

**TO: Parish Council, St. Elizabeth's Church, Sidney.**

**FROM: The Catholic Women's League, Saanich Peninsula.**

**REPORT: January to December 2010.**

Despite the fact of losing two of our major executive members, Linda McGowan, Secretary, and Elaine Lunn, Treasurer, we were fortunate in replacing these positions with Ladies willing to fill in for the rest of this two year Executive slate, Clare Blore taking over as Treasurer and Gloria Murphy, a new member, taking over the Secretaries position. All positions for those willing to run for the executive will be slated after the next membership drive by the Nominations committee.

Because of the hard work done in 2009 to fundraise through parish involved events, our little store and the hard work of our funeral committee, our small league was able to send representatives to each of the Conferences and Conventions sponsored by the Archdioceses of BC and The Yukon Provinces. The cost of attending these meetings can easily drain the funds of a smaller sized league dramatically. Attending the National Convention is as always, a little too expensive to send our President or representative unless someone is willing to cover the actual cost themselves.

St. Elizabeth's has been given the honor to host the 2012 Provincial Convention which will bring members from all over BC and the Yukon to our fair city of Sidney for a minimum 3 packed days of CWL business, fun and breaking bread together.

Once again we were able to share in one of the Knights of Columbus fund raising events - albeit on a small scale - we did manage to raise \$300 with several prizes still not bid on and available for future fund raising events.

While I seem to be speaking a great deal about fundraising - the CWL is not seen as a fund raising organization except to support a few of the local charities such as birthrite, green ribbons for pornography etc. The CWL's mission is one of prayer, caring and visiting our sick, helping those who need help in times of need and assisting our Pastor when called upon; seen as Women of Peace and Hope within the Church Family to serve with Faith and Joy.

As in any organization there is the sound of sandpaper rubbing together, but this soon passes and prayer heals the wounds. We initiated nine new members this year including a 3 year old that comes with her mom - so in 13 years she too will be able to wear the CWL pin and be a very knowledgeable member by then.

Things to watch for: Father Rolf will be doing a power point presentation on his trip to Borneo and we hope the ladies from Assumption Parish will come as our guests; we will be starting our membership drive in October: \$20 per member, \$25 if brand new (includes package and pin); a Christmas Bake sale and Tea following Mass one Sunday, and a Christmas Party in December - ideas are already coming in for fun things to do.

Our final meeting for the summer was held at Pier 1, when 30 people attended for their choice of lunch item. Father attended and was teased as he held the hand of our 3 years old little girl member.

As President I wish to thank all those who have worked so hard with me over these past two years, you have taught me so much and supported me in my sorrows and my joys. May God be with you all and the League as it moves forward into 2011.

**Respectfully Submitted: Rhoda-Marie Waddington, sfo, President CWL.**