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June 2015

Hop On Board! Learn About the Good News in North Minneapolis!

Sondra Samuels, President and CEO of NAZ (Northside Achievement Zone) knows better than most the past history, present conditions and future hopes for this section of our city. LCW members who attended her May 6 presentation were inspired by her passionate commitment to the place where she and her family live and work. Amazing changes are taking place in North Minneapolis. Here is your chance to learn about them first hand.

Sondra and Patty Stromen, Parish Administer at Ascension, will give League members and friends a rare and highly informative inside look at the Achievement Zone neighborhood aboard a chartered bus. We will hear about its roots and the concrete changes for the better taking place here that affect the general health and welfare of the entire metro area. Most importantly, we will learn more about the measurable differences student and parents are making because of the work of NAZ and its 44 community partners.

We will meet at NAZ headquarters, 2123 West Broadway Avenue at 9:45 on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, to take a two-hour tour. There is free parking in a small NAZ lot and on the street. There is no cost for the bus.

Almost everyone who was at the May program has already signed up. Call the League office (612-813-5321) or Alice Randall (612-743-8294) and get on board!



IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR ALL MEMBERS, (life-time, over 80 and others) TO FILL IN EVERY SECTION OF THE INFORMATION INCLUDED ON YOUR RECENTLY MAILED MEMBERSHIP FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE LCW OFFICE BY JUNE 1.

A Vital Question Only YOU Can Answer

How many active members does the LCW really have? Many are asking this question. For years the answer has been more a guess than a statistic. This guesstimate ranges from 450 to 250. We are counting on YOU to provide us with the correct statistics—

Here's how:

We need to know your current address, phone number(s), e-mail, and correct member status. If you qualify as a dues-paying member, please include your dues when you return your form. If you have joined the League in calendar year 2015, the dues you paid then will be good until the next membership round-up in 2016. Your

diligence in completing this process will enable the League to issue a 2016-18 Directory that is accurate and helpful to all LCW members. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS EFFORT.

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A Look at League Spring Events



On April 16, new LCW members and prospective members were treated to "A Taste of the League." It was an evening filled with wine, hors d'oeuvres, laughter and good cheer along with information about the various facets of our organization, provided by **Jean Dunn, Jane O'Neill, Donna Ramsay and Alice Randall**. Guests took home packets with membership forms and two have already joined.

Cheers for co-chairs, **Lisa Miller and Anna Underdahl!** An added shout-out to **Megan Maloney** and **Marta Melin** who assisted them.



On April 17, the drive to collect rainy weather gear and household goods sponsored by LCW and St. Olaf was a great success. All in all, 382 items were donated by League members to aid those working hard to provide for their families. Special thanks to **Judy Dawes, Phyllis Langfield, Annette Meyers** and to the others who planned this event. They especially want to thank all of you who participated by bringing in such practical and lovely items.

On May 6, the Educational Enrichment Series got off to a rousing start with the appearance of Sondra Samuels, CEO and President of the Northside Achievement Zone NAZ). It was heartening to hear this dynamic woman bringing good news concerning north Minneapolis.

Find out more about this area of Minneapolis by taking the free bus tour on June 24. See page one.



Congratulations to social chairs, Mary Gallivan, Jane O'Neill and Karen Winter, for another successful event.

On May 21, members and guests enjoyed one another's company at the LCW Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Julie Ann Greif, Co-President, and Marcella Gordon, Governance Chair, received appreciation and praise for their service as they leave the Board of Directors. Fran Rusciano Murnane will remain as LCW President until May, 2016. Mary Black was welcomed as Governance Chair for the next two years.

Good leadership is essential as the League goes forward. We are grateful to those who have accepted this responsibility. We pray that God will continue to inspire capable women in each generation to step into the leadership positions necessary to carrying out our mission for years to come.



June /July

calendar

June 1		Membership forms due at the LCW office.
June 2	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
June 9	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Club, St. Olaf Church
June 24	10:00 a.m. -noon	Bus Tour of North Minneapolis
July 7	2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
July 14	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Club. St.Olaf

League Book Clubs have not announced reading lists or meeting times yet. Members of each of these book clubs will receive this information by mail or e-mail soon. If you are not currently in a book club and would like more information about the daytime, evening, or spiritual book club, please leave your name with the office and you will be contacted .



In Memoriam

In loving memory of:

Jane Clifford

Pat Kramer
Phyllis Langfield
Fran Rusciano Murnane
Maureen Neerland

Lynn Crane

Mary Ritten

**Victoria Greif,
mother of Julie Ann Schmidt**

Judy Dawes
Bruce Krause
Fran Rusciano Murnane
Tandy Reetz
Mary Ritten

Margaret Keppel

Mary Ritten

**JoMarie Rusciano
McNichols,
sister of
Fran Rusciano Murnane**

Susan McGuire
Mary Ritten
Kathleen Thiede

**John (Buzz) Myser,
husband of Patricia Myser**

Fran Rusciano Murnane
Mary Ritten

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If the office has not received your completed membership form in time for you to be included in the new directory, your name will not appear on the membership rolls and it will not be possible to include you in Link mailings, E-Blasts or other correspondence.

Your valuable contributions of time, talent and treasure to the League of Catholic Women support and sustain our 104-year-old organization. They are deeply appreciated. We hope you will continue to remain an active League member and we pray that other women, of every age and life situation, will join you in continuing our mission to improve the lives of women and families in our community.



Welcome New Members

Shannon Hansen
Sarah Reilly
Susan Spaulding
Gerry Strasser



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organization, founded in 1911,
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.*

Golf Outing Set for August

After a one-year hiatus, LCW golfers are back in the swing!

Plans are being made for some fun foursomes at Braemar Golf Course in Edina.

The August-September Link will contain all the details plus a registration form.

Golfers of every age and golfing ability are encouraged to join in.

This is not the LPGA!

Please leave your name on the office voice mail (612-813-5321) now if you wish to take part or would like to know more about it. One of the planners will give you a call.



Important League

Information.

Please clip and save.

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