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News You Can Use

The North American Division congratulates the following students who were awarded scholarships from the General Conference Women’s Ministries scholarship funds:

- Chantel Atkinson - $500, Andrews University
- Kimberly Azelton -- $1,000, Weimar College
- Dawna Gerst -- $1,000, Southwestern Adventist University
- Brissa Lujan -- $1,000, Union College
- Heidi Munding -- $1,000, Atlantic Union College

“Scholarshipping Our Sisters” (SOS), which raises funds for the scholarships, was begun by the General Conference Women’s Ministries Department, and has been growing every year since its beginning in 2003. Funds are raised through donations or by volunteers holding book sales, yard sales, and other events, and are distributed to all of the church’s world divisions to be used as college scholarships for women.

To learn more about SOS, go to http://adventistwomensministries.org/index.php?id=52 and read the Scholarshipping Our Sisters Newsletters.

Women’s Day of Prayer, March 5 — If you are looking for resources for the Women’s Day of Prayer, always held on the first Sabbath in March, look to the NAD Women’s Ministries website. Go to http://nadwm.org/article.php?id=40.

Great-grandmother “Glady-ator,” Oldest Woman to Complete Marathon — Gladys Burrill, a 92-year-old Adventist, is believed to be the world's oldest woman to have completed an official 26.2-mile race. She finished the
December 12 Honolulu Marathon, power-walking across the finish line at 9 hours, 53 minutes and 16 seconds. If her time is confirmed by the Guinness World Records company, she would surpass current record holder Jenny Wood-Allen, a Scot who completed the London Marathon at age 90, according to the company's website.

Marathon organizers donated $2,500 on her behalf to the Lokahi Giving Project, which helps needy families with food and basic household necessities.

Read more about her story, fitness and health tips, and philosophy of life at www.news.adventist.org. – Source: Adventist News Network

Survivor Safari Tours— Joy Butler, former Women’s Ministries Director of the South Pacific Division, in conjunction with the Adventist Health System of East Central African Division, is organizing tours to Kenya and Tanzania. Take the Survivor Safari 3T to Tanzania, August 22 – September 4, or the Survivor Safari 3K to Kenya, October 3-11. You can take this opportunity to see all the wonder and beauty of Africa. Visit an orphanage, mission clinics, wild animals, arts and crafts, sun and surf! Go to http://www.ahsafrica.org/ to watch the video and to learn all the exciting details.

Don’t forget – Office closed on Fridays – Plan Ahead! The GC and the North American Division offices have moved to a 4-day work week and both are now closed on Fridays. If you need to contact the NAD Women’s Ministries, it would be well to try to plan all contacts and requests for materials, especially urgent ones, for much earlier in the week. No mail will go out after 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

Resources

Lots of new Women’s Ministries events have been added to the NAD Women’s Ministries Events Calendar at http://nadwm.org/calendar.php. Go there and learn about all the wonderful retreats scheduled and choose the ones that you believe will benefit you the most. Conference Women’s Ministries directors have been working hard to create uplifting and inspiring events, and as soon as they send the information to us we post it on the calendar. If your conference is planning an event that you don’t see listed on the calendar, remind your director to send the information to the NAD Women’s Ministries Department.

If you are interested in health, the 2011 Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop might be just the training you need to start a ministry in your interest area or to help improve your family’s health. It is sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and will be held there, July 31 - August 5.

The focus will be on the skillful use of natural remedies, water and nutrition in times of illness and health. Pastors and their spouses, health professionals and anyone who is interested in natural remedies or hydrotherapy is invited to attend this popular workshop. The lectures and labs will include topics such as how to treat the common cold or fever; charcoal therapy; use of garlic and other medicinal herbs; treating sprains and strains; hydrotherapy and the immune system; and much more. Each day will include a lab with hands-on experience.

Graduate credit hours are available for certain degrees. The workshop fee is $350. Repeat attendees and spouses are entitled to a 50 percent workshop fee discount.

For more information go to www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/, email fran@andrews.edu, or call 269-471-3541. The workshop is limited to 60 participants so register early.
Ministries Inspirations

Calling all prayer warriors — If you would like to be one of 100,000 prayer warriors for NAD’s 2011 NET evangelistic series, September 30-November 12, featuring speaker Ron Clouzet, go to http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/preparation to sign up. Prayers are needed all year beginning NOW.

The Birthday Card Lady — Dorothy Jones, a teacher and counselor, spends a couple of hours most evenings on her ministry of sending more than 1,040 birthday cards a year to people all over the world. She often inserts inspirational, instructional or humorous notes with her cards.

She remembers when she learned that acknowledging someone’s birthday could make a big difference in their lives. One day she learned that one of her neighbors had never received a birthday card. She baked him a birthday cake for his birthday and took it and a birthday card to his house. She says that he “cried like a baby.”

Read her story as published in the Huntsville Times, at http://blog.al.com/breaking/2011/01/good_person_dorothy_jones_mail.html.

Women in Chaplaincy Ministries — A message from Chaplain Gary Councell, Director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) at the North American Division: “In these times of economic challenge, ACM receives increasing inquiries and applications asking, ‘How can I become a chaplain?’ There are more graduates of seminaries of all faiths seeking to enter the ministry than faith groups are hiring as religious leaders. Other clergy are seeking new forms of ministry other than the traditional church. Some individuals are entering ministry at their mid-life point, and increasing numbers of women are being called into ministry. Where do they all find expression for their calling, which by the way, is equally valid as mine or any other duly ordained clergy? Many are turning to the chaplaincies. The chaplaincies are open to the best of the better qualified, and ACM welcomes your interest. We are grateful for all those willing to ’mingle as Christ mingled’ (Ministry of Healing, p 143) and to serve the spiritual well-being of humanity within and without the denomination. ACM will do its best to provide opportunities for qualified women to enter the chaplaincies and support those already serving so well. Go to http://nad.adventistchaplains.org/article.php?id=115 to learn about chaplaincy ministry and how to qualify as a chaplain.”

Upcoming Events


Be sure to visit www.nadwm.org/calendar to find more information about retreats and seminars in your area, and for up-to-date resources for the Women’s Ministries special days and events listed above.

Women’s Intuitions eXpress (WleXpress) is a monthly e-newsletter from the North American Division Women's Ministries Department. If you would like to subscribe, go to http://nadwm.org/newsletter_editsub.php and choose Women's Intuitions eXpress. Be sure to respond to the confirmation email in order to confirm your subscription.
might be necessary to copy and paste the given URL into your browser. The regular, quarterly Women’s Intuitions newsletter will continue to be sent as usual.

To contribute: Send stories of ministries by women to: lynetta.murdoch@nad.adventist.org
Women’s Intuitions eXpress: www.nadwm.org/WIeXpress

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Dear Women's Ministries Leaders:

The importance of prayer in our lives and in Women's Ministries cannot be overstated. It is vital to experiencing peace of mind amid the uncertain times in which we’re living, and it’s also the key to receiving God’s blessings on our ministry in the church and the community.

As you begin planning the program for your church’s Women’s Day of Prayer, please keep in mind what Ellen G. White has said about the importance of prayer: “Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives to the fainting, perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world…” (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 250).

This year, in addition to the sermon and accompanying PowerPoint slides, we have included a Prayer Walking Activity for Sabbath afternoon. We encourage the women of your church to get involved in this purposeful activity to reach out and pray for the families in your community. The prayer walking door hangers were designed by Donna Jackson, wife of our North American Division president, Elder Dan Jackson. Donna found these door hangers to be highly effective when she was women’s ministries director of the Ontario Conference.

If your church cannot observe Women’s Day of Prayer on the designated day, March 5, please work with your pastor to schedule it on another day.

As you unite in prayer for your church and community, please also pray for our women around the world who are facing challenges that we may not face in the North American Division. Particularly pray for families, single parents, widows, and single women around the world and in your own congregation.

For women’s ministries ideas and information, visit our web site at [www.nadwm.org](http://www.nadwm.org) or call our office at 301-680-6427.

May God bless you abundantly as you lead the women of your church in service to our God and all His children in your area.

Sincerely,

Carla Baker, Director

*If the first Sabbath in March is not a convenient day to observe Day of Prayer in your church, please work with your pastor to find a better time.*
2011 Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Resource Materials:

"Love Changes Everything"

- **English**
  - "Love Changes Everything" - MS Word
  - "Love Changes Everything" - Adobe Acrobat PDF
  - "Love Changes Everything" - Power Point
  - Post Card (PDF)
  - "Experiencing God's Love" (Extra Material) Power Point
    
    (Note: Experiencing God's Love is a very large (31,847 KB) file with 45 slides)

- **Español**
  - El Amor Todo Lo Transforma (MS Word Doc)
  - El Amor Todo Lo Transforma (PowerPoint)
  - Tarjeta postal (PDF)
  - Experimentando el Amor de Dios (PowerPoint)
    
    (Note: Experimentando el Amor de Dios es un archivo muy grande (31,676 KB) con 45 diapositivas)

- **Français**
  - (MS Word)
  - (PowerPoint)

- **Vietnamese**
  - MS Word

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day is an annual event on the church's Calendar of Days and Events. The Women's Ministries leader should meet with their pastor at least six months prior to this day to discuss special plans for this Sabbath. This is an opportunity to plan a full day of activities including Sabbath School, the worship service, a fellowship dinner, and perhaps an afternoon program. The leader may also want to use this time to honor women in the congregation who have done something unusual or outstanding.

*If the second Sabbath in June is not a convenient date for your church to observe Women's Emphasis Day, please work with your pastor to find another date.*