

• DATES TO REMEMBER

02/18-19/07: NV-Legislative Event

03/25-27/07: CA-Legislative Event

04/13-15/07: District Retreat Zephyr Point, NV

04/20-22/07: Conference Retreat

05/31/07: Applications for Scholarships due to Melody Headley

06/15/07: Reading Program reports due to Marge Pliley

06/30/07: Mission Today and 5 Star Due to Sherrill Sweeney

08/17-19/07: Mission Event Reno

09/29/07: District Fall Meeting Sparks, NV

10/20/07: CA/NV UMW Annual Conference

12/15/07: Deadline for Report of Local Unit Page to Sandie Hartman

APRIL 4-6, 2008 Western Jurisdictional Quadrennial, Honolulu, HI

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Susan Kopp

My heartfelt thanks for the blessing to be invited by the District Superintendent to represent UMW at the District Churches Charge Conferences at the end of the year. This was truly and amazing gift and I am confident that the benefits will be seen for many years to come. I want to thank each and everyone of you for welcoming me into your churches, the wonderful food and the grace that you blessed me with. I look forward with great eagerness to working with you and witnessing the work of UMW in your home church, in our district and through "Response" in our world. For those of you that I missed, my goal is to be at everyone next year.

PLEASE HELP US TO SAY FAIRWELL TO SIX RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS. BARBARA OZBURN, CAROLYN CLARK, MYRTLE FINDLEY, BOBBIE ROBISON, SHIRLEY WHITCOME and last but not least Past President, GENEIE CUNNYNGHAM. We have all just learned to spell her name. Geneie moves on to be Conference Secretary but has also agreed to consult on District Spiritual Growth. Do you know when you add up their service you get 41 YEARS. What would we have done without them. We would still be in 1966. Please thank them when you see them for their kind service to United Methodist Women.

DISTRICT RETREAT
APRIL 13-15
ZEPHYR POINT

Please utilize the Prayer Calendar and continue to hold those in the mission field in prayer daily.

DO YOU KNOW THE DISTRICT SONG

"BY FAITH"?

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INTRODUCING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President—Shalom to each of you—my name is Susan Kopp. I have belonged to the Nevada City church for the past 25 years. I currently serve our church as the Chair of Trustee's. I can confidently tell you that I am in UMW, because God has blessed me with sisters— of every possibility,

and I love them all with my whole heart, and prayers. I look forward to being your sister in Christ.

Our daughter Katie, has blessed our lives with Owen who is 7. Katie and Owen live next door. Our son Adam, serves our country on the USS Pennsylvania, a

Trident Submarine out of Bangor, Washington. Dan, my husband is the only retired Fire Chief (30 years of service) in Nevada County. I work for the criminal and traffic courts.

**DISTRICT VICE
PRESIDENT—Mary
Liebke**

Five years ago I was invited to attend a Sierra Pines UMW meeting and felt so welcome that I immediately became involved in their activities. That first year I also became their treasurer, which is a good way to learn the "workings" of UMW. The next year I was invited to expand my horizon and become the district Mission Coordinator for Social Action. What a most wonderful experience! I will forever be grateful for the opportunities for mission which this office has given me. The Women's Division shares so much knowledge about what is happening around the worlds with women, youth and children and how you can be involved in doing God's Work. I've been incredibly challenged and inspired in my commitment to mission locally and in other countries the past four years and I thank the United Methodist Women for providing the many opportunities to spread the gospel of God's love to everyone - especially to women and children. I look forward, as your

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Vice President, to sharing what I've learned about "Mission" and "Missions" with the district units as we plan our programs for the new year.

TREASURER— Sherrill Sweeney

Since joining the United Methodist Church in Iuka, Mississippi in the year 1990, I have been active in UMW, first as a Circle member (then chair) and in order: Unit Vice President, President, District Treasurer. Moving to Auburn in 1995 I again joined a Circle, was Chair and Secretary. In 2006 I was Co President of our unit and District Secretary. In 2007 my position within our Unit is President: in the District, Treasurer: in Rebecca Circle, Secretary. I pray for guidance in another new venture at Pioneer as Chair of Church Council. It is my pleasure to serve our Lord in any way I can.

**SECRETARY—Jean
Engler**

I'm Jean Engler and my Methodist connection goes back to a great grandfather who was the Methodist Chaplin at Ft. Laramie during the Civil War. His son, who was a homesteader, eventually spearheaded the building of the Methodist Church in Rugby, North Dakota. The women in my family belonged to WCTU, Women's Christian Temperance Union which became WSCS, Women's Society of Christian Service, which became UMW. So I followed there lead and became a active member as an adult. Even while I was teaching for 27 years, I was able to contribute by belonging to an evening circle. Methodist women, through our organization, have contributed immeasurably to the church and I'm proud of our accomplishments.

MISSION COORDINATORS FOR DISTRICT:

**MEMBERSHIP/NURTURE/OUTREACH—
Joyce Spence**

As a new mother, I enjoyed being a part of a night circle but seldom went to unit meetings (there were transportation and babysitting problems during the day). Later, living in several different locations, I was always active in the church but not UMW— those ladies seemed to be the "housekeepers of the church" and I did enough of that at home. After retirement, I was asked by a friend to attend a circle meeting and not being able to think of an excuse quickly enough, agreed to go. I came to love this group of roll-with-

punches older ladies and also participated in a few unit activities. A year later, I moved to Auburn, was again asked into a circle, but this time circle membership led to offices within the unit and then with the district, and I had much to learn about UMW. In essence, I learned that yes we build friendships and we help our own churches in many ways, but above all we have this wonderful mission of lifting up women, children and youth here at home and around the world.

**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION—
Melody Headley**

My name is Melody Headley. I was born in Upland, CA raised in Watsonville, CA. I have been attending Sparks UMC and UMW for four years. I enjoyed the district retreat and the Mission Event. The experience was wonderful, inspiring and lots of fun. I am glad I said yes when Nominations called because the experience of being on the executive board has made me feel more involved, loved and wanted. UMW has given me confidence in what I am doing and makes me believe I can be of help on many levels.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES: Marge Pliley

I came to the Methodist Church late in my life, having belonged to the Presbyterian Church. When I moved to Cool, CA there was no Presbyterian Church close at hand so I tried several other and found what I wanted with the Methodist Church. I found in UMW the reaching out to others as well as the fellowship in the company of women of like mind as the biggest draws. I have lived in Cool, CA for 22 years. I have worked in the Georgetown Community UMC as Secretary and Lay Representative to Annual Conference. I have

served on numerous church committees, and am recently the Coordinator on the Planning Committee for community events which has been our outreach to the residents of the Georgetown Divide which constitutes an area of approximately 20 square miles. I was active in the local UMW unit serving as Secretary and President until it disbanded two years ago, and since then I have attended UMW meetings at Pioneer UMW in Auburn.

**DISTRICT ANNUAL
FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29,
2007
SPARKS, NEVADA**

NOMINATIONS:

Linda Getschman was born and reared in Salineville, Ohio. Received her BA in Secondary Education from Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio, taught two years in Ifakara, Tanzania in the Peace Corps, married in 1967 and moved to Henderson, Nevada. She has a daughter and son who were born in Henderson. They moved to Carson City in 1971 and she began teaching in the Carson City School District in 1975. She retired from the school district in 2002 and now has time to give to the United Methodist Women. The UMW was a part in her life in Salineville as a little girl when she would join her mother who was active preparing meals for the UMW. It is natural for her to be involved.

Gwen Apodaca—I was born in North Dakota and grew up on a small farm in the Red River Valley of the North. After my marriage, I followed my husband to Minnesota, Illinois and moved to Nevada in 1966. I have three children, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. I have always been a Methodist as Daddy and Mother were very active in the

church. Mother was Sunday School Treasurer and active in the Ladies Aid as UMW was at that time. Daddy was the adult Sunday School teacher and did the sermons when our regular minister was not available. We rarely missed a Sunday. Often the horses were hitched up to pull our car out to the main road so we wouldn't miss Sunday School and Church.

Euphia Blinn was the one who invited me to UMW in Carson City and I enjoyed the fellowship and programs. I served as District Treasurer several years ago and look forward to being on the District Team again serving on the nominations committee.

Joanne Morine- I was born in Maine and grew up in Massachusetts. We went to a Methodist Church regularly growing up. I married and moved to Las Vegas then to Medford, OR where I sold real estate. I have lived in Reno, Nevada for the last 20 years. I have

three children, one daughter and two sons, seven grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. I have worked here for 10 years and have my beauticians license. When I retired I wanted to give back a little so I joined UMW and now chair the "Open Door Circle" at the Sparks United Methodist Church.

Edith Isidoro-Mills-Is a member of Epworth UMC, in Fallon, NV. Edith is a horticulturist who owns a native plant nursery and does garden writing for the Fallen Star Press. Edith also plays the flute in the Carson City Symphony, accompanies the church and community choirs when needed. Edith is married to Grant Mills. "I joined the UMW because I was looking for a spiritual venue that allowed a more feminist view of the world than churches as a whole seem to want to allow," says Edith.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC COORDINATORS

Janet Wills-I still have certificates from the Marengo Ave. Methodist Sunday School in Alhambra, CA that claim I was ready to be promoted—Cradle Roll to Nursery to Primary, etc. After a few detours I have been "promoted" again. Marriage, teaching, scouts, PTA, teaching 2-6 year olds music and movement intervened and UMW took a back seat. Moves from the San Gabriel valley to San Diego and Ridgecrest led to Carson City in 1999. My family includes my daughter, Cindy, her husband Todd, and son Ethan, age 6. My son Brian and his wife, Cheryl have a daughter Taneya, almost 14, and son Tyler almost 7. My best friend and husband Keith, lost his four year battle with

cancer in November 2005. I am so grateful for the open arms of UMW, and am thrilled to be a part of the district music team.

Fran Rahn-I was born and raised in the Mid-west moving to CA in 1976. I have lived in the Nevada City area since June, 1990 and have worked for a private, non-profit adoption agency there since the beginning of the following year—I hope to be there at least until I retire! I have been an active member of the Nevada City UMC since walking through those double doors that summer. I have been blessed to serve as

Lay Leader; Worship Chair and Co-Chair; and as a member of the Chancel Choir and Spirit Rising (praise band). I intend to stay active at NCUMC~ loving the work and being blessed and inspired by the incredibly wonderful folks there!

CO COMMUNICATIONS

Sandie Hartman-I am a native Californian, raised a Methodist. I moved to NV 10 years ago. My husband was in the service and we attended church wherever we could. When we retired to NV after the kids were grown and gone I walked in the doors of the Methodist Church in Carson City and discovered home. I was welcomed and asked to participate. UMW has become my passion because of all the wonderful work that is done by us ordinary folk. We can learn with joy and explore our own feelings and passions.

Margery Hall Marshall-I am an artist and graphic designer living in Carson City, NV. I am a member of South Reno UMC and attend UMW at First UMC Carson City. I am a 6th generation Texan born in Houston. I grew up in the Episcopal church and changed to Methodism after meeting my husband Stan Marshall. Currently I am the Nevada Representative for UMWIM-United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. I have served in Bolivia; Angola; Africa; South Africa and Montana on UMW

Missions or as an Individual Volunteer I Mission. I also served as a team leader for an international team to Moss Point, Mississippi to work on roofs damaged by Katrina. I am also serving as Vice-President of the California Nevada Conference UMWIM Committee.

I have a powerful call from God to serve Bolivia and my heart remains with the wonderful Quechu people of Tiu Rancho, Bolivia.

MISSION RESOURCE CENTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Have you had the opportunity to check the **NEW WAY OF ORDERING** and the **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**? They are making the big switch to reduce redundancy between Women's Division and General Board of Global Ministries resources. Instead of keeping all brochures in stock, they will print on a request/needs basis. The "Mission Resources Center" (formerly Service Center, then E Store). Prices of books are listed on

<http://www.missionresourcecenter.org/wdstore/default.asp>

You will find many useful links on our CNUMW Website

<http://cnumw.org/links.2007.htm> All of this is thanks to Doris Young web-servant doriyou@comcast.net

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CALL TO PRAYER INFORMATION FROM THE CENTER

Category—"Women's Division"
Keyword—"call to prayer"

Call to Prayer bookmark #2914

Call to Prayer calendar #3707

Call to Prayer materials Spanish#3827

Call to Prayer Poster #3736

Call to Prayer Order Form #3823

Call to Prayer Packet #3824

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry has been asked to write a book including stories about the making of the shawls, the giving and the blessings around the shawls. They are asking for original patterns to be submitted for the book. The deadline for the entries is Thursday March 15, 2007 please refer to their web site for the latest information.

www.shawlministry.com

A number of units in this district have a Prayer Shawl Ministry in their churches. Please join the nationwide groups participating in the book.

MORE: GETTING TO KNOW US

RETREAT COORDINATOR

Kelly Newell- Hi my name is Kelly Newell and I am your Retreat Coordinator. I have been involved in the camping and event industry for over 26 years having both directed and owned summer camps and retreats for both adults and children. As well, I am a visitor for the American Camps Association and accredited camp facilities and programs throughout the state of CA. My "other" background is education as I have been a classroom and university instructor. Presently, I work for a non-profit as a Project Director for a Coalition for a Drug Free

Nevada County, CA. I look forward to working with all of you on the retreats this organization will offer, and hope it is a powerful experience of Christian fellowship and growth. Why UMW? To join with women of faith, use my gifts and Susan Kopp nudged me.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH-we

would be so Blessed to have you join our team as the Spiritual Growth leader. Geneie Cunyngnam is the consultant and would help you with every step. Please pray about this calling.

SOCIAL ACTION-Have you paid attention to the GREEN TEAM, THE LAW MAKERS, THE REASONS FOR FAIR TRADE COFFEE, THE STYROFOAM PLUGGING UP THE ENVIRONMENT? DO YOU LOOK BACK AND SAY I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE PEACE CORPS? Then you are the person to pray about the calling to become our Social Action Mission Coordinator.

NOMINATIONS CHAIR-Do

you enjoy the company of Methodist Women? Have you found wonderful people in your unit that you want to interact with helping to spread the Purpose of the United Methodist Women? Become Nominations Chair.

This space is reserved for highlights from our District

Do you know someone from your church that deserves some recognition for service to the community? Please let your Communications Officers know. Sandie Hartman:

Sandiehartman@sbcglobal.net or

Margery Marshall :

lonestar@pyramid.net

Sunday School

The Sunday School Teacher was reviewing the wonderful Christmas season with her young students. They talked about all the exciting events and what it meant to them. The teacher then asked the students to draw their favorite part of Christmas, thinking about the birth of the Christ Child.

The Teacher then walked around the

room to see what each child was drawing. She stopped, looking at little Mike's paper. He had drawn a lovely Nativity scene. Mary, Joseph and the Babe were there with all the animals quite well represented. Down in the corner was a small round ball of a figure. The Teacher praised little Mike for his skill in drawing and his very accurate animals but she just had to ask about the roly boly figure in the corner. Without hesitation he said, "That is Round John Virgin."