



At the time of this writing there are only about six weeks left til convention time! I know our registrar has received a few registrations but am hoping we will soon have a lot more. Our convention planning team has a great program with a full two days planned. You can find the registration form as well as nomination forms and scholarship forms and Love Gift list and more on our website: www.pacificawomen.org. This month a brief outline of the schedule has been added.

People to see and hear – and not to miss!

Our churchwide director, Linda Post Bushkofsky, will be with us and will give a Bible Study on Saturday morning. Our churchwide rep is Karen Voris from Alaska and she will bring a report Saturday afternoon as well as install our new board members. Pastor Dianne Finney from Spirit of Peace Lutheran in Big Bear will be with us and will lead the Friday evening devotional of prayer and music as well as our closing worship Saturday afternoon. Opal Singleton or her rep from Million Kids will be our keynote speaker Saturday morning. Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen, assistant to our bishop, will speak to us Saturday morning following the keynote. A men's choir will sing for us during the devotional worship on Friday evening! I've heard they are fantastic! A musical interlude will happen after the Bible Study on Saturday morning – plans were made and have to be changed so not yet complete.

And then of course there is the service project of Blankets for Brianna. Have been hearing how many are already working on these to bring, but we will also have ample opportunity to "hands on" make more both Friday and Saturday. And don't forget Love Gifts for LRCC. Not to mention our ever popular Silent Auction for our scholarship fund. There will be displays from Lutheran Social Services, CA Lutheran Homes, Central City Lutheran Mission, and Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences. We will have one vendor this year – with a book called "Questions Kids Ask About God". All proceeds are donated to Feed My Starving Children and Lutheran World Relief. You will have a chance to hear from these organizations during the business sessions Friday afternoon and evening.

Last year I sent an email to as many church offices for which I could find an email address, requesting they help us promote our convention by doing at least one of these seven things:

1. Print the flyer and post it on a bulletin board.
2. Copy the flyer and personally hand out to women in your congregation.
3. Place information in your newsletter in whatever way works best for you.
4. Place an announcement in your Sunday bulletin.
5. Either include the registration form in your newsletter or indicate it is available in the church office.
6. Let people know we are on Facebook – Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA - where convention and other information is shared.
7. Share the link to our web site: www.pacificawomen.org

When we developed this current web site and newsletter, hopefully, all of those email addresses are now currently receiving the emails and newsletter. If you are an office administrator reading this, please promote our convention in your congregation! If you are a member – see what you can do to promote our convention in at least one or more of the ways listed above.

This will be the last newsletter prior to our convention. But if there is new information that we can share, we will make sure it gets to our web site.

See you in November!!

Anew in Christ!
President Eunice Hanson