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CWL MO Past President

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**FROM:** CWL MO Past President

**DATE:** October 2013

**MEMO:** #3 (2012-2014)

*Dear CWL Sisters,*

Welcome back from what I hope was a relaxing and renewing summer for all of you! September is always a natural time of transition – students return to school, our family routines change, the pace of our work returns to its pre-summer tempo, our CWL life resumes its activity, ...and before we know it October is upon us and the leaves are changing colour as we head into the fall. My summer went by in a blur as I recovered from knee replacement surgery. This event certainly gave me many chances to “see the Lord” in my life and in the faces of those who cared for me. It was a wonderful revelation. The operation and recovery were very successful; my biggest problem now is that I feel like I’ve lost at least two months and I’m still trying to catch up!

Here it is, the end of October already. It seems like our Convention in Greenwood was just last week! It was a wonderful convention, and thank you again to the ladies of Greenwood for a job very well done! I have included some of the Evaluation Comments for you to look at and they might encourage you to attend this year’s Convention in Shearwater!

As you know, our Military Ordinariate CWL Convention this year will be held in Shearwater, NS, in the Spring. The dates are in the process of being finalized, and we will let you know as soon as they are confirmed. This year’s convention will also see us holding elections for the Administrative Committee positions. These elections are run just a little bit different than your home council elections. I will send you detailed information early in the New Year. In the meantime, I am asking you as Past Presidents to look through your council’s history and send me a list of the CWL members who have held the position of President during the last 8 years (along with the date that they served). If there is no Past President available in your council, perhaps the Secretary could do this job for me? This is a project that fits right in with the duties of the Past President of maintaining the council history and archives.

In my Past President’s Report at the Convention, I noted that there are four main responsibilities that define the **Past** President role:

- The first is her role as a consultant / mentor.
- Second is the responsibility for maintaining the council history and archives

- The third responsibility is to facilitate the study of the Constitution and Bylaws
- Fourthly, the Past President takes on chairmanship of the council elections.

I plan to send information on all of these aspects of the Past President's role in my future memos.

At Convention, I also sent out a challenge to all councils, through their Past Presidents. To help you get started on the practice of maintaining your council's archives, or to give you a challenge if you are already doing a good job of it, I have a project for each council! Under the guidance of the Past President (or another council member if your Past President has moved on), we would like each base council to prepare a scrapbook page of the year in review at your council, and bring it to this year's convention in Shearwater. We will then compile a booklet for display this year and at future conventions. I will have a photo album ready to accept your scrapbook pages, and we can all enjoy seeing how our CWL sisters have been active this year. Please have fun with this challenge, and don't stress to make it a "perfect" scrapbook page. Gather together pictures and mementos of your activities this year, arrange them on a 12" X 12" piece of paper, and bring them to Convention! It can be as simple as that! I look forward to hearing updates on your progress. Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this project!

I would also appreciate contact information for Council Past Presidents, or information on who is looking after the Past President's responsibilities if you do not have a Past President.

As October comes to a close and November welcomes us (with a blast of cold, no doubt!), I look forward to continuing our CWL journey, together learning and growing and sharing our faith and love.

Love & Prayers,

*Barbara*

## Convention Evaluation Comments - Greenwood 2013

### Major Strengths:

- \* The people - hard working, intelligent, motivated
- \* Well organized, good community
- \* Spiritual openings and prayers
- \* The professionalism, through a warm relaxed atmosphere
- \* Well-organized
- \* Devotion to CWL
- \* Hearing from other councils and what they do
- \* Spiritual
- \* Helped me understand what CWL is all about
- \* Spiritual development
- \* Spiritual openings and Prayers
- \* Wonderful guest speakers
- \* The flexibility and fortitude of the Greenwood ladies
- \* Fellowship
- \* Good diversity - spiritual and workshop
- \* The light-heartedness, laughter, common goals, good planning, communication
- \* Openness to learn and focus on developing our skills and communication
- \* Growth in sisterhood and openness to network and be fuelled by my sisters in the League

### Comments:

- \* Had an amazing experience
- \* Learned a lot about CWL, proud to be a part of it
- \* Had a lot of fun
- \* Well done!
- \* Learned so much, will take back lots of notes for my council
- \* Informative and enjoyable
- \* Very impressed with guest speaker Theresa
- \* Special thank you to Audrey and other Greenwood ladies for making us feel so welcome
- \* Great friendship; the food was great!
- \* Very nice for younger members to be seated with seasoned members at the Banquet
- \* Good variety of activities - very impressive
- \* Good planning - much appreciated!
- \* Workshop by Cecile Miller greatly enjoyed