



January 5, 2019

Hello, Ladies!

In 2019, we are looking forward to not one - ***but two!*** - special events: a District Retreat in May and a National Convention in June! I hope to see you at both of them! They are both ***uplifting opportunities to grow in your faith, and super fun*** to spend time with ladies from all over the District ... and the country.

You should know that event details and registration information are posted on our LA-MS District website and the National LWML website. Each of these has different (but complementary) information, so be sure to check them both for updates. Here are links for your convenience ...

LA-MS District: <https://lwml-lams.org/>

National LWML: <http://www.lwml.org/2019-convention>

In preparation for the retreat, we are working on a special photo booth backdrop that young women in the LA-MS District will be making. Here is an email from Debbie Greene, Vice President of Servant Resources, with details about this additional opportunity for us, young women, to gather for fun and fellowship. Hope you can join us in making the backdrop and attending the retreat ... and the convention! ...

From: VP Servant Resources Debbie Greene

To: The Zone YWR's in the LWML LA-MS District

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany season to you all! As many of you are aware, the District's annual retreat will be held May 3-5 in Northern Louisiana (Minden, LA). As part of the retreat, I suggested the YWR's could provide a photo shoot backdrop and the hosting of an ice cream social during this event. It was enthusiastically received by the Board of Directors. (While we were there for our Board of Directors meeting, we had a chance to taste their lactose-free ice cream. It was delicious!) Please forward this information to others in your Zones.

What does this mean?

It simply means that we have a backdrop to "build" and I am asking you to pack in your suitcases anything we could use as props such as boas or oversized sunglasses or funny hats, etc. Please also pack toppings to go on the ice cream. The theme for our event is Filled UP and Overflowing. My vision for the backdrop includes a 3 tier 3D fountain made out of covered cardboard boxes and long blue and silver fringed mylar tablecloths that will serve to represent the water. The backdrop will be 7' X 8' and include the theme name. I already have a frame to hold this. In holding to the fountain idea, who hasn't wanted to throw coins into a fountain, how about including a mite box in the lower tier for people to feed during the retreat as well? I have the medium size one that we would use for this.

So, my hope is that we could meet in your Zones one Saturday or an evening at a central location (or 2) to construct the fountain between now and the middle of April and then assemble it on Friday afternoon before the retreat. Please give me your feedback as to what would work best for your Zone. I have sent a note to your Zone Presidents asking them if they thought it might be included as an after Zone meeting activity at their next meeting. I am retired now so evenings are very doable. Also, this would be open to any young woman who would want to participate. This could be a way to introduce the YWR program and include more women in each Zone. I will furnish the needed materials.

1 Zone will create the base and bottom layer of the fountain and add the "water covering."

1 Zone will create the 2nd tier and add the "water covering."

1 Zone will create the top tier and complete the "water covering."

1 Zone will create the backdrop.

1 Zone will create the center pedestals. (This will probably take the least amount of time and could be the last items constructed.)

I do not expect these events to take over an hour and a half and will include a short devotional either led by myself or one of you (your choice).

Also, please note when the retreat registration information comes out:

I have made arrangements for the YWR's to house together in the dormitory area. My reasons were:

1. YWR's tend to stay up later and are a bit noisier than the other attendees (I know, I was one. lol)

2. It will give us a chance to review the event and bring suggestions to the Board for future incorporations.

3. It is a little less expensive than the hotel rooms offered.

However, this is not mandatory. If you prefer the hotel room concept, please feel free to choose it.

I am looking forward to setting up these events and meeting with you as we move forward toward May.

In His Service,
Debbie

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 2:46

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