



THE PATTERN



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With loving memories of Ruth Hansen...



Take a small bundle of energy, add in a pleasant smile and demeanor, stir in a deep love for her Savior and her church, and you have the beginning of a picture of Ruth Hansen. Ruth served Palisades PW faithfully for twenty-plus years — as a member of the Coordinating Team and as an active participant in our gatherings and retreats.

I always enjoyed Ruth's company. We roomed together at one of our retreats many years ago and spent a good part of the night giggling and chuckling over shared past memories. One of my favorite memories of Ruth goes back quite a number of years. Whenever I would call Ruth in the evening, I would ask how she was doing. One time the phone rang for a long time before she answered. I apologized for interrupting, but she said, "Oh, it's okay, we (she and her beloved husband Leon) were downstairs in the basement playing penny poker." After that, each time I called she had to report to me who was winning at that time — she or Leon. This went on for years until Leon passed away.

And, I'll always remember the beautiful message she wrote about me and read to the women assembled at the last Palisades PW Gathering I attended.

She was a true friend, a faithful member of Palisades PW, and a dedicated worker in the ministry of Jesus Christ. She "led a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col. 1:10)

And now, dear Ruth, rest in peace. We will miss you greatly. And...by the way...who is winning? You or Leon?

— Joanne W. Schnaudt

PW Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,

And empowered by the Holy Spirit,

We commit ourselves:

To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,

To support the mission of the church worldwide,

To work for justice and peace, and

To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

2006

March 4	PWP-Palisades CT Meeting	9:30 am-12:30 pm	Ridgefield Park, NJ
March 4 **	PWP-Newark Winter Gathering Keynote Speaker: Kristen York Gerling	9:30 am-12:30 pm	Caldwell, NJ
April 8 **	Enabler Training		Stony Point Center
April 29 **	Spring Gathering <i>Walking Together in Mutual Love and Hope</i> Keynote Speaker: Roberta Mansfield	9:30 am-1:30 pm	IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA HISPAÑA West New York
May 5-8	Healing Retreat (see flyer in August 2005 <i>PATTER</i>)		Jersey Shore
MAY 15th **	Deadline for reservation to Synod Luncheon at Churchwide Gathering!		
May 19-21 **	PWSNE Spring Spiritual Retreat <i>A WELL WATERED GARDEN</i>		Syracuse, NY
July 8-12	Churchwide Gathering <i>Creation! Celebration: God's Word—Light for the Journey</i>		Louisville, Kentucky
July 9 **	PW in the Synod of the Northeast LUNCHEON		Louisville, Kentucky
Sept. 9, 2006	PWP-Palisades CT Meeting	9:30 am-12:30 pm	Hackensack
October 2006	PWP-Palisades Fall Retreat		To be advised

****See flyer in this issue for more details**

Business Meeting of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Palisades MINUTES October 15, 2005 First Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ

Attendees:

There were 23 women in attendance representing nine different churches. Sophie Diaz, our Enabler opened the meeting @ 10 AM with prayer.

Business Meeting:

Marilyn Reilly of the Women's Guild from the Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood welcomed us to her church. Abbie Slaman and Sophie Diaz made the

announcements: 2006 Churchwide Gathering registration will open in November; the Scholarship deadlines; the Women of Power 2005 Fall Conference will be held on December 2 -4 in Edgewater, NJ. Also



mentioned was mission work recently done through the Presbytery Office: more than 500 Gift of the Heart kits were ready for shipment and 17 blankets were given to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Abbie asked for a volunteer to help gather materials for the Patchwork of History Program. The quilt will be displayed at the 2006 General Assembly as well as the Churchwide Gathering in connection with the yearlong *Women's Ordination Celebration*.

Coordinating Team Reports

The **Minutes of April 9th, 2005** were **APPROVED**.

Presbyterian Representative: Barbara Van Tilburg

Was absent as she was traveling with her husband to Dallas, Texas.

Treasurer's Report: Florence Tees

Report was given and **APPROVED** as presented. It was decided that the Worship Offering was to be sent to Presbytery Disaster Assistance.

Program & Calendar Report:

It was announced that the Spring Gathering (April 29th, 2006) would be held at the Presbyterian Church in West New York.

The Patter: Abbie Slaman

Report was **APPROVED** as presented.

Enablers: Sophie Diaz, Kathleen McCabe & Evelyn Dvorak

Sophie continues to work with the Hispanic churches. Kathy reported on the Norwood Presbyterian Church. Evelyn Dvorak reported that in addition to the churches assigned to her, she is invited and attends Installations for the women in North Haledon. All reports were **APPROVED** as presented.

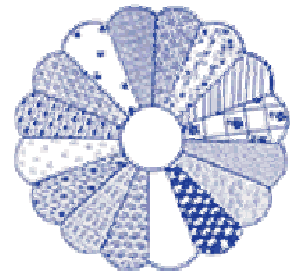
The business meeting was adjourned @ 10:45 AM and closed with prayer.

Following the business meeting, The Reverend Matilda Chase from the Community Presbyterian church of Mt. Bethel and Portland, Pa. presented the Program *Self-Care & keeping Sabbath*. "When you hear the Word Sabbath, what comes to your mind? REST! The 2nd chapter in Genesis, HOLY TIME-reconnect with GOD and remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy!

Respectfully submitted, Judith L. Baehren

Enabler Training April 8, 2006 at Stony Point

When Presbyterian Women was envisioned, the primary emphasis of the organization was the work and ministry of women in the congregations. The dream that developed was to empower Presbyterian women at the local level through a network of trained leaders who worked very closely with them.



This is a joint training with the following Presbyteries participating: Elizabeth, Hudson River, Long Island, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Newark, Palisades, West Jersey.

If you have been thoughtful of seeking leadership training and offering your service in the capacity of PW enabler, this is YOUR opportunity! Keep the date clear and contact Virginia Miller 908-272-6357 to reserve your space at the training.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES

Spring Gathering — April 29, 2006

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at

IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA HISPANA

5303 Hudson Avenue

West New York



Walking Together in Mutual Love and Hope

Keynote Speaker: Roberta Mansfield
of Warwick, Rhode Island
will be sharing her experiences, including
a powerpoint presentation of her participation in the
Global Exchange trip to Brazil



Horizons Bible Study preview —

Perspectives on Genesis,

by Celia Brewer Sinclair

led by the Rev. Lilia Ramirez-Jiminez,

Pastor of

Iglesia Presbyteriana of Paterson

Worship and Communion

led by the Rev. Lilia Ramirez-Jiminez

and the Rev. Teresita Chang

Pastor of Palisades Avenue Presbyterian Church in Union City

West New York, NJ

Music provided by Music Group from

Iglesia Presbyteriana of Paterson

Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch and fellowship.

"Coffee and" at registration, lunch beverage and dessert provided = \$1.00

Child care can be provided if requested in advance.

Getting ready for Louisville...

Ordination Celebration Quilt squares were mailed to Susan Barnes of Baker City, Oregon on December 20th. We received some of the squares from churches in our Presbytery, indicating the first woman elders and deacons:

City / Church	First Female Elder(s)	First Female Deacon(s)
BERGENFIELD/South Presbyterian Church	Katharine Major 1961	Grace Harrje 1948
FRANKLIN LAKES/Presbyterian Church at Franklin Lakes	1962 Anne Hankins Katherine Mosch	1960 Anne Hankins, Ruth Marino, Georgia Stocks Faith VanDeRee
HACKENSACK/First Presbyterian Church	1955 Elizabeth Bender Eleanor Price	1947 Joanne Davis, Katherine M. Knapp, Bessie Boyle Margaret Haegel, Elsie C. Greiner, Augusta Pratt
JERSEY CITY Old Bergen Church	Adelaide Dear	Jane Wilson
PARAMUS/Trinity Presbyterian	Julia Ramsier	Alice Veyhl
POMPTON VALLEY/Pompton Valley Presbyterian Church	1974 Gladys Jaeckle Evelyn Merrick	1958 Bertha Meivogel, June Patrano
RIDGEWOOD/First Presbyterian Church	1973 Mrs. Marion Abplanalp Mrs. Ivy McCormick Mrs. Ruth Meck	1919 Mrs. Helen F. M. McCarroll Mrs. Abby Gordon

We appreciate the time that was taken to research the names of these women. We also know that some of the women's groups sent fabric squares directly. So that ALL of the women, including all of the present clergywomen from Presbytery of the Palisades would be represented, an additional 121 squares were sent in the package to Susan Barnes.

Begin collecting pairs of NEW shoes and NEW socks to bring to the Churchwide Gathering July 7-11, 2006. Each pair of NEW footwear and NEW socks should be placed together in a separate zip-lock bag. Please write the size of the NEW shoes or NEW sneakers on a 3" x 5" card or on a similar piece of paper and include it in the bag. PLEASE, no adult shoes.



IDEAS

- Bring donations to the Gathering from women who cannot attend.
 - If you cannot attend CWG, please bring your donation to our Spring Gathering.
- Make this a local mission project — BE SURE TO REPORT YOUR DONATIONS TO JOYCE THOMSON, OUR NEW MISSION COORDINATOR SO THAT SHE CAN INCLUDE IT IN HER NEXT MISSION REPORT.



The World Day of Prayer is March 3, 2006. This global ecumenical movement brings together women to affirm their Christian faith, share their joys, sorrows, opportunities, and needs, and to engage each other in informed prayer and prayerful action.

Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Call the World Day of Prayer USA Committee at 800/298-5551 or *email:* WDPIC@worlddayofprayer.net for this year's Leaders' Guide and worship materials.

<http://www.worlddayofprayer.net/>

2006 NetWorkers Mother's Day Project

How It Works:

The NetWorkers Mother's Day Project is an easy and inexpensive mission activity to offer to your congregation.

First, identify a person in your church who will be the coordinator of the Mother's Day Project. That person should:

1. Determine how many cards your church might be able to use. (Don't be afraid to guess-churches order anywhere from 10 to 500 cards.) There is no cost for the cards.
2. Contact Gail Bingham in the International Health Ministries Office to order your cards. (888) 728-7228, x5573, or contact Gail via email. Cards will be available in early March.
3. Choose a date on which you will offer the cards to your congregation. This should be far enough in advance of Mother's Day (**May 14, 2006**) to allow time for mailing.
4. Make your congregation aware of this upcoming activity. Materials for promoting the Mother's Day project are available from Gail Bingham. (See contact information above.)
5. On your designated date, make the Mother's Day cards available in exchange for a donation to the NetWorkers Safe Motherhood Project. A gift of \$10 provides the malaria prevention educational materials and an insecticide-treated net to protect a woman through her pregnancy, and later, her baby as well.
6. Send the total amount donated to PC(USA). Directions will be sent with the cards.

The NetWorkers Mother's Day Project is an easy way to reach out to women in Africa whose health is threatened by malaria. Participating in this mission activity can bring the gift of health to a woman in Africa and her baby, as we honor our mothers and other cherished women in our lives.

<http://www.pcusa.org/health/international/networkers-mothers-day.htm>

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Palisades

*Nurture Faith, Support Mission,
Work for Justice & Peace and Build Community.*



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