

# Pacifica Partners

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We are pleased to share with you the following news, information and ministry opportunities taking place within our area. If you have items to share about the ministries happening through your congregation, please email Djana Venolia at pacificapartnerswelca@gmail.com.

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#### **Mission**

To mobilize women to *Act Boldly* on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### From the President's Desk



Plans are moving along for our November convention. The planning team met recently and finalized many of the plans. We plan to meet one more time in September besides emails in between. In my last article I said there would be a flyer which didn't quite make it.

The flyer plus registration form and scholarship form (and explanation of each scholarship) and nomination

form and Love Gift list and more should all be in this issue. Again, you are reading this directly from our web site www.pacificawomen.org. I am writing this before all is complete, but this year for the first time you will also be able to pay your registration with a credit card through our PayPal account and so submit your registration on line. We are excited to see how this works for everyone. Of course you can still print the form (see PDF version on our web site), mail us the form and a check.



Bishop Taylor will be unable to be with us this year.

He will be in Malaysia, our companion synod, to dedicate a new school there.

But Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen will be with us in his place. If you have not had a chance to meet or hear her, this is an opportunity you will enjoy!



Giving. Our convention always provides opportunities for giving. This year we are focusing on Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences (LRCC). Our Love Gifts this year will go to them- see the list elsewhere in this issue. And 25% of our offering will also go to them. The rest of our offering goes 50% to our churchwide organization and 25% to our Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA.

Silent Auction. And don't forget our Silent Auction! This is your shopping opportunity and all funds raised go to scholarships for our convention and for the Triennial Gathering. And remember the next Triennial is in Phoenix in July 2020. With it so close, we hope we have a record number from Pacifica in attendance. Look for another article about our Silent Auction from Roz Nelson who will coordinate that this year.

A service project has also been planned. We will be making blankets and baby caps for "Blankets for Brianna". Friday afternoon someone will come to tell us more about this project which is in Menifee. We hope to have a Thrivent grant to help with supplies. Then you will be able to work on blankets or caps Friday afternoon and into Saturday as well. Some of you may want to bring a blanket to work on or a cap



to crochet to the business meetings and/or the program on Saturday morning. If you would like to know more about this now – go to www.blanketsforbrianna.com or find them on Facebook.

Jackie Severa, our vice president and chair of our convention planning team, had back surgery May 16th. She is healing really well and the pain she had been experiencing is gone. She is thankful for all your prayers.



Keynote. As mentioned in our previous issues, our keynote speaker for convention will be Opal Singleton or her representative from "Million Kids", an organization in Riverside that exists to combat human

trafficking. This is a very current issue in our world and here at home in southern CA. I really encourage all of you to invite/sponsor young women from your congregation and/or family to come hear this most valuable information. Remember our scholarship funds.

Business. We are going to try something else very new! All business will be on Friday afternoon and evening. All voting members will need to be in attendance by 3:00 pm on Friday. We know that if you are working you will need to take a day or at least the afternoon off. But many of us do that anyway. If you are not a voting member but still are interested in listening, you will also need to arrive by 3:00. Registration will begin at 1:00. If you are not a voting member and do not wish to attend the busness sessions, the service project will begin at 1:30. There will be displays set up so you can take some time and browse through them plus get a start on the Silent Auction. We will have a meal at 5:30 with a Service of Music and Prayer at 6:30 followed by a second business session until maybe 9:00 or until we finish. So though we will have Saturday only registration available, you will enjoy the entire time Friday afternoon through Saturday about 4:00 pm.

Remember to also follow us on Facebook! Look for Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA. Viola Angebrandt is the author and does an amazing job.

Anew in Christ!
President Eunice Hanson



#### July-Aug 2018 Newsletter Spanish

Karen Voris
Executive Board Member
Women of the Lutheran Evangelical Church in
America



Karen Voris was elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA for her second term in

July 2017. She serves on the programs and communication committee and executive committee.

Previously, Karen served as president and vice president of the Alaska Synodical Women's Organization (1A). As part of her work with the ASWO and the Alaska Synod council, Karen had the privilege of joining Inupiat (Eskimo) Lutherans in their ministries in the villages of Nome, Shishmaref and Brevig Mission on the Seward Peninsula.

A resident of Eagle River near Anchorage, Karen has been an active member of Central Lutheran Church in Anchorage for many years. She is working part time at her church as a financial and membership secretary.

She sings in the church choir, is an assisting minister and a eucharistic minister for homebound members. She worked with the high school youth group for many years, teaching Sunday school and taking teens to gatherings and a mission trip to Guatemala. Karen has also served on her church council as a member and as president of her congregation.

Karen grew up and began her teaching career in Montana. She visited Alaska

on vacation and has never left, saying that she's "on an extended vacation." She is now retired after teaching special education at all grade levels and working as an early interventionist for families with young children who have disabilities.

Karen and her husband, Bob, have two sons. Karen enjoys spending time with friends and family, baking, cross country skiing, hiking, exploring the outdoors and learning to knit.

#### Karen Voris Letter Spanish



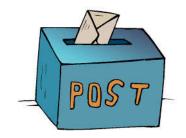
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With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world. We are a church that belongs to Christ. There is a place for you here. We live in many different communities, span all ages, cultures and races and bring to this church unique life experiences and perspectives. Seek answers to your questions and discover what God is calling you to in life.

## **Important notes**

#### Submit a letter to the Editor!

We want to hear from you, send us an email to pacificapartnerswelca@gmail.com with suggestions, ideas for events, bible studies, and to let us know about a community event you would like to share with all Pacifica WELCA Members.





# Kind regards, Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA





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