

Host District Bulletin Bits

These are provided to be included in your church bulletin and congregational newsletter to promote the 2019 LWML Convention and the need for workers to host the convention.

DECEMBER 2018

Gifts and giving. It's the season for gift giving, and while we keep foremost in mind God's greatest Gift of His Son, we still seek to find special gifts for those near and dear to us. How about a gift/gift suggestion for yourself: a trip to Mobile, Alabama, for the LWML Convention in June? The convention theme is "In Praise to the LORD!" based on 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a, *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.* Surely spending June 20-23, 2019, at the Mobile Convention Center with thousands of other LWML ladies would be a fantastic gift experience! Since the host districts are Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi, you could also volunteer to work at the convention at a number of different jobs that can be found on your district LWML website. Plus, volunteers who work at least two 4-hour shifts will be able to get a greatly discounted registration fee (\$70), and you may bring your family along if you choose. Take a good look at the Call for Workers form to see where your talents and interests can best fit in to help; there are many opportunities. Think seriously about that gift for yourself; Mobile is calling you!

JANUARY 2019

"Y'all come ... to Mobile!" On June 20-23 the Mobile (Alabama) Convention Center will be abuzz with LWMLers at the 38th Biennial LWML Convention. What an opportunity for growth in faith, fellowship, and ministry! Our districts of Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi are the hosts, and there is still a great need for volunteers to help with the many jobs that need to be done in putting on a convention. Prayerfully consider how you can help: check out your district's website for the Call for Workers form, and be sure to take advantage of the greatly discounted registration fee (\$70) when it comes time to register. (There will be a special registration form for workers.) From our convention Host Committee Chairman Bunnie Koelsch: "Help us reach the goal of 500 workers. Talk to your friends and encourage them to serve with you. Meeting and greeting our LWML friends at the 38th Biennial Convention in Mobile will be quite an honor! **Y'all come!**"

FEBRUARY 2019

"... we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us." Do you recognize these words from the LWML pledge? There is a need NOW for your service! The Host Committee for the 38th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama, on June 20-23 needs more workers to help carry out the mammoth task of putting on a convention. Since the districts from Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi are hosting, this means **you** are being called on to serve. The Call for Workers form is available from your district website or your society president, and you will find many ways you can help. Plus, your registration fee will be reduced by 60% to \$70 if you work at least two 4-hour shifts at the convention. (There will be a special registration form for workers.) By checking issues of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Convention Central at www.lwml.org, you can get the latest updates on convention news and catch the convention excitement. Don't miss this opportunity for service to LWML and our Savior!

MARCH 2019

It's for your own good. How many times haven't we heard that in our lifetimes, and whether we believed it or not, probably most of the time this statement was true. We guarantee that attending the 38th LWML Biennial Convention in Mobile, Alabama, this year will be for your own good! From June 20-23 in the Mobile Convention Center there will be inspiring speakers, Bible studies, convention business, mission grants, and the joyous fellowship of LWMLers from all over the country. You don't want to miss the uplifting worship experiences and proclaimers, including Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton, President of the

Florida-Georgia District, who will be the proclaimer at the closing service. In addition, the Host Committee needs your help; the host districts are the Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi districts which means that all LWMLers in those districts are being called on to assist in putting on the convention. Make plans to attend. Check your district's website for the Call for Workers form, and submit it as soon as possible; you will be able to reduce your registration cost to only \$70 if you work at least two 4-hour shifts. (There is a special registration form for workers.) Pray for the LWML, its mission, and the convention. Keep informed about the convention details at Convention Central at www.lwml.org and in issues of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Remember, it's for your own good!

APRIL 2019

It's about time. The 38th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama, for June 20-23 is fast approaching and so are several deadlines. Have you ordered your convention shirt yet? The mail order deadline for shirts is May 1, and the pick-up at convention deadline is May 15. (No shirts will be sold at the convention.) The order form can be found at Convention Central at www.lwml.org as can other convention information. Have you completed your Call for Workers form? Since the hosts for the convention are the Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi districts, you are on call to help with the convention. There are numerous jobs still available, and the Call for Workers form is on your district's website. If you are a convention worker for at least eight hours, you will receive a special registration fee of \$70. And a special registration form is available for Host Committee and Workers only. Will you join the convention workers? Will you join your fellow LWMLers "In Praise to the LORD!" in Mobile? It's time to decide! From a familiar hymn, "Delay not, delay not ..."

MAY 2019

A part or apart? The Host Committee for the LWML Convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama, next month needs you to be a part! The districts from Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi are hosting, and you are a part of that group. If you haven't already decided to help, please consider the jobs on the Call for Workers form found on your district's website. Perhaps you could usher, be a hostess (many different areas), transport guests from the airport, help with decorations, or assist with child care. You might help with altar guild, help set up the LWML store, serve at the information desk, help with lost and found, or be a greeter. There are also many other ways to be a part of the convention host team. Check out the Convention Center at www.lwml.org to get the current convention details; you will want to be a part of the faith-enriching activities associated with the convention theme "In Praise to the LORD!" Don't be apart from your fellow LWMLers in Mobile from June 20-23; be **a part** of the glorious, uplifting celebration!

JUNE 2019

Are we there yet? This all too familiar question is usually asked with impatience and/or anticipation as we travel toward a destination. For LWMLers heading to the 38th Biennial LWML Convention this month, "there" will be Mobile, Alabama. For the hosts in the Florida-Georgia, Gulf States, and Louisiana-Mississippi districts, it will be a long-awaited and much planned for occurrence; a huge effort has gone into the organizing and orchestrating of individual events that make up such a large gathering. Many thanks to those from the host districts who have volunteered to help in Mobile to make it all happen. For those who cannot attend, please pray for safe travel and for the successful carrying out of the plans of the convention committees. Please pray for the convention goers as they attend "In Praise to the LORD!" Pray that they leave the convention keeping in mind and bringing back home the message from 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a, *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.* To that end, may we all travel together as LWML sisters in service to our Lord!