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Moya's Message,

Welcome back to another year of CWL Sydney activities. I do hope the holiday period was a time to relax and enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends.

2012 is going to be a busy year as we continue planning for the Centenary events for 2013. Throughout the year we will continue to introduce interesting guest speakers at our luncheon gatherings, enjoy the social events planned and once again be informed and entertained at the Forum Day which will be held in July.

Today Fr. Ray celebrated Mass for us and as always when we come together in prayer and praise we know the Holy Spirit is with us, enfolding us in his care, guiding us on our journey of faith and friendship.

Today is Valentine's Day! Flowers will be delivered, love notes exchanged chocolates presented and love proclaimed! There are some many songs of love too many to mention! Though one of my favourites is the Beatles classic "All You Need Is Love". What a beautiful sentiment!

As Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). As women of faith these words resonate within us. To do good, to care for one another and our fellow man. As we soon enter the Lenten season it will be time to reflect and remember that God asks us to do good things, not only acts of kindness but also prayer and devotion.

Caritas; the Australian Catholic international aid and development agency is launching Project Compassion with a luncheon at Parliament House on Monday 20th February. The occasional address will be given by Bro. Blazio Manobo, Caritas Gweru Co-ordinator – Caritas Gweru (Zimbabwe). Caritas assists to end poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of all. www.caritas.org.au

As you continue to support our Project of the Year, Marist Youth Care's Affordable Housing Project, keep in mind that this fundraising effort is already making a difference to the lives of many young people. I applaud you for your support thus far.

So as we enjoy the flowers, the chocolates and expressions of love and return them to our loved one, remember love is all around us, remember to love our fellow man, remember the love of our Creator who gave us His only Son, who died that we might live, who loved the lonely and cured the sick, who called the little children to Him.

Remember "Love is in the Air"!!!

God's Blessings, Moya.



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NATIONAL NEWS

Immediate CWLA Inc Past President, Madge Fahy extends thanks to all members for support and prayers during her term in office.

The Installation Ceremony of the National President and National Executive of CWLA Inc. 2012/2013 will take place on Sunday, 12th February in Townsville, Queensland. The incoming National President is Jean Tanzer OAM. We extend prayers and best wishes to our new National Executive.

Minutes of the 45th National Biennial Conference held in Melbourne are available for distribution on request from the office as are the notifications of Alterations to the National Constitution and By-Laws and the report on the National Teleconference (December 2011).

STATE NEWS

Sydney Delegates will be attending the State Council Meeting in March. The Minutes of the State Council Meeting, October 21—23, 2011 are available for copying on request.

SYDNEY NEWS

BI-ENNIAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 2011

The CWL Sydney Biennial Conference and AGM was held on Tuesday 8th November. Fr. Ray Farrell, CWL Sydney Chaplain celebrated mass as members and guests gathered in Our Lady's Chapel. Thank you to Liturgy Officer Helen Cook for her assistance in preparing for the Mass. The AGM was convened and Reports read. The President, Moya Potts, gave an overview of the year's activities and thanked all members for their contribution and work carried out in their Parish/Branch.

After a delicious lunch, we were totally entertained by Susannah Fullerton. We all know now what Agatha Christie, HG Wells, DH Lawrence, Robert Louis Stevenson and Charles Darwin had in common, besides writing. If you didn't attend the AGM, the answer is that they all visited Australia along with Mark Twain, Rudyard Kipling and others. Susannah was just so interesting, we could have listened to her all afternoon.

Esther Doyle, Mary Harrold and Adrienne Buckmaster were all thanked for their contribution over the year and everyone agreed they had enjoyed a great day.

Chris McKirdy

Catholic Women's League Sydney **Annual Christmas Luncheon 2011**

On Tuesday November 22, approximately 200 members, family and friends gathered at Burwood RSL to celebrate together. Amber Jade the very talented singer/dancer/saxophonist/clarinet entertained us and we all shared in the Christmas spirit.

There is always plenty of opportunity for Christmas shopping with the varied stalls and everyone who attended enjoyed a wonderful day. It is always a great day to spend with friends.

The Project of the Year will receive the profits of the day which reached \$4,238. Of this the raffle contributed \$2,927.

A Reminder to all Members

Subscription fees for 2012 are due.

Branch members: \$25.00 (\$24.00 to be remitted to office); Diocesan members: \$30.00. WUCWO Magazine "The Voice": \$30.00.

Please ensure fees are received by the office on or before **27 March 2012**.

Could Branch President's please ensure their membership lists are updated.

CHRISTMAS 2011

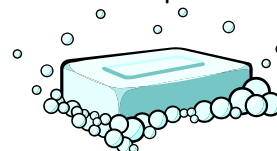


The Sydney Councillors decided to give each other the gift of a donation and were able to purchase through Caritas: The Gift of a Safe Childbirth, the Gift of a Healthy Meal and the Gift of Clean Water. This gift will just keep on giving, keep this in mind for Christmas 2012.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - A Project of Samaritan's Purse

This project provides a shoe box full of gifts for a child who has never owned anything of their own. It is a Christmas gift to children aged four (4) to fourteen (14) years and from Australia they go to the countries of Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

In 2011 the organisation was very short of soaps. I am now collecting same, particularly hotel size soaps. I hope you can help out during the year. If you can assist please bring in to Polding Centre.
Bernice Harper



CALENDAR FOR 2012

Thursday February 2	Office opens
Tuesday February 7	1 st Council Meeting
Tuesday February 14	1 st Branch Meeting – 10.30am Mass Chapel
Tuesday March 6	Council Meeting
Tuesday March 13	Branch Meeting – Guest Speaker Sr. Helen Kearins rsm
Friday March 16	St Patricks' Day – Cello's Luncheon
Fri 23/Sat24/ Sun 25	State Council Meeting, Kincumber
Tuesday April 3	Council Meeting
Tuesday April 17 (2nd Tuesday April 10 – Easter Tuesday)	Branch Meeting
Tuesday May 1	Council Meeting
Tuesday May 8	10.30am Mass WUCWO Day
Tuesday June 5	Council Meeting
Tuesday June 19	Branch meeting
(2nd Tuesday June 12 – day after Queen's Birthday)	
Tuesday July 3	Council Meeting
Tuesday July 10	Branch Meeting
Saturday July 28	Forum Day
Tuesday August 7	Council Meeting
Tuesday August 14	Annual Mass
Tuesday September 4	Council Meeting
Tuesday September 11	Branch Meeting
Wed 26/Thur 27	State Conference, Manly
Tuesday October 9	Branch Meeting
Tuesday 16	Council Meeting
(1 st Tuesday is day after long weekend - that way we only have 1 Council Meeting for October instead of 2)	
Tuesday November 13	AGM
November	Annual Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday December 4	Final Council Meeting
Tuesday December 18	Office closes

ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Friday March 16 from 11.30am – 2.30pm
Cello's Restaurant
The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel
169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

Wearing of "the green"
For those who are keen
You and your friends will munch
On a fabulous Irish lunch
Irish music, a quiz and so much more
Win the raffle – prizes galore!



\$50 per person

RSVP with money by Wednesday February 29, 2012. Numbers are limited

CWL SYDNEY 2013 CENTENARY

JOURNEY TO CENTENARY

As we near our year of **Centenary**, CWL Sydney is beginning to plan a year of exciting events for 2013. To commemorate this great occasion each month we will feature a piece of our history, this week from the

'Truly Feminine, Truly Catholic' Chapter 12, page 158

"The CWL has always felt confident to speak out publicly on issues relating to the family, but in the late 1960s and 1970s it became increasingly vocal and eloquent on issues that most directly affected values cherished by the organisation. In short, the CWL became a subtle, persistent and efficient lobby group. There was the old problem of whether it was appropriate for a Catholic organisation, especially one run by women, to participate in politics, but these objections were easily overcome.

President Mrs. Chandler defined the problem neatly at a council meeting in 1969 when there had been some worry in the branches about signing a petition: Catholic women's League is definitely non-political, but that does not mean it cannot approach the Government when the need arises. By 1969 the League was providing representation to ten different bodies ranging from the Road Safety Council to Austcare and to its own National Council."

Please Help

Anyone who may have any photographs or memorabilia to incorporate into our Centenary Memory Book, contact Helen Cook, Polding Centre

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **JAN O'NEILL** Enfield,
JOYCE CARR Kingsgrove & **VERONICA BARKER**, former Kingsgrove member.
May they rest peacefully in God's care.