

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Greetings Sisters in the League:

Let me begin by introducing myself to those who I did not get to meet at the Provincial Convention this summer. I have been a CWL member since 1997. I am a charter member of St. Thomas More Council in Edmonton and have held President-elect (charter position), president, and Community Life positions. At the Diocesan level I served two terms: Spiritual Development Chairperson and Community Life Chairperson. I served one term as a Field worker for the diocesan council. I was appointed to the Education & Health position at the provincial level in January 2010. I am married to Bob with two married children and three adorable grandchildren. I work part-time as a retired registered nurse.

September brings us to new beginnings of service in the League. September is also Ovarian Cancer Month. This is a good time to review **Resolution 2004.09 Ovarian Cancer** or contact the national Ovarian Cancer association at 1-866-591-6622 (Western Regional Office) to order "Listen to the Whispers" a 60 minute educational film program about Ovarian cancer. Perhaps the diocesan council can purchase this film and circulate it to the councils.

Once again the issue of euthanasia has reared its head in Quebec. Perhaps you would like to review **Resolution 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System**. This issue will NOT disappear even if the Bill was defeated. We must be vigilant.

There are two articles in the Winter 2010 issue of *The Canadian League* magazine that I highly suggest you read and perhaps act on. The first is written by Velma H. (our new National president) and Cecile M. called "Report of the Coady Study Tour." It gives real insight into the benefits of our support of this program. The next article is "An Open Letter to CWL Members" written by Debra L. regarding the Buy-A-Net malaria prevention program. This program was introduced to the League in 2007. It has made huge inroads into the prevention of malaria in Africa. Perhaps these two programs could serve as a charitable focus .

Congratulations to the CWL members of the Calgary Diocese regarding the appointment of the first ever professor for St. Mary's CWL Chair. What a huge undertaking this has been and will continue to be in the future, I'm sure.

I am happy to report 18 new schools have been opened in the province. If you wish to be kept abreast of the educational status in our province, go to Government of Alberta Education <www.education.alberta.ca> or go to Government of Alberta Inspiring Education <www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca> to obtain an online copy of the Educational Steering Committee Report, which was released in June 2010 by Education Minister Dave Hancock.

Past National President Marie C. brought forward information regarding a program called "Cleaning for a Reason." It is a program that offers free housecleaning to women currently undergoing cancer treatment. I checked this out with the Cancer Society here in Edmonton and they concurred that this program is legit. For more information you may contact this program via <www.cleaningforareason.org> or call toll free 1-877-337-3348 for information in your area.

For those interested in learning more about what is going on in our health care system, go to Alberta Health and Wellness at <www.health.alberta.ca>. It will give you the latest communications from the health minister and other useful information.

For those interested in obtaining better computer skills you can contact "Know It Sooner Computer Training" by e-mailing <info@knowitsooner.com> to inquire about programs near you. This is an Edmonton-based organization, but I believe that Joanne S. may be willing to conduct a course or two at a facility near you. Some of the courses available in Edmonton this fall are: Home Budgeting with Excel; Windows File Management; Excel & Word Level 1; Power point Level 1; Seniors Introduction & Intermediate. They also have Webinars. To register go to their website. One on One training is also available.

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