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## *Diocese of Western Michigan*

### Letter from your Board

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with great sadness that we have had two board members step down from the board of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Western Michigan after serving and leading us so faithfully. Due to personal reasons, both Carolyn McPherson and Carolyn Jacobs have stepped down from the positions of President and Secretary, respectively. Please keep our two Carolyns in your prayers as they move into new directions in their lives as they love and serve Christ in new and fruitful ways.

After a few years of dormancy, under the leadership of Carolyn McPherson, WMI DOK got back to trying to have regular Diocesan Spring and Fall assemblies / events / activities and the publishing of a newsletter. Carolyn made it a priority to communicate with the chapters, chapter Presidents, the Bishop, and our Prov V President. She faithfully attended the Prov V Board meetings or sent a proxy in her absence so that Western Michigan would always be represented.

We will be forever grateful for the steady, confident, and loving guidance of both our Carolyns. As a thank you for their dedicated service and hopefully meeting everyone's approval, Anglican rosaries and prayer blankets were made, blessed, and given as parting gifts from the Diocesan Assembly of Western Michigan.

For His Sake,

Barbara and Marilee

***(See Carolyn's letter to the Chapters reprinted on page 4)***

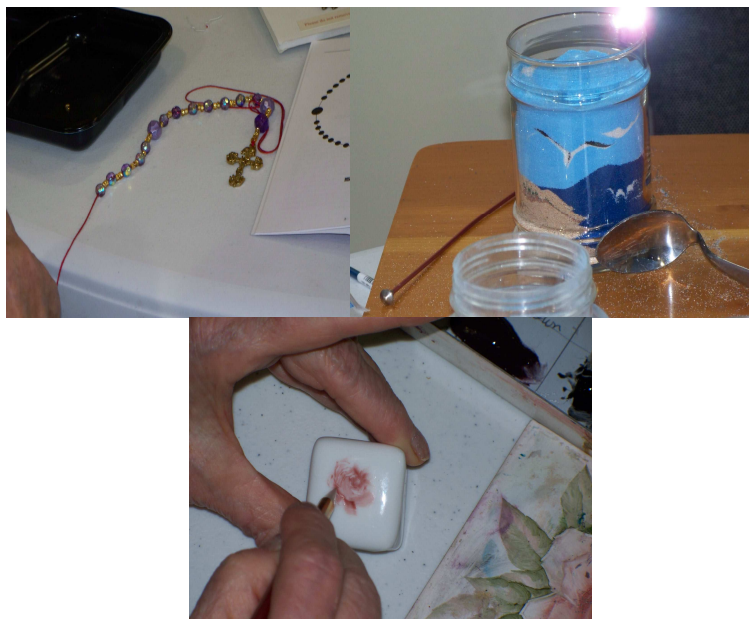
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## Fall “Celebrating our Gifts of Creativity” Assembly

An Art Day event was held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John’s in Fremont with the St. Theresa of Avila Chapter hosting the event. 14 ladies from the Diocese gathered to teach and learn how porcelain painting and quilting is done, how wool is spun, how to paint cards, how to make and use an Anglican rosaries, and how to make sand “paintings” in glass jars, etc. The weather was perfect and we spent a day simply building community and getting to know each other better. Once again, the St. Theresa of Avila Chapter outdid themselves with the wonderful lunch and a wonderful time was had by all whom attended.



Pictures used courtesy of Linda Hagen

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father.” (James 1:17)*

## Financial Update

Sept 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010

### REVENUES

Prev Acct Balance \$2,227.53

Dues	\$ 530.00
Interest	\$ 2.21
Fund Collections	\$ 46.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 578.21</b>

### EXPENSES

Newsletter, Postage	\$ 214.09
Spring/Fall Assemblies	\$ 386.58
Funds Paid Out	\$ 46.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 646.67</b>

**CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$2,159.07**

## Newsletter Submissions

Did you know that **anyone** can submit an item or picture for publishing in this newsletter, the Prov V newsletter, or the Royal Cross - not just the Executive Board or Chapter Presidents! The next deadline for the Diocesan Spring Newsletter is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Send by email to [mroth@lakelandregional.org](mailto:mroth@lakelandregional.org) or by snail mail to my address listed in the Board information section! Thank you for your help!

*"The creativity of the Spirit, rather, is simply the freeing, the freeing up, the magnification and multiplied usefulness of any gift we have in order that this talent might now be used for God's purposes among those near and far."*

*Victor Shepherd*

## Are you called to be a Junior Daughter Directress?

Has the Lord touched your heart to reach out to the young women of your parish? Would a Junior Chapter really benefit these young women? Would your clergy support Junior Daughters? Is the time right for you and your Senior Chapter? If the answer to these questions is yes, then prayerfully consider saying yes to God's call. You need to bring together at least three baptized girls between the ages of 8 and 20, order the Jr. Charter Kit, take the course in Safeguarding God's Children sexual abuse prevention training, and start the journey of helping young girls deepen their relationship with God. More information can be found on the National Website ([www.dok-national.org](http://www.dok-national.org)) under the "Evangelism" tab.

## Chapter/Diocesan Notes: "What, Where, and When"

Your board is beginning to think about Spring of 2012, when the DOK in the Diocese of Western Michigan will be electing new officers for the next three years. We are looking for individuals to serve on the nominating committee and/or any of you who are interested in standing for office. Please pray about this and consider this opportunity for service.

The Assembly needs to elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (or perhaps a Secretary/Treasurer combination) to serve a three year term during the next Triennial (September 2012 through August 2015). The Nomination Committee would discern individuals in the Diocese who best represent the traits needed for these positions and will contact them to see if they are willing to heed the call and stand for office. After elections, the President will then discern and call individuals to the positions of Newsletter Editor/Communications Chair, Junior Daughter Chair (we need some Junior Chapters!), DAL Chair, Membership Chair, Bylaw Chair, Prayer Chain Chair or other Chairs as deemed appropriate. Please be willing to prayerfully consider the call if you are asked to Chair one of these positions for the next Triennial.

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." Romans 12:6 (NIV)*

## Mark your Calendars!

**WMI Diocesan Convention:** April 8-9, 2011, Traverse City

**DOK Diocese of Western Michigan - Spring Assembly:** Tentative dates of either April 16, May 7, May 21, or May 28, 2011 (Program and date will be announced soon!)

**ECW Province V:** May 13-15, 2011

**DOK Province V - Spring Assembly:** June 3-5, 2011 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein in Maria Stein Ohio. *Prov V Theme: Micah 6:8*

**DOK National Triennial Assembly:** June 27-July 1, 2012 at the Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana. *Triennial Theme: "Looking to Jesus, Spreading His Love"*

**ECW Triennial:** July 5-11, 2012

## Letter from Carolyn:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to let you know that as of October 1, 2010 I will be stepping down as President of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Western Michigan. Barbara Klein, our Vice President will assume the role of President and Marilee Roth will continue as Treasurer. Carolyn Jacobs is also resigning as Secretary and that post will remain empty until the next election (unless one of you would like to volunteer).

I have been so blessed to be your president, to get to know you and learn your stories. What a witness you are to God's love at work in our lives. As many of you know my husband and I are snowbirds, spending 6 months a year in Florida. We also travel to Delaware frequently as our grandchildren are there. Thom is retiring this year from his post as Deacon at St. John's, Fremont, so it seemed the right time for me to retire as well.

I will continue to keep you in my heart and in my prayers and will be happy always to hear what is happening in your life.

FHS,  
Carolyn

## Bylaws, Bylaws, Bylaws.....

Does your Chapter have a set of bylaws? Do your bylaws conform to the Diocesan, Provincial, and National bylaws? Now is the time to review your bylaws and bring them into line.... for example, make sure your officer positions have 3 year terms that coincide with the Triennium. If you do not have a set of bylaws, you can get a sample from page 52 of the National Study Guide or can download the sample from the National website under the National Study Guide section.

## Notes from the Treasurer

By Marilee Roth

Do you know what tax identification number is being used on your Chapter's bank account? The number used should **not** be the National DOK FEIN number (see article in the most recent Royal Cross) or the Diocese of Western Michigan's FEIN number, or a personal social security number. All Chapters need to have their own FEIN number issued by the IRS which can be done on-line at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or you have the option of using your Parish's FEIN number but if you choose this option, you will need to remember that you **must** submit financial records to your Parish Treasurer to support the Parish audit. To obtain your own FEIN number for your Chapter, go out under the "apply for an employer identification number" section and scroll down to "APPLY ON LINE NOW". Once you begin the application process, you will need to check the box for "View Additional Types" for the legal structure and then check the box for "Church-Controlled Organization." You will then need to go to your bank with your new certificate and then most likely will need to fill out a new signature card, W-9, and a resolution (depending on what your bank requires). If you need assistance with this change or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## Calling all Seamstresses!

Do you like to sew? Are you interested in a project to help out for the next Triennial Assembly in 2012? We are looking for seamstresses who can sew a simple apron pattern. These aprons will be worn by the Greeters, Gophers, and Workshop Runners at the next Triennial in Indianapolis. The pattern and fabric will be provided so all you need to do is sew! Let us know if you are interested in helping out with this ministry!

## Province V Outreach Contest

Province V will be holding an outreach contest and all Daughters in Province V are encouraged to submit the name of a Charity/Organization who could benefit from a \$500.00 donation from the Province toward their ministry. Please answer the following questions and submit to either Barbara or Marilee by the January 31, 2011 deadline:

What is the name of the Charity/Organization?  
Who established the Charity/Organization?  
When was the Charity/Organization founded?  
Who does the Charity/Organization serve?  
Where is the Charity/Organization located?  
What is its connection to the Episcopal Church, if any?

Priority will be given to Women and Children's organizations and all submissions will be reviewed by the Province V Board. The Province Board will then narrow down the list to two Charities/Organizations that the attendees at the next Province V Assembly will choose between. The Charity/Organization with the most votes at the Prov V Assembly will be awarded the \$500.00 donation!

## Changes Concerning the Use of the DOK Logo

The cross with the words "The Order of the Daughters of the King" must now appear with the trademark symbol and can only be used on printed material to promote DOK events, DOK service bulletins, DOK notecards, DOK stationary, DOK programs, DOK business cards, DOK nametags, etc. It cannot appear on anything that is to be sold. A licensing agreement is being held in the records of the Diocese and Chapters must contact Marilee to obtain a copy to be mailed to you if it is needed when taking materials to be printed by outside printing vendors (so please plan ahead). Also note that you may not use the DOK logo on your Facebook page!

## Prayers

*Please keep the following persons in your prayers:*

Grace Sears, our National President  
Barbara Klein, our WMI President  
The leadership of Province II

Susan O'Brien, our Prov V President  
The Right Rev. Robert Gepert, our Bishop  
Carolyn McPherson and Carolyn Jacobs

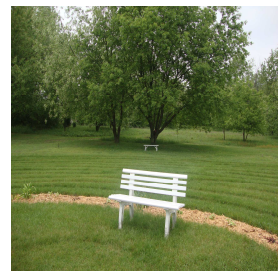
Also pray that someone will answer the call to be our National Chaplain!

## Membership Changes

Remember to fill out the **Change of Officer Form** located at the back of the National Handbook (or on the National website under “forms”) any time you have changes in your Chapter officers. This form will then need to be copied and sent to the National Office, the Prov V President (Susan O’Brien), and the Diocesan President (Barbara Klein) so that we can keep our records up to date. Also, remember to fill out the **Transition Report Form** also located in the back of the Handbook (or on the National website under “forms”) for address/name changes, transfers to another Chapter and/or Diocese, reinstatement (if you had fallen behind in your dues but paid the current year and are being reinstated), resigning your membership and returning your cross, or one of your Chapter members has died. This form is required to be sent to the National office but it is very helpful to send a copy to the Diocesan President also so that we can be up to date in our records and not have to wait for information to come from National. Filling out these forms will help tremendously in our ability to communicate with one another better! Thank you!

## What Happened Last Spring?

If you wondered what we did at our Spring Quiet Day, we were led through a meditative day by the Deacon Lily Marx where we explored our options to “Choose Life”! We had the beautiful Parish and grounds of Holy Cross at Kentwood to explore and had a very relaxing day. The weather was cooperative and the Parish of Holy Cross is most accommodating. If you missed this event, hopefully you can join in with a future event!



Pictures courtesy of Rebecca Roth

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### Prayer for the Sevenfold Gift of the Holy Spirit

*From the National Website*

Almighty and eternal God. Who has vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness of all sins, send forth upon us the Sevenfold Gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of council and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear.  
AMEN.

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