move forward, the LCW Executive Committee recommended, and the LCW Board of Directors approved, a new logo to mark our renewal.

The new logo focuses on the cross, the age-old symbol of Christ and the embodiment of a compassionate God who gives his life for others. The cross is green, representing hope and renewal and the League of Catholic Women. Our founders chose this color. The door of our building was green, and our present office door is green.

As symbols, logos lend themselves to various interpretations. Here is one:

The cross stands as a never-changing expression of Divine Love and the core of all that we do. The flowing gray lines surrounding the cross might represent the services that flow from that core, members who connect with each other and the women and families who benefit from the services we offer. The new logo might also symbolize new reasons and new methods for League members to respond to the needs of the time.



The logo will appear on the Link, our stationery and our communications with the public. May it resonate with our members and the community at large, giving validation to who we are as the League of Catholic Women.



March/April

calendar

April 7	2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
April 9	9:15 a.m.	Daytime Book Club. "The Invisible Man." Hosted by Mary Medved
April 13	9:30 a.m.	Spiritual Conversation Book Club
April 14	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Club. St. Olaf Church
April 16	10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	MIA Art Tours
April 16	5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	New and Perspective Members Party The Woman's Club, Century Room
April 21	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club. Hosted by Carolyn Lewis "Her Honor: Rosalie Wahl & The Minnesota Women's Movement"
May 4	9:00 a.m.	Spiritual Conversation Book Club
May 5	2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
May 6	9:30 a.m.	NAZ President and CEO, Sondra Samuels. The Woman's Club
May 12	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Club. St. Olaf Church
May 14	9:15 a.m.	Daytime Book Club. New season selections. Hosted by Rose Linnihan
May 19	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club. New season selections. Hosted by Rita Peller
May 21	11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	May Luncheon & Annual Meeting. The Woman's Club



In Memoriam

In loving memory of:

Jane Clifford

Judy Dawes
Pat Kramer
Janice Ott
Susan Sell
Kris Smyth

Jim Cashman

Husband of Billie Cashman
Mary Ritten

Mike Mullin

Brother of Karen Winter
Mary Ritten



Welcome New Members

Katherine Helfter
Michele Kolar
Kathy Jo Peterson
Julie Thompson

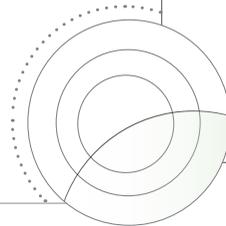
party

"A Taste of the League" Party in April

Have you joined the LCW within the last year? Do you know someone who wants to learn more about the League?

Come to The Woman's Club for a new and perspective member party called "A Taste of the League" for an evening of fun and information about the LCW.

Thursday, April 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Please contact the League office at 612-813-5321 or lcwmppls@gmail.com, and we will send you an e-mail invitation. **Questions?** Call Anna Underdahl at 612-481-3359 or Lisa Miller at 612-866-4709.





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that partners with women and
families in need to affect positive
change in their lives and that seeks
to enrich the lives of its members.*

Coming Together for a Cause

This spring, the League of Catholic Women's First Impression and St. Olaf Samaritan Ministry will hold their third joint venture—"Around the House or Apartment Shower"—an opportunity for League members to help others with basic household necessities.

The drive will be held FRIDAY, APRIL 17 from 10:30 to Noon. Bring donations to the Gathering Room at St. Olaf's, 215 South 8th Street or drop them off at the church office any day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Annette Meyers at 763-712-1882 or Judy Dawes at johnjudydawes@msn.com or 651-483 4430.

LCW members and friends are invited to join First Impression volunteers at the Hen House (kitty-corner from St. Olaf) for lunch after the 12:00 Mass. To reserve a place, please call Phyllis Langfield at 612-926-2182 before April 17.



Especially needed:

- Personal items: umbrellas and rain gear
- Bedroom items: new or lightly used bedding and towels, pillows
- Laundry items: detergent, small laundry baskets or bags
- Kitchen items: dish soap, sponges, kitchen towels, cooking utensils, scrubbies, potholders, can openers, placemats, silverware, coffee makers, toasters



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