

Pacifica Partners

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From the President's Desk



Yesterday, January 25th, our new board elected last November met for the first time this year. Four members are very new to our board and a couple very new to this organization. So we spent a little time getting to know each other and we had some lively conversation. The booklet we print for our November Event includes a “glossary” explaining some of the terms we use – especially acronyms – that are not always familiar to everyone. We discovered there are other terms and words we use that can also be unfamiliar!

One of our discussions was about renaming our November time together - something other than convention. The word convention definitely implies we will be doing business, and indeed, we must do some business. But that may not have much of an appeal to some women who are not as interested in the business side. And of course the weekend is full of Bible study and keynote speakers and music – or whatever programming is carefully planned. How might we convey that - just in the title of the event? A few of the names that were “tossed around” are Inspirational, Gathering, Mixer, Convention & Gathering, and Faith Networking. No one title seemed quite right. We decided to think and ponder and pray on it some more until our next meeting. Therefore, I am inviting any of you to submit your ideas!

And on that note, the question is how best can you communicate with us? On our website, www.pacificawomen.com, there is a board directory. It is also included at the end of every email with our newsletter. But what is happening is that our board members are being bombarded with emails that are scams. It was decided to remove the email addresses from that directory. The phone numbers will remain, at least for now. At least one person has received texts similar to the emails. So if you wish to send us an email, go to the website, click on “About Us,” then “Contact Us.” Those emails will go to our editor who will forward them to me or the appropriate board member.

Our March Event or Spring Gathering, is coming up soon on March 7th. Our last abbreviated newsletter gave you information for Love Gifts to collect from your units as well as a registration form and a flyer you can use to promote this event. Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert is hosting this event for us. They have also agreed to provide the lunch which is included in your registration fee. The Love Gifts are for “Mama’s House” and “Shelter from the Storm.” Each organization will be sending a speaker to educate us. This event has changed names several times, yet has always been about learning about a social services organization in the area where we meet – and to provide Love Gifts to then support that organization.

We will be meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The morning schedule will include a Bible Study and the speakers. The afternoon will close with a short worship, after lunch we usually have some type of hands on activity. Often that activity relates to the Love Gifts. Last year we planned to wrap some of the requested Love Gifts in bath towels that were also part of the Love Gifts. But the speakers asked us not to do that as their organization was better equipped to customize what each towel should include. We came up with another idea! Registration form and Love Gifts flyer is available on our [website](#).

The Triennial Gathering is coming up in July and a tradition that happens is that each Synod brings small “give-aways” that we exchange with other women attendees. We came up with an idea that we can make at the March Spring Gathering. I’m not going to give away exactly what it will be – just look forward to participating. It won’t be difficult I promise, it will be cute and also meaningful.

This is also a notice to apply for a scholarship to attend the Triennial Gathering in Phoenix this summer. The application form is on our website – click on “Resources & Forms” and then “Forms” and scroll down to Scholarship Forms. The deadline is April 15th. The form contains all other information you need to apply. More information on Triennial Gathering can be found on the [CWO website](#).

If you are planning to attend the Triennial Convention or Gathering, please let me know! Churchwide does not release any information. Knowing how many are attending will be helpful to estimate how many “give aways” we need to make. And we will be planning to meet up with those coming from our sister synod in Nebraska – we will need a headcount for that and if we need to get further details to you, it will be helpful to have contact information. In the past we have met to have a meal together at a nearby restaurant or in the convention center itself.

As a board, we would also like to encourage every unit to send us an article, long or short, to share what your unit does. How do you meet – regularly or not? Where do you meet? What kind of activities do you do? What types of things do you support – with volunteer labor or with dollars? Are you meeting for Bible Study? Do you use the Bible studies in the Gather magazine? What events do you have? We know that several churches do not consider themselves as part of the Women of the ELCA, yet you meet for Bible Study or you meet regularly in some other way. Maybe you do not take an offering still you may support various activities with your dollars. Tell us about the women in your congregation!

And when you have an event, send us a flyer or the basic information. Our editor will gladly include it on the calendar page of our newsletter. It may be of interest to women in other churches or to one or more board members.

The exploratory team created by our churchwide organization has been working. During the business time at the convention portion of our Triennial, we will be dealing with several constitutional changes that are being proposed. We know that this organization cannot continue to look like it has for the last 50-100 years or it will not exist at all. Your voting members are Laura Ortiz, Rosemarie Peterson, and myself as your president.

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson

May Ladies' Day

May 3, 2020, Bethlehem Los Alamitos Lutheran Women of the ELCA will hold a May Ladies' Day Salad Luncheon with musical entertainment and a topical program from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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- February**, Share *Pacifica Partners* with members
- February**, Publicized/Promote March Event in Palm Desert
- February**, Register for the *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*
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- March 7**, Pacifica SWO Event in Palm Desert
- March 20**, *Pacifica Partners* Deadline
- May 3**, Bethlehem Los Alamitos Lutheran May Ladies' Day Salad Luncheon
- July 14-16**, *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Convention*, Phoenix, AZ
- July 16-19**, *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*, Phoenix, AZ



Do you have events within your Congregational Unit that you want to invite other ladies to attend? That you want listed in this "Mark Your Calendar" section? If so, please e-mail them to pacificapartnerswelca@gmail.com.

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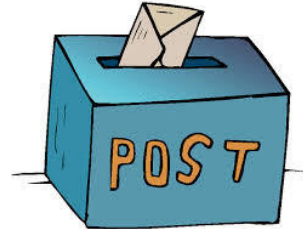
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