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Welcome to 2008, FWF!



Can you believe it? Another new year already! I'm



anticipating good things in 2008 for Friends Women Fellowship. Let's all live the coming year anticipating God's goodness and grace!

Looking Back on 2007 –

As we leave 2007 I want to give thanks to God and to all of Friends Women for all of the hard work that

made things happen...

First – we met all of our fund raising goals for 2007 and even had additional funds to give to our ministries! It is wonderful to know that Friends Women Fellowship has directly affected so many lives across the globe.

It is also exciting to report that new FWF groups have sprung up across MAYM. One of the most important things we can do is pass our vision on to the next generation. Remember, you can find info on starting your own group on our website: www.friendswomen.com

As the year ends I'd like to thank our outgoing officers. Thanks and blessings to our Secretary of Juniors and Youth, Donetta Carpenter; to Grace Ferguson our Secretary of Christian Service ; and to Tri-State Area Vice-President Janeece Chambers. These ladies served God and served you in more ways than you'll ever know. Many thanks and blessings for their years of service.

Looking Forward to 2008 –

As I begin the last year of my term as FWF President I am enthusiastic about the goals we have ahead of us. There are new projects for 2008, new officers and board members, upcoming events and retreats - so many things to look forward to. And none of them will happen without you! YOU make things happen – your prayers, your willingness to serve, your excitement. We appreciate all the women who make FWF possible.

I'd like to welcome our new officers – Sylvia Harvey will be taking over as Secretary of Junior and Youth, (Chely) Costner will take over as Secretary of Christian Service and Betty Jean Penrose will be the new Tri-State Area Vice President. Again, I express much appreciation for their willingness to serve.

A big thanks to Anita Larcade who has put together our 2008 Yearbooks entitled *More Than Bread*. (For our new members, the yearbook includes lots of valuable info, including monthly devotionals, info on adopted missionaries, addresses and phone numbers of officers, as well as the list of our fund raising projects for 2008.) Our yearbooks are vital in uniting the goals of each individual FWF. If you don't have a yearbook yet, please contact Anita Larcade at 207 N. Elm, Argonia, KS 67004, (620) 435-6651 or by email at: nini67059@yahoo.com .

Mark your calendars now for the Friends Women's Retreat in Wichita, September 21-23, 2008!

What We Need For 2008 –

Well, while I'm on the subject of officers, **we still have THREE areas without a representative.** If you attend a church in one of these areas – **Western, South Central or Texas** – we need you! (I'll list the churches included in those areas at the end of the article.) Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help out. The only requirement is a willing heart. Remember, God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the willing. That could be you.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter – our three hands-on projects for the coming year are collecting Beanie Babies, layette sets and stars. (Check our website for details if you missed the last newsletter.) If you have stars, don't hold on to them! You can mail them directly any time to Burundi to this address:

**EEA
BP 1198
Bujumbura, Burundi
Africa.**

In Closing –

Thank you. I cannot say it enough. Thank you for all you do – for Christ, for each other, for FWF. You are the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

In His Service,
Judy Shetley
FWF President
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FWF AREA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED!

If you attend one of these churches, please pray about volunteering to be the FWF representative/contact person for your area - we need you! Just call or email Judy for more info or to volunteer.

Texas Area – any church in Texas including Bayshore, Friendswood, Chinese Hope, Friends Community, Light House Fellowship, League City, etc.

South Central – Haviland, Hutchinson, Pratt, Dodge City, Macksville

Western – Bethel, Booker, Colorado, Fowler, Gate, Liberal, Lone Star, Plains, Springfield, Villas, Walsh

SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Chely Costner

At this busy time of year I hope we can all remember what the real reason for the Season is -- to celebrate Christ's birth and all the wonderful things it brings to our lives; the knowledge that he was born to show us the way to the Father; and to teach us very important principles of life. Everywhere you look people are forgetting the real reason. It is not the shopping, the eating, or the presents, though if you ask any child, that is what they will tell you it is all about. I hope we can all remember and pray to Jesus to keep the real meaning close to our hearts and minds.

Chely Costner



NORTHRIDGE SOCIETY RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD!

I have received several additional reading reports since the last issue. Of particular interest is the report from Northridge Friends Edna Chilson Society. Out of 14 members they had 13 who completed the reading requirements. That is 94%! Great job, ladies!! Because of this they will receive a complimentary book for their library.

Roberta Leininger

Reading Course Secretary



Dear Friends Women,
My prayer for us all for this New Year I found in a church bulletin:

"May the God of amazing grace give us hearts to be the Christ Child's manger, faces that express his living presence within us and hands to do the work of Christmas all year long."

A beautiful picture of what I see among Friends Women!

**Amahoro,
Doris Ferguson**

"Praise be to God, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Eph. 1:3



STUMPY

"Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Set You Free" John 8:31

I am privileged to have a small lake out of my back door where a variety of water fowl live. There is a white farm duck who hangs out with a mallard duck that is blind in one eye, a type of loon who likes to dive completely under water to catch fish, a long legged Blue Heron, Canadian Geese and wild ducks.

My favorite "critter", though, is a little wild duck I named "Stumpy". Stumpy showed up on the lake early last summer looking very bedraggled with one side of her face swollen and her left leg bound up to her belly with fishing twine. Those of us who live near the lake wanted to help Stumpy by removing the twine; however when we tried to get close enough to unwind the fishing twine, the little duck would fly or swim away. Several of us speculated whether the little duck would live or die, and some of my neighbors decided to give up trying to help her. Knowing that I could not catch Stumpy, I decided that I would try to help her by making sure she had food. So each morning and most evenings I would walk out to the lake with bread crumbs or cat food for the little duck. At first, all the other ducks would jump in ahead of Stumpy and eat all of the food, so I began to throw food way out onto the lake for the other ducks and then quickly throw food to Stumpy. She soon learned to come close to the shore and sit quietly while I threw food out to the other ducks then she would quickly eat what I threw to her.

It wasn't long before Stumpy would quack at me and fly to me expecting to be fed whenever I walked to the lake. After a few weeks, Stumpy's foot fell off leaving her with a stump of a leg. Again we all speculated that she would probably die, but she has not. She has seemed to adjust to having only 1 foot and her face has healed up so much it is hard to tell her apart from the other ducks. This may seem like a strange story for missions, but in some ways it relates.

Sin is very destructive and many times binds people up leaving them emotionally, physically and spiritually wounded. Many people are not even aware that the sin they have in their lives is keeping them bound up and do not think they need help, or they are afraid to get help and just like the little duck reject all efforts of help. When this happens Christians may give up and think that it is hopeless, just like my neighbors and I thought that perhaps Stumpy was too far gone to recover.

However, just as I determined to keep trying to help Stumpy even though I did not know if she would recover, we need to continue to give out God's love and truth and leave the outcome to Him. The part of this experience that really touched me though is how Stumpy learned to sit quietly and take in the food given her. When she realized where the food came from she was eager to watch for it and seek it out and this led to her being able to recover.

When we are faithful to give out God's truth, even if we do not know the end result, lives are changed. (It may be our own lives changed) Let's remember to be faithful to pray for our missionaries as they endeavor to give out the Life Changing Truth of God's Word and let us also be faithful to give out God's Love and Truth to the people in our own lives.

Ruth Kemper
Prayer Coordinator

"SENSIBLY SPEAKING"

Patti Rucas, Treasurer



I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Year will be one of blessings from our Lord.

I'm sure you all know by now that we met our goals and went over enough to give to several to other projects which were determined by your Womens Board. There will be a treasurer's report in the next QB after the books are closed December 31st.

Our new year started on January 1. Dues per member will be due and are \$7.00. It is easiest to pay the Library Fund money and the EFI Travel money at the beginning and then you don't forget it. Those are both \$5.00 and necessary for your 100% participation recognition.

I will be sending a packet out to each treasurer with all the information about what your offerings are for in the coming year. Please be much in prayer about what you want to give and how you might raise money for these goals during the year.

Thank you so much for all of your help. The Lord has truly blessed your giving and has blessed me with so many wonderful women out there who so have been so kind and helpful to me.

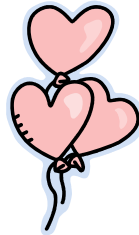
God Loves You All and So Do I,
Patti Rucas, Treasurer

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Don't forget to share your love with our missionaries as they share Christ's love with others!



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