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BIG ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE IN FRIENDS WOMEN FELLOWSHIPS!!

**“Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow,
not some more convenient season.**

It is today that our best work can be done
and not some future day or future year.

It is today that we fit ourselves for the
greater usefulness of tomorrow.

Today is the seed time,
now are the hours of work,
and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.”

- Du Bois

Lots of exciting changes are taking place in *Friends Women Fellowships*! As an organization that has existed for over a century, one of our challenges is making sure we don't get mired in the past. We want to hold firmly to our primary mission – “working, giving and praying for missions” – but we also want to be flexible enough to change when needed. Let us never be afflicted with the “We've-Never-Done-It-That-Way-Before” disease!

At Mid-Year Boards quite a number of significant changes were approved. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the highlights:

- Our official calendar year will no longer run from July-to-July. **Effective January 1st, 2008, the FWF calendar year will be January 1st through December 31st!** This will primarily effect our financial year and the terms that our officers serve. To accommodate this transition, we will simply extend the current calendar year. It will run from July 2006 through December 31st 2007. This extended year will also give us more time on current offerings and projects.
- Because of new government regulations in place concerning charitable organizations and their tax exempt status, **our bookkeeping guidelines have become stricter.** One of the ways we will accommodate that is by choosing a specific software program that the Treasurer, the Yearbook Secretary, and the Quaker Bonnet Editor will all operate from. There will be defined categories that will be universally used. Merle Kinser, the Chairperson of the Stewards Board of MAYM, is overseeing and auditing the new guidelines and compliance.

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As part of the new financial guidelines **all future Friends Women Retreat Committees will have a specific reporting form that will be used for all finances concerning our yearly retreats.**

This will be effective immediately and will be used by this fall's Retreat Committee. Merle Kinser (mdkinser@juno.com) will also be auditing these reports. (As you look over these new financial guidelines, please know they have been put in place as safeguards to make sure we keep our tax-exempt status. A number of church organizations across the country have lost that privilege due to failure to comply with new, stricter guideline and reporting regulations.)

- **The distribution of any monies raised by the Yearly Women's Retreat must be approved by the Executive Board.** The Retreat Committee for that particular year will be asked for their recommendations. Last year the money raised was donated to Dr. Samson in Nepal for a vehicle, to the Retnarje Ministry Health Training program, and the Camp Quaker Haven Project overseen by Jodi Kinniburgh.
- **We are no longer collecting Duty Money.** Any Duty Money sent in this year will be put in the General Fund.
- **We will not have a Prayer Breakfast/Luncheon at this year's Ministry Conference.** Due to increased travel expenses and scheduling changes it has become increasingly harder for many women to attend this event. **This is event will now become part of our yearly Women's Retreat.**
- **The FWF Officers will no longer meet at Ministry Conference.** We are also doing away with Mid-Year Boards. We will continue to have two meetings per year – now known as Spring Board and Fall Board. This year Fall Board will take place on September 8th, 2007 at Camp Quaker Haven.
- **We will no longer hand out President's Packets at Ministry Conference.** Instead you will receive these in December by mail. We will mail them directly to FWF's. If a church does not have a FWF, it will addressed to the appropriate church contact.
- **Books ordered from the FWF Reading List will be picked up at Women's Retreat instead of Ministry Conference.** We are trying to move as many events as possible to our yearly Women's Retreat since this is the largest gathering of our members. If you have questions about the book order, please contact Roberta Leininger (leininger@havilandtelco.com).
- **Projects and offerings for 2008 will be announced at the Fall Women's Retreat.**
- To accommodate the extended transition year, **supplements to the Yearbook and Program Book will be sent out with the Quaker Bonnet and also made available on our website.**
- **Officers whose terms would have ended in July 2007 will continue to serve until Dec. 31st, 2007.**

If you have any questions about any of these changes, please feel free to call me (405.842.6877) or email me (judy@friendswomen.com).

The overall goal of these changes is to make our organization run as smoothly and efficiently as possible, so we can spend the majority of our time and energy focusing on supporting our missionaries instead of shuffling endless paperwork!

I want to encourage all of our FWF's to keep busy on their projects. **Currently we are under funded (behind!) on all of our projects.** With the additional months added for the calendar transition, we should be able to come in over budget on all our projects! Recently we heard some FWF's have been holding their offering monies until the end of the year. Please send in your funds as you receive them, they will be credited towards your yearly goals. No sense having funds sitting in an account, when we can put your them to use right now!

Ladies, I know this is a lot of information, but it's all exciting progress for FWF! It's so exciting to see all that is accomplished for God's Kingdom through your faithfulness. So many lives are touched by the things you do each month at your meetings. Keep up good work!

In the Service of Christ,
Judy Shetley
FWF President
judy@friendswomen.com

SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Grace Ferguson

Last evening our church was privileged to have Lydia & Jaime Tabingo for a presentation of their work in the Phillipines. It has been said it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them but an entire lifetime to forget them.

The Tabingos are an unforgettable couple and I am thankful we can now say we know them. Their first "service" was 30 years ago with 6 in attendance and they now count 25,000 that they minister to in the church plants and the many house churches .

In visiting with Lydia, she shared some ways we can be used in their work in the Philippines which I want to share with you, as follows:

Since English is the national language and is used in all school materials, they can use any and all **used or surplus Sunday School materials**. They have a ministry with children every day as well as Children's Church on Sunday. **Used children's story books** are welcome. She suggested that such printed materials can be sent at library rates and that some use DHL delivery service.

Other needs for the children's ministry are **candy and gum** and **small Zip-loc bags** to place them in. Used **crayons and markers** as well as **craft supplies** would be appreciated.

They could also use **multi-vitamins or vitamins** of any kind, and **sewing notions** such as embroidery floss and needles for their women's ministry.

May God bless you and your group as you prayerfully consider how He wants to use you.

A quote from Rick Warren - *"God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you."*

WELCOME

Ramona (OK) and Gardner (KS)
NEW Friends Women Fellowships!!!

EFI-NA FRIENDS WOMEN PRESIDENT
Doris Ferguson

For several weeks, in a Bible study that I attend, we have been viewing the videos "In the Dust of the Rabbi". The title is taken from a Jewish proverb, "To be a disciple is to walk in the dust of the rabbi". The first one was "When the master says "Come", and the second, "When the master says "Go".

This reminded me of the familiar scripture from Matthew (the amplified version) which says, "And he said to them, Come after Me (as disciples)-- letting Me be your guide, follow Me and *(then)* I will make you fishers of men!" This is additional light to me on what it means to be a disciple. This is also a part of the missionary challenge. I don't know a lot about fishing so I won't go there, but I know that the challenge is to spread the good news of salvation in as many ways as possible.

Here is one new exciting way that God has given me! On May 10, I will fly to Burundi, Africa as a part of a team from "Friends of Kibimba Hospital" to evaluate the current situation and needs of the Kibimba Hospital. We will be counting on your prayers that we can make the best use of the time we will have there. David Kellum and Dick Long will be looking at the physical plant and the contractual agreements and I will be looking at the medical and surgical needs. This is the hospital where I worked many years. I know that many things will have changed. Pray for me that I can deal well with those changes and be an encouragement.

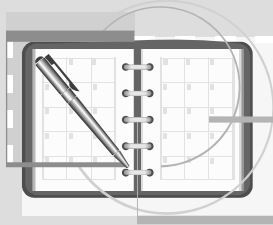
A brochure has been prepared to explain the project. Requests for the brochures can be made to: David Kellum P.O. Box 402, Chandler OK 74834 Here are a few of the prayer requests suggested by the Friends of Kibimba Hospital.

Pray for:

- o Dr. Nahimana as he works day to day at the hospital.
- o Kibimba Hospital workers as they seek to provide physical and spiritual healing to patients.
- o A chaplain program at the hospital to share Christ's love with patients and the community.
- o Necessary funds to be given that will cover costs associated with the project.

Thank you for going fishing with me!

MARK THE DATE!!



38th Annual Mid-America
Friends Women's Retreat

"GOD'S GOT IT COVERED"

- 1) A Quilt of Joy,
- 2) A Quilt of Comfort and
- 3) A Quilt of Victory

September 28 – 30, 2007
Holiday Inn – Joplin, MO

Guest Speaker: Cindy Sigler Dagnan
Author & Speaker

She has written for such publications as Today's Christian Woman, Focus on the Family, P-31 Woman, Lookout & Christian Standard. She has also written books such as *The Lights of Home*, *The Chocolate Side of Life & Who Put Peanut Butter On My Daily Planner?*

The Silent Auction items may include:
Craft items, food items, theme baskets,
handmade items, etc.

Registration with full amount of money must be postmarked by 8/15/07. The hotel is requiring a large deposit by the Aug. 20th.

Persons per room	Postmarked by 8/15/07	AFTER 8/15/07
4	\$120	\$130
3	\$140	\$150
2	\$160	\$170
1	\$180	\$190
Day Rate	\$ 65	\$ 75

Any questions, please contact
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Prayer Coordinator
Ruth Kemper

"My prayer is not for them alone, I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message"...John 17:20. "May they also be in us that the world may believe that you have sent me."...John 17:21

Have you ever wondered if your prayers made any difference? After all it is easy to think, 'I am just one person, what difference will it make if I pray?' Jesus must have thought that prayer was very important and I am awestruck when I realize that when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane right before he was arrested, he prayed for you, me and EVERYONE who would believe The Gospel Message. Did you know that YOU are an answer to Jesus prayer 2000 years ago? That is very POWERFUL!

Ladies, at our Mid-Year Board Mtg. we decided that there would not be a Ladies Prayer Breakfast at our July Ministry Conference in Haviland, KS (I still want to call it Yearly Meeting).

Instead, we are having a prayer breakfast or brunch at Women's Retreat in September. I am working on the program and I want you to know that it will be GREAT! God Bless You!

KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

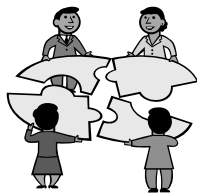
A NOTE FROM YOUR READING SECRETARY

Roberta Leininger



The list of reading books will not be sent to you until the July/August issue, and those who order books can pick them up at women's retreat. This is because we are in the process of changing the calendar year for Friends Women from July to June to January through December. Be sure to look for the list of books in the next issue.

I have been using a devotional book which I would highly recommend for your personal use. It is not appropriate for the reading list as it needs to be used daily with time for contemplating. The book is *Pearls of Great Price* by Joni Eareckson Tada, published by Zondervan in 2006.



JUNIOR AND YOUTH MISSION PROJECT
 "THE 10/40 DEGREE CHALLENGE" - \$10,000

Donnetta Carpenter
 Secretary of Youth and Missions

Imagine with me in India ... Edwin and/or one of his leaders traveling over the hills, crossing a narrow bridge on a scooter - a scooter we have helped purchase - encouraging believers and telling others about Jesus. Imagine your mission offering at work in Nepal ... see the Vanlals with a room full of children from their church and their Hindu friends having fun and learning about how Jesus loves them and died for their sins. Now shift to Dr. Samson in a village home kneeling by a sick child on a mat, giving them medicine and telling everyone in the home about Jesus the Great Physician. And then see Bob Adhikary and his team traveling and holding seminars with new believers and church workers, helping them become grounded in the Lord. This is your mission offering at work. Then imagine the team in Aguascalientes getting an encouraging phone call from

the states just at the time they needed it -- again your offerings are at work. And in Rwanda our hard working pastors' children can attend school because you cared. Kids and youth, your love gifts to missions are making a difference in the 10/40 Window and around the world - so keep praying, giving and imagining the great things God will do because you have been faithful.

As you have heard by now -- because we are changing the Friends Women's year-end to December 2007 -- these will be our projects until January 2008. At that time our new exciting projects will be announced.

We have received offerings now from 18 churches - and I am excited to report that Crossroads, our new church plant, has jumped on board with their first offering. Praise the Lord!!! Our grand total now is \$6,462.05 (which is almost 2/3 of our total). The 10 Degree Team is gaining steam with \$2,158.09 and the 40 Degree Team is now at \$4,303.96.

Our LENDING LIBRARY is here just for you and all the wonderful kids in your church -- please give me a call at 1-316-942-6980. Ten churches have been using the materials. I also had a great time at Lone Star Friends Church last month, helping with a missions presentation. There were a great bunch of Juniors and Youth present.

"CENTS"ibly SPEAKING

Patti Rucas, Treasurer

Hi Ladies!

Do I have good news for some you! Those fellowships that thought they couldn't be a 100% participating fellowship, now can. Here's how!!!!

Because this fiscal year will be extended to coincide with the EFI-MAYM Stewards board's fiscal year, there will now be another chance to give to the November Thank Offering, October Indian Mission offering, the \$5 necessary for EFI Travel, and the Library fund. Those things will carry over to the end of our extended year, December 31st.

Memberships are not due until the beginning of our new calendar year. If you gave to last year's offerings, do not think you shouldn't give again, but, if you couldn't make those the first time around, here is your chance to make it this time. A blue piece of paper in your treasurer's packet explains what is needed to be a 100% participating fellowship.

All treasurers will be sent a new packet in the mail for the 2008 year. **I would like to ask that all treasurers use the pink forms I just sent you.** Throw away all other copies and such that you have on hand. That pink form helps me keep things straight. I sent you enough to finish the year so

you don't have to make copies in white. Please use the pink sheets.

OFFERING	PROJECT	GOAL	ACTUAL
March	Burundi TEE	\$3,000	\$1,729.50
April	Twaddells	500	470.40
Area Missions Conference		2,500	1,956.50
Special Project/Sinaloa Mexico		3,000	1,965.00
Youth Project		10,000	6,462.05

As you can see, all projects are under funded, so this is our chance to have extra time to catch them up.

If you send money directly to missionaries or send money to EFM directly, you do not need to tell me as I only keep track of money sent through me. Having money listed on the form that I do not get then has be noted so it won't be confusing to the auditor why the two amounts on the check and form don't match up. Thank you again for your help in these areas.

Everything until December 31st will count in this years 100% participation program. So, you all could probably reach that goal, even if you thought your chances were passed.



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“Commun”-ity Andrea Byrne, Aguascalientes, Mexico

What do you do on Saturday nights? I get to spend my Saturday nights doing one of my favorite activities—studying the Bible with other people. After months of desiring and praying and organizing, we finally had our first small group 3 weeks ago. The usual attenders are Iris, Viviana, her brother Aris, and Laura (Cris' mom).

Our first meeting we talked about community and how (in Spanish) the word starts with having something in “común”— in common. The vision is that over time our common factor will be faith in Christ. Honestly, I'm not quite sure if some of these people have saving faith or not. Sometimes they seem right on track with the gospel but the next moment they say things like, “Jesus isn't the only way to salvation; we also need works.” Regardless of where they are at now, it is clear that the studies have helped sharpen their understanding of

having a relationship with God, of salvation through grace.

One amazing thing about the Bible Study has been the level of participation from the very beginning. The first week I did almost everything to model what a small group looks like. But the other two weeks, different people have prepared icebreakers, led the studies, and provided the location. I'm glad to see them learning from the beginning the importance of active service and participation.

This week we will begin to study the gospel of John, so please pray that those involved in the study will grow in faith and Christ-likeness. Pray also that this community would grow and that more communities like it would come into existence.

Andrea Byrne