



Presbyterian Women

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Moderator's Message

Happy New Year! I can't believe it is 2008 already! Where does the time go? There are lots of exciting things happening in PW in 2008, like the addition of Circle # 7 and the Flea & Thee on April 19th, so buckle your seatbelts and get ready for a great year!

Our first big event of the year is our annual PW Birthday Gathering luncheon which will be on February 24th following the 11:15 service. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Birthday Gathering, it is one of the two gatherings PW has each year where we collect an offering that goes off to PW- USA. They give grants to church sponsored mission projects that are local as well as global. This year's recipients are The Presbyterian Church of the Congo & Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa and The Lakeview Presbyterian Church Weekday School in New Orleans. The church in the Congo and Kinshasa are working to build a stronger Congo through the purchase of materials for buildings, textbooks for schools, and training for their teachers. The church in New Orleans is trying to rebuild and expand after Hurricane Katrina. They are both wonderful and worthy projects and we are thrilled to be able to support them.

It is customary for RPC at the Birthday Gathering to give away the Life Membership Award, so I invite you to come to the gathering and find out who this year's recipient is (it's a secret). There are so many women at RPC who are worthy of this award and yet only one woman is honored each year by her peers with this life time achievement award.

Thank you in advance to Joanna Knowles for heading up the Birthday Gathering and for Kristy

Baker and Canita Flint for their help in putting it all together.

One more thing, don't forget the Flea and Thee is April 19th! It is a one day, "glorified garage sale" and all the proceeds go to support our mission projects over the next two years. More information will be coming soon.

In Faith & Service, Carol Mougey

BIRTHDAY GATHERING



All women of the church are invited to attend the annual Birthday Gathering on Sunday, February 24 at 12:30. The cost is \$8.00 for a PW member and if you bring a guest who is not a PW member – the cost for two tickets is \$12.00. Circle leaders will be taking reservations at their monthly meetings.

Menu:

- Toasted pecan chicken salad
- Marinated green beans
- Mandarin orange soufflé
- Croissants
- Assorted dessert cakes

The honorary lifetime award will be presented to ????? Make sure you are there to find out!

Our previous award recipients are:

Ruby Ezzard	1994
Ollie Mae Thomas	1995
Virginia Adams	1996
Annie Mae Funderburk	1996
Cathy Jones	1997
Jean Sheldon	1998
Frances Persons	1999
Mabel Lee Friend	2000
Sandy Hanlon	2001
Emily Dolvin-Visscher	2002



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Carol Davis	2003
Amy Crawford	2004
Anne Jeffrey	2005
Betty Marsden	2006
Annette Reiney	2006
Edith Ivey Johnson	2007

CIRCLE 1:

Circle 1 will meet Thursday, February 21 at 11:30 at Jackie Coe's house - light lunch will be served. Circle 1 is taking on Crossroads as a mission project. Call Jackie at 770-587-0216 for more information.



CIRCLE 2:

Circle 2 is excited to welcome two new members: Susan Burkett and Sue Martin! We are so very happy to have five new members since September.

In January we discussed our commitment for providing the Drake House dinner on January 28. We also talked about the Heartstrings Luncheon on January 26. We discussed at length our Independence High School Tailgate Party on February 14. Carol Mougey reported that she has invited *our brand new circle 7* to participate in our IHS event. Circle 2 also discussed the February 24 Birthday Gathering and which booth we would adopt for the Flea and Thee event on April 19. We will meet again on February 12 at 9:30 in CLB 6. Come join us!!

Joy Dyer, jjepoz@comcast.net or 770 804-8748

CIRCLE 3:

Our December meeting was held at Ellie Brazee's house and we had a good meeting and great fun and food at the Christmas party. 20 people attended and 46 fleece blankets were taken to Egleston Hospital. Lib Newton lead our Bible Study on Jonah and read

a poem she wrote several years ago titled "The Christ Tree." It was a lovely Christmas gift to the Circle. She emailed a copy to our members. Joan Armstrong conducted a "Chinese Auction" a good time was had by all.

Our first meeting of the New Year was attended by 17 people. We welcomed two new members, Frances Webb and Gretchen Collins. Several of our members were not at the meeting because of colds. Sandy Hanlon announced Wit and Wisdom's program for January -The Cobb Kickers.

25 fleece blankets were given to Anne Jeffery to donate to Egleston Hospital.

Ellie Brazee led a very interesting Bible Study and discussion on Jonah.

Our February meeting will be on the 12th at the church, Fellowship Hall 121B at 10:00 am. Lib Newton will lead the Bible Study, lesson 6 & 7 on Ruth.

Our Circle will provide dinner to Drake House on February 25.

For additional information, please contact Marion Melzer, 770.777.2484 or Melzer5147@aol.com or Jean Autry 770.973.0786.

CIRCLE 4:

Circle 4 met January 8, 2008 at the home of Jennie Sullivan with 11 members present where we all enjoyed good refreshments prepared by Jennie and fellowship in the Lord. We were happy to have as our guest Pat Gray's sister, Maggie, visiting from Bluefield, WV. However, we all were deeply saddened by the death of our faithful member and friend, Shirley Stanich.

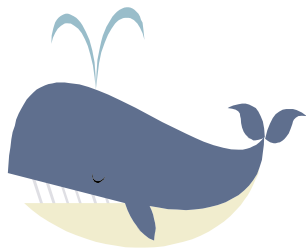
Lorraine Ekstrom led us in a meaningful devotional thinking of, praying for and celebrating Shirley's special spirit and her influence in our lives. We will miss her dearly.

Dues and Least Coin offerings were collected. A thank you letter from the Drake House for our support through meals and supplies for the residents was read. Betty Callender reported that we had also received a thank you note from Family Haven for our circle's \$167 cash donation for Christmas presents for the children of the abused women residents.

We discussed the need for and adopted a telephone prayer/concerns chain within our circle and an updated member's list will be compiled with active members and PW supported members listed along with our e-mail addresses. Fran Gossage will be notified and she will start the chain calling list.

Discussion on the upcoming Birthday Gathering Luncheon Feb. 24 resulted in all present members choosing to make their reservations and give the \$8.00 fee at the next Feb. circle meeting.

Functions of the upcoming Wit & Wisdom events were discussed and all were encouraged to participate in these fun outings.



Pat Gray led us in the last discussion of Jonah in Lesson 5 God's Extravagant Grace. We will begin the study of Ruth at our Feb. meeting.

The next meeting will be February 12, 2008 at the home of Louise Valine with Fran Gossage as co-hostess. Directions to Louise's house from the back of the church: Turn left on Atlanta Street and get in the left lane. Go to Canton Street. When Canton crosses Woodstock, turn left. At Hwy. 92 turn left and go to Wildwood Springs entrance where there is a stop sign and a sign over the highway. Turn right into the subdivision and go to the first stop sign. Turn left at Azalea Springs Trail and continue until 1815, a tan stucco on the right. If you need to

carpool from the church please call Louise Minor at 770-518-2140.

CIRCLE 5:

Donations were collected for North Fulton Child Development Center. 15 loaves of sandwiches were made at the December meeting.

We will be meeting Tuesday, Feb 12 at 7 pm at Jennifer Alexander's house. 185 North Farm Dr, Alpharetta; 770-354-1191. Join us for Lesson 6 in our study guide. Mary Peace and Betsy Wade will assist with the food and Sara Vogel will lead our Bible study. We will be accepting donations for Homestretch this month. See upcoming email for further details.

Looking ahead: We will meet Tuesday, March 11th at Melissa Preston's house. Anne MacKenzie and Sara Vogel will help with food. Dolores Duvall will lead the Bible Study.

See you soon, Jennifer and Peggy

CIRCLE 6:

Thank you to Malinda Michael for hosting our kick off meeting. Our next meeting will be at the home of Alisa Sprunger on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing chapters 8 & 9 in our study *Discovering God's Will for Your Life*.

We will also be collecting for the Guatemala school and hygiene kits, \$5 each. And for our sponsorship of the Central Night Shelter meal on the 23rd of February. Watch for further details and sign up sheets for CNS.

Directions to Alisa's: Alisa lives in Wexford, take hardscrabble past Super Target, past King Rd. Wexford is on your left just past Chaffin Rd. Turn left onto Wexford Club Drive. Turn left onto Wexford Mill Court. Our house is at the bottom of the cul-de-sac on the right - 12175 Wexford Mill Court. 770-640-5099



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Our March meeting will be at the home of Christine Forrester on the 18th, at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing chapters 10 & 11 of our study *Discovering God's Will for Your Life*.

We will also be collecting donations at this meeting and have a sign up sheet for the meal at the Drake House on the 24th.

Directions to Christine's:

From the church, go South on Atlanta St., crossing over the Chattahoochee River. Turn left onto Roberts Dr., which is the first street immediately after you cross the river. Go approximately 1-2 miles and turn left onto Lexington Drive (you will see a sign for Lexington subdivision). Turn right on your third street (Wedgewood Way) into Dunwoody Plantation subdivision. Turn left onto Wedgewood Court. Third townhouse on the left, #1203.

Please note there is limited visitor's parking, so carpooling is recommended. We can carpool from Church. If you are interested in carpooling, meet at the Church at 7:15 on the lower half of the parking on the prayer tower end to head to Christine's.

Blessings and Peace to all~ Canita.
canitabuzz@gmail.com or 770-992-8964.

CIRCLE 7:

Maria Seidel has agreed to be the chair for this new circle for Alpharetta/Cumming members. They will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:30. Please call Maria for more information at 678-762-1050.

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

On Saturday, April 12 at 12:30, please join us at the Presbyterian Village for a Fashion Show by Coldwater Creek. This is a great opportunity to see the Village (located in Austell) and have a great time. \$20.00 charge includes lunch. Let's have a

great attendance from RPC!! To order tickets, please contact Peggy McLendon at 770-487-7418.



Valentine's Day Tailgate Party for Independence High School is Thursday, Feb 14th! Donations of **candy**, individual bags of chips and snacks or **baked goodies** are appreciated. Put in bins marked IHS tailgate! More info: Carol Mougey 770-667-2149.

CASSEROLES NEEDED

By now you are all familiar with our Food for the Body Care for the Soul program at Church.



We provide anywhere from 20-40 meals per month depending on need. These meals go to families who are experiencing difficulties, be it treatment for illness, a death in the family, birth of a child or other temporary needs where a warm meal is a help.

We need help keeping the freezer stocked. This is an ongoing program, so you can bring meals as often as you would like. Don't know what to make? There are now recipes available in a pocket on the freezer, along with 8x8 pans. Please take the blue card with you and tape it on the meal before you freeze it.

These meals can be soups, casseroles or any other meal that you know freezes well. Many of the people receiving these meals cannot tolerate spicy foods, so please keep that in mind. We would like the casseroles to be in 8x8 casserole containers (Glad black plastic with lids, hefty or other disposable). One 13x9 casserole recipe fills 2 of



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those. Soups should be brought in 4 serving sizes (the Ziploc disposable containers are great). And if you make a dessert that would freeze OK, and don't want to keep the leftovers around the house, bring it to the freezer as well. We can also use dinner rolls, packaged 4 to a baggie, and small loaves of garlic bread. We like to take an entree, bread and dessert.

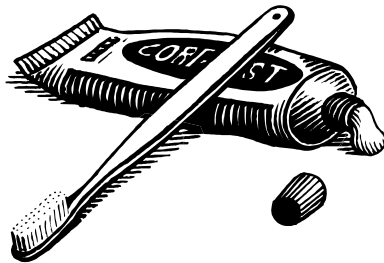
The freezer is located just behind the magic coffee machine (by the Fellowship Hall) in the laundry room. There is a pink sign on the door to let you know you are in the right place.

WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO DELIVER THE FOOD when the need arises, SO IF YOU DON'T LIKE TO COOK, DELIVERING MAY BE THE JOB FOR YOU! Contact Canita with questions. canitabuzz@gmail.com or 770-992-8964.

GUATEMALA SCHOOL/ HYGIENE KITS

Each Year our Guatemala Mission team takes 750

School/Hygiene kits to distribute to the kids in the villages near Chichicastenango. We need your help to purchase the kits. Complete kit - \$5! Please stop by the table in the Narthex and purchase a kit to send to a child. *Continue to collect kid-sized toothbrushes and travel-size toothpastes. These can be dropped off in the PW storage area (laundry room – hallway near Fellowship Hall). Donations are needed by March 12.*



Flea and Thee

There are still some booths available to be chaired at the Flea and Thee (Saturday, April 19). Please be saving your items. We do not have storage space for storing items – please hold them until that week!!

The Presbyterian Village Auxiliary thanks you for the gifts received for Santa Claus Express. The residents received these gifts at the Santa Claus Express party. There were many thankful hearts and happy faces because of your participation.



Thank you cards were also received from the children we sponsor in Guatemala.



PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, February 2, RPC will have its first Prayer Vigil of 2008. Please join us in prayerful support of the many people, programs and events here at RPC through which God is working. Starts at 9:00 and go through 5:00 – held in Prayer Room. Sign up for 30 minute sessions of silent prayer. Dr. Rev. Margaret Turney-Ayer will provide prayer guidelines. To sign up and be a part of the Prayer Vigil, call Patricia at the Church Office.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 2 Prayer Vigil
- Feb. 7 Circle 7 meeting
- Feb. 12 Circle 2, 3, 4, 5 meetings
- Feb. 14 Independence Tailgate Party
- Feb. 19 Circle 6 meeting
- Feb. 21 Circle 1 meeting
- Feb. 24 Birthday Gathering
- Feb. 26 CT meeting
- Mar. 1 One Nite at RPC
- Mar. 25 CT meeting
- Apr. 12 Presbyterian Village Fashion Show
- Apr. 19 Flea and Thee
- Apr. 22 CT meeting



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One Nite @ RPC

March 1, 2008

Dinner for all ages

Guest Speaker Michael Welch

Nursery for infants through preschool

Movie Mania at RPC Main Street for elementary age children

ELDER NOMINATIONS

Do you know a church member who would make a great elder? Please fill out a nominating form by February 3!

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