

# The Guide

Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati

P.O. Box 19228; Cincinnati OH 45219; Ph: 513-471-2612

May/June 2014

*Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati is a volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian Fellowship, prayer advocacy and action for peace with justice in the world.*



## May Friendship Day Celebration

### Inside this issue:

<b>2014 Annual Meeting</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Planning Retreat</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CWU Regional Event</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>State Assembly Report</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>4</b>

On Friday, May 2, 2014, Church Women United and friends gathered at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in the West End to celebrate May Friendship Day and the Least Coin Celebration.

It was a very simple, but significantly inspiring program. This year's theme was "With God's Hands, We Can Serve." We were unable to secure a guest speaker. However, our Co-President, Joyce Kinley, came to the rescue and gave a talk about serving our community, our churches, and our Lord and Savior.

The theme of her talk was "S.H.A.P.E." – which means:

**S – Spiritual gifts**  
**H – Heart**  
**A – Abilities**  
**P – Personality**  
**E – Experiences**

All of these are needed to help us serve according to God's will and plan for us. Joyce's message was well received and several attendees requested copies of her presentation. A special offering of night clothes and undergarments was collected to benefit Bethany House. The Least Coin collection totaled \$126.26 and will be sent to the Least Coin office to be used for grants locally, nationally, and globally. The general offering total was \$85.00, half of which will go to the state office and half to our

treasury.

We also awarded two Keywomen—Jackie Tansey from Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church for her many years as a Keywoman; and, Laura Hovland from the same church who committed to take over Jackie's position as Keywoman during Jackie's health problems.

Following the program, we were served a delicious lunch of lasagna, salad, and cupcakes by P.I.P. After lunch, we were surprised by Father Ray who joined us and gave everyone a Locket as an early Mother's Day gift.

**A GREAT DAY, INDEED!**

## 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The CWU Annual Meeting was held on April 11, 2014 in the Kenwood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The attendance was very disappointing—where were you? You missed a wonderful Bible Study given by Dr. Jessie Thomas.

Dr. Thomas is a Lay Ecclesiastical Minister in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She holds a Masters Degree in Religion, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching. Her Bible Study subject was ‘The Two Marys—Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene’. It was a very informative, lively, and an interactive Bible Study with many people participating with meaningful comments.

In the business portion of the meeting, the 2014-2015 budget was presented by our accountant Roger Smith, and approved by the assembly. Koben Hinman commented on the Keywoman and would appreciate hearing from you – Keywomen – regarding your intention to continue in that capacity.

Finally, following the meeting, a delicious meal prepared by Venice Catering (PIP), was enjoyed by all.

**Don't Forget:** *The Board Planning Retreat will take place on June 16 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Road. We will discuss locations for the 2015 Annual Meeting in April, May Friendship/Least Coin Celebration, Planning Retreat, and World Community/ Human Rights Day. If any member's church can host one of these events, please inform Yvonne Jones at 651-5218 or Betty Baker at 851-2993. We need the locations before the Planning Retreat in order to complete our yearly calendar.*

Scripture reading: Matthew 22:39

[Jesus said] And the second (greatest commandment) is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

This scripture is what Church Women United is all about. Loving our neighbors through the work we do and the commitment to better the lives of women and children, especially the “least of these.”

### CWU REGIONAL EVENT – SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

October 17-19, 2014

Early Registration \$150.00 (by 9/1/2014)

Later Registration \$165.00

Saturday only \$85.00

Check past GUIDES for detailed information if you intend to go to the event. Also, make your hotel reservation EARLY to insure your accommodation for the event.

## STATE ASSEMBLY

On April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Kinley and Yvonne Jones attended the Ohio State CWU Assembly in Canton/Massilon Ohio. This year's assembly was meaningful, uplifting, and had a very spiritual ambience throughout.

The first day activities took place at the Courtyard Marriott in Canton, Ohio. The Friday workshop on the cancerous disease, Melanoma, was an "eye opening" experience. Melanoma is a curable disease IF CAUGHT IN THE EARLY STAGES.

Unfortunately, in most cases, it is discovered in the later stages when a cure is not an option any longer. In addition, African-Americans are under the impression that they are immune to Melanoma because of their dark skin color. THIS IS NOT TRUE! Everyone needs to be aware of any moles or spots that appear on their skin and get them checked by a dermatologist – not just your primary care doctor because they may not have the skills to make a correct diagnosis.

That evening's banquet was a great meal of sliced beef and all the accompanying food items that you would expect (not the "rubber" chicken). We took a

"fragrance basket" as our Unit's contribution for the fundraiser. A total of \$271 was raised and will be used for the Ohio Hospitality Room at the Regional Event in October.

The entertainment scheduled for the banquet did not happen due to a "glitch" in the appearing group's booking. Never fear, Mary had it under control. She did an activity in which a bag, with 15-16 items inside was passed around for everyone to feel. Everyone then had to identify them and write them down. Joyce won the prize for guessing the most correct. Also, Yvonne won a prize for being the first person to register for the Assembly.

Saturday's activities took place at St. Paul's Luther-a church in Massilon, Ohio beginning with a continental breakfast prepared by the ladies of our host church. They also provided our lunch.

The morning session began with gathering songs, followed by a Bible Study by Rev. Robin Woodberry. This was a very inspirational Bible Study and very interactive on the subject of "Turning Impossibilities into Possibilities."

Following the Bible Study, our Na-

tional CWU President, Marilyn Lariviere, was our keynote speaker. Her message was a powerful one in which she cited many occasions when "God's hands are our hands." This theme is central to this year's celebration themes. The offering at this portion of the program was designated for purchasing blankets through Church World Service as a Mother's Day project.

After lunch we had the installation of new officers. This year, Mary Barnhart (former vice president) is the new President. The assembly ended at 1:50 p.m. and everyone headed for home. except Joyce and Yvonne who stayed over an additional night since the four hour drive was not an option. All in all – A GREAT WEEKEND!

As a side note, Yvonne had made net corsages in the CWU colors of red and gold and sold them for \$5 each and the money will be given with our special offering for Church World Service at the November World Community Day Celebration. HEADS UP ALERT: The special collection will be to purchase mosquito netting to combat malaria. This is most appropriate since the WCD theme is "With God Our Hands Can Heal."



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED  
OF GREATER CINCINNATI, INC.  
PO Box 19228  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

NON-PROFIT  
ORG.  
U.S POSTAGE  
PAID  
Cincinnati,  
Ohio Permit  
No **2590**

**Have you considered  
remembering  
Church Women United  
in your will?  
Ask how.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIFETIME MEMBERS**...A few GUIDES ago an article mentioned that some of our lifetime members continue to support CWU through donations. At this time we would like to recognize those members personally who have contributed over the past six months. They are: Sr. Mary Grafe S.C., Rev. Judy Jackson, Evelyn Hoffmeister, Mary Kercherval-Short, Tillie Morris, Louise Tatgenhorst, Lillian Winkler, and Carol Young. We are greatly appreciative of your continued support to the CWU Movement. And you are truly angels on earth.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2014**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PH #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH AFFILIATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete information above and mail to: Yvonne M. Jones, 2205 Loth St., Cincinnati OH 45219  
Along with your check made out to Church Women United in the amount of \$10.00.