

October 2014

LCW—Enriched and Energized

Renewal, discernment, gratitude and growth paint the picture of the League's journey since August 2013. Advocating, researching, rethinking, advising, giving and praying are among the many gifts members continue to contribute to enliven the League. Daunting, challenging, rewarding and exhilarating are marks of the road traveled thus far. Some significant outcomes of our League journey together over the past year are:

- Renewed passion
- Revitalized mission and vision
- Greater appreciation for current services
- Deeper and new friendships
- Profound admiration for others' talents and expertise
- Insightful planning for the future

The Interim Board of Directors—Mary Frey, Marcella Gordon, Marta Melin, Fran Rusciano Murnane, Mary Ritten and Julie Ann Schmidt—along with other member/advisors of an ad-hoc nominating committee (who talked and asked many members to participate), have attentively built a new board, most of whom would serve until May 2016, in order to return to our traditional board terms. We will vote on the new board listed below and the amended by-laws at the September 30 meeting at The Woman's Club.

The New Executive Committee:

Co-Presidents: Fran Rusciano Murnane and Julie Ann Schmidt

Communications: Mary Ritten

Development Interim Development Advisors: Sue Hayes, Anne Lawler and Kris Smyth

Governance: Marcella Gordon

Interim Secretary: Margie Mullin

Treasurer: Jean Ackermann

The New Full Board:

The Executive Committee

Educational Programming: Alice Randall

Member Enrichment: Mary Culhane and Judy Fischer

Membership: Theresa Orth and Kristi Flanagan Villar

Spiritual Enrichment: Mary Estlich, Tyny O'Rourke and Donna Ramsay

Social Events: Mary Gallivan, Jane O'Neil and Karen Winter

Social Outreach: Jean Dunn

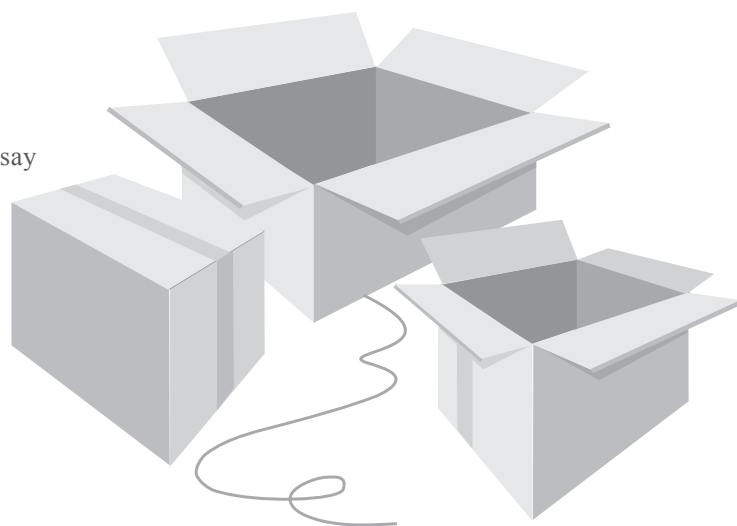
Thank you for all you do! Together we begin a new era, embracing all that we have and all that is yet to come.

Our New Office

Looks like we made it! After a wonderful clean-out day at the League on September 3rd, we finally moved our offices to the Woman's Club on September 5th. We never could have done it without the many volunteers who came to help and the company, "Two Men and a Truck," who so graciously moved us pro bono. Wow, was this company stellar! The League is extremely grateful.

On to organizing our new space. It's inviting and very warm. We will be ready for you at the September 30th meeting.

See you there!



A Fond Farewell to At Your Service Estate Sales

In 1963, visionary League president, Alice Lahiff, used her personal funds to purchase a sweet little house at 2015 Aldrich Avenue. There she established one of the first consignment shops in the Twin Cities for the benefit of the League. All proceeds from The Switching Post sales were given to support our mission.

In 1972, Alice deeded the property outright to the League. A management committee of LCW volunteers ran the shop, supervised by the Board of Directors of The League of Catholic Women. Within a few years, estate sales conducted by professionally trained League volunteers were added to the list of services offered by The Switching Post.

In about 1993, The Switching Post building was sold but the Estate Sales, now called "At Your Service," continued. The first official estate sale agents were Kay Conboy and Mary Lou Peterson. In later years, Gerry Hoch and Betty Schech formed a second team. After Betty died, Maureen Soller became Gerry's partner. In the early 2000s, Mary Holmes and Bev Vieno formed the sales team for St. Paul estate sales.

The July 2014 liquidation sale, held at 207 South Ninth Street, was AYS's final gift to the League. It added more than \$7000 to LCW revenue. In its 51 years of existence, the Switching Post/At Your Service fund-raising group has given tens of thousands of dollars to the LCW to benefit our organization and social services.

We owe these exceptionally enterprising and hard-working women a tremendous debt of gratitude. But it is not all work and no fun for this crew. They love what they do, and they love each other's company! They have both inspirational and hilarious stories to tell about their adventures over the years, and they will be sharing them at a special League party for these special women.

If you have ever served as a SWITCHING POST or AYS volunteer, this invitation is for you.

What? A festive wine and hors d'oeuvre party in your honor

When? Wednesday, October 14

What time? 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Where? Loring Green East, 1201 Yale Place, Fireside Lounge, Floor 21

If you are able to come, please be sure to RSVP by October 10. You may call the League office at 612-813-5321 (note the new number) or e-mail ritz123@comcast.net. Loring Green East condo is one block west of the Nicollet Mall on 12th Street (a one-way street going east). Guest parking is available on two levels to the left as you enter the front driveway of the building. Carpooling is advised. Be especially aware of those who may not be able to drive and give them a call.

In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Lang

Lori and Thomas Commerford
Susan Eich
Gwendolyn and Matthew Frost
Nell Matthews and Max Hacker
Melissa Hickey
Alice and Tom Jens
Carol and Craig Moleski
Wendy and James Mullaney
Fran Rusciano Murnane
Judy and Bob Murphy
Howard O'Connell
Stephanie and Michael Reymann
Diane and David Rogers
Pamela Scott
Lucia and Jim Seidel
Susan and Kenneth Thurk
Debra Vorpahl

Regina Knowles

Susan McGuire
Fran Rusciano Murnane

Lorraine Breitenbucher

Mary Ritten

Joanne Mahoney

Mary Ritten

Jim Gooley

Fran Rusciano Murnane

Mary Kiley Smith

Marcella Gordon
Ginny Vizard
Pat Dogherty
Magaret Combs
Rita Fox





Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 23	Last Interim Board meeting 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 30	Hors d'oeuvre Buffet and Annual Board Meeting Vote for new LCW board members and amended by-laws 2:00-4:00 p.m. Woman's Club, 410 Oak Grove Street
Wednesday, October 1	MIA Art Tour of "War Stories." 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Monday, October 6	Spiritual Conversation Book Club at Mary Ritten's condo 9:30 am. Chapter 4 of "The Joy of the Gospel"
Thursday, October 9	Daytime "Bookies" book club Hostess and discussion leader, Mary Medved "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova
Tuesday, October 14	Tuesday Club at Saint Olaf. 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 14	Farewell Party for AYS. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Loring Green East, Fireside Lounge
Monday, October 20	Under 55 Gathering for LCW members and prospective members 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Loring Green East, Fireside Lounge
Tuesday, October 2	Evening Book Club: 7:00 p.m. Hostess and discussion leader, Joan Revels. "The Death of Santini" by Pat Conroy

Parking Restrictions at Our Building at 207 South Ninth Street

After October 1, no weekday parking will be allowed at the lot behind our building. Most of the spaces are now rented to monthly parkers who help pay our bills! We know that members will abide by this restriction. Cars parked in the rental parking spaces will be subject to towing. Members are still free to park in the 207 lot on weekends on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this effort.

New Phone Number, Address for the League of Catholic Women

- **410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis 55403**
- **Direct number to LCW office: 612-813-5321**

Please copy and save for future reference.

Visit our new office on Tuesday, September 30.