

Simply Put

The Newsletter for Seventh Day Baptist Women

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Since our last issue...

If you are a regular visitor to our web site, you probably have already seen some updates that appeared after the September 2010 edition of *Simply Put* was posted. First of all, **applications for the 2011 season of Summer Christian Service Corps** are available there. Merely go to <http://sdbwomen.org> and open up the “SCSC” tab for all the information you need as a prospective team member or project planner. On a lighter note, maybe you recall being promised **more highlights from the 2010 Women’s Banquet**. A special video has been posted under the “Community” tab that can be accessed by clicking on *News*. Many other organizations say to check their web sites frequently, but rarely change their pages. Thanks to our webmaster Stephanie Sholtz, our web site is being revised regularly. ☺

Reporting at General Conference

Encouraging One Another To Study, Share, & Serve

Each year our women’s groups are given an opportunity to provide reports of their activities to be shared with the women who attend General Conference. Although it takes time to prepare such reports (which range in length from a few paragraphs to two pages), they are useful to those who receive them. Judging from the small number of reports made available in 2010, it could be that some have been doing the same activities for so many years that they no longer see a reason for writing up an annual review. If that applies to your church’s women’s group, please consider that we have churches new to our Conference that could benefit from your experience. There are also long-established women’s societies that want to discover more ways to deepen their relationships and increase their outreach. Your report might provide the ideas others need! Please think about what your group’s report could offer in terms of information about Bible studies, programs that encourage spiritual growth, and ways to serve the community as well as the church family. With a little planning, maybe more reports will be shared at next year’s General Conference – and we can all learn from one another!

Lost Creek Ladies Aid

These women reported their financial gifts and material donations given to their church ministries and to a number of service organizations in nearby communities. Two of the beneficiaries of their generosity last year were the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown and the Clarksburg Mission (both in West Virginia).

Plainfield Women's Society

Subtitled *A Little Church With Big Ideas*, this report gave as an example of what their women did last year their "Friday night vigils and gatherings to welcome the Sabbath. These informal prayer gatherings provided pot luck meals, companionship, and prayer as a wonderful spiritual preparation for the Sabbath."

Hebron Women's Study & Serve Society

These women included photos and clip art with their year in review. ☺ In addition to providing meals or refreshments for the church's special programs, they made available throws and heart pillows to patients in nearby health care facilities, stuffed animals and coloring books with crayons to children coming into the emergency room of the community hospital, and songbooks to residents of a local nursing home.

Daytona Beach Church Aid

This group's report began: "Our meetings are still open to both women and men but is carried on mainly by the women. However, our men willingly help whenever they are needed & sometimes turn up at refreshment time." This coed group collected school supplies for needy children, held a bake-less bake sale, and maintains a food pantry for the community with free food from area restaurants and bakeries.



Communication: Help us share

The SDB Women's Board appreciates the help of its representatives who make sure that the women in their churches with Internet access are notified whenever a new issue of *Simply Put* has been posted on our web site and the women without Internet access are provided with print copies. These representatives also attach printouts of our newsletter to their church bulletin boards and share news from their women's groups to be included in future issues of *Simply Put*. If you would like to volunteer to represent your church (or

you want to know whether your church has a representative already), contact the Newsletter Editor at sdb-women@q.com.

Robe of Achievement

The Robe of Achievement Committee of the Women's Society is looking for nominations for a woman in the denomination who is:

a committed Christian

active in her local Seventh Day Baptist church

has given service as a volunteer in some phase of denominational effort and given special service in her community or family

The deadline is March 31, 2011, but there is no need to wait until the last minute to submit your nomination. The committee will gladly accept it much earlier. 😊 If you nominated someone before who was not chosen, please resubmit your nomination.

The "Nomination Form" is available at <http://www.sdbwomen.org/> under the *Robe of Achievement* tab. If you prefer to use non-electronic communication, contact Karen Payne at 13528 595th Street, Claremont, MN 55928 for this form.

Recognized By Shoe Boxes

A Devotional Message by Jeanne Yurke

Thinking again about "Living in the Fruit of the Spirit"

There I was in the local dollar store, two plastic containers (with lids) on top of the toys, school supplies, and hygiene items in my cart. "You're doing shoeboxes, right?" the stranger asked me. "Yes, that's right. What gave me away?" I asked with a grin. "My church has been doing it for years," she volunteered. "I even got two of my friends hooked. I think that the husband enjoys shopping for *Operation Christmas Child* as much as she does!" It was a brief conversation, but a memorable one. It made me think of the little things by which we Christ-followers are sometimes recognized. This time two "shoe boxes" identified me as someone who was helping with a well-known outreach ministry. (See [Samaritan's Purse](#) for details.) Even more, however, they were clues that I might be someone who is "living in the fruit of the Spirit," as our General Conference theme proclaims.

During this especially busy time of the year the little things can add up: some love here, some joy there, and peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control all over the place! These are the ways we should be recognized. ☺





2010 Women's Banquet

See how many people you can identify in these photographs. Feel free to use a magnifying glass or, if you are looking at the electronic version of this newsletter, simply zoom in at a higher magnification. Enjoy!

Women's Board Business

The Women's Board has two meetings scheduled before our next issue of *Simply Put* is posted, so there should be plenty of business to report in March. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns for our officers to discuss, please contact President Althea Rood althear@yahoo.com {P.O. Box 122, 401 6th Ave NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927 / Ph: (507) 633-2772 (h) and (720) 382-3325 (c)} and/or Secretary Madelyn Neher mbneher@kmtel.com {61077 200th Ave, Dodge Center, MN 55927 / Ph: (507) 633-2887 (h) and (507) 272-1750 (c)}.



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