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Retreat to be held at

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

PWPD Annual Retreat

Saturday

March 24, 2018

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Dear Sister's in Christ,

As we say good-bye to 2017 let us remember that the Lord is with us as we journey into this New Year. Although we don't meet often we are connected. Connected through mission, justice and peace and Bible study. That is what is so wonderful about the Presbyterian Women's Organization. You are connected to other women with the same goals. Our Presbyterian Women's Retreat will be coming up on March 24, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. I have always found that a day away from the hustle and bustle of everyday living is peaceful to my soul. It is a time to give yourself a time-out. I do hope that as the next couple months pass that you will think about giving yourself a day to renew yourself.

I received some sad new about a former moderator of Detroit United PW 1979-1980 Sally Rankin who passed away in early November. She was a former member of Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, then later she moved to the Lansing area.

I would like to share a poem that says it all, called;

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THIS YEAR SO NEW?

As we start a new year untouched and unmarred, unblemished and flawless, unscratched and unscarred, May we try to do better and accomplish much more and be kinder and wiser than in the year gone before. Let us wipe our slates clean and start over again.

For God gives this privilege to all sincere women and men who will humbly admit they have failed many ways but are willing to try and improve these "new days" by asking God's help in all that they do and counting on Him to refresh and renew their courage and faith when things go wrong and the way seems dark and the road rough and long.

What will you do with this year that's so new? The choice is yours—God leaves that to you!

BY Helen Steiner Rice

Grace and Peace,
Janet

Mission Committee 2017 INGATHERING REPORT

On behalf of the PWPD Mission Committee, we wish to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 Ingathering held at Westminster Church in Detroit on October 16, 17 and 18. Thanks to all of you who sewed, knitted, purchased or collected items at your churches, all who delivered them to Westminster Church, and especially all who came and worked during one of the three days. There were 49 volunteers (including men) from 17 churches. We couldn't have done it without you!

What an enormous task it is to receive all the donations, from quilts to school supplies to clothing to diapers, and sort, count, and repackage them for delivery. Thank you to Westminster Church for generously donating the use of their Fellowship Hall and custodians. This year we had 34 churches participating, with the amount of goods brought to the Ingathering totaling **\$38,509.20**. Of that, the amount of donations given to the Second Mile Center was \$5,540.23 and the amount for other local agencies was \$32,969.09. If we add the amount the PWC's reported giving to other mission projects (like Church World Service kits, food baskets, mitten trees, scholarships, missionary support and cash donations) the giving totals **\$120,961.08**. This does **not** include donations to the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Least Coin, Honorary Memberships or Mission Pledge. This is truly a remarkable figure.

Thank you to everyone who delivered to the 33 local metro Detroit agencies, such as hospitals, nursing homes, pregnancy centers and shelters, that we were able to help this year. A complete listing of the agencies we delivered to and other details of the 2017 Ingathering were sent to the Ingathering Chair of each participating church in November. Remember, we are always willing to come and speak to any church PW about the Ingathering. If your church does not participate in the Ingathering we would be happy to help you get started. If your PW currently participates but wants to know more, give either one of us a call.

We look forward to the 2018 Ingathering on October 15, 16 and 17. The assignment your church had for 2017 is the same for 2018. Even if your church does not participate, YOU can volunteer at the Ingathering event or deliver items for us.

Emily Nietering 313-278-9269
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Justice & Peace Committee

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE SANTA "OCTOPUS" DOLLS

The Mission Committee was looking for projects for the kids at Second Mile Center when they have an activity hour. Vice-moderator Emily Nietering saw my sample "octopus," and asked me to pack 60 kits halfway done for the kids to complete. The kits had a red yarn beginning of a Santa with the extras in the bag. Thanks to Jane Mykytenko and myself, of the Justice & Peace Committee, and the knitting group at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church, I was able to give director Ruth Azar two bags with 60 kits at the Dec. 6 gathering in Farmington First in time for Christmas.

Pamela A. Frucci, vice-moderator
Justice & Peace Committee

Greetings from The Second Mile Center of Detroit,

We wish you a very Merry Christmas!!! This year we celebrated our 10th year anniversary of opening our doors. Individuals and families are able to enjoy worship, Monday night community dinner, after school program, mobile health fair, summer day camp, food, clothing, Christmas gifts, field trips, etc. Thanks to your contributions, all of our services are provided at absolutely NO COST. We rely on funding from the churches, individuals and Presbyterian Women so we may continue our mission of making disciples for Jesus. On behalf of all the individuals, families and children that benefit from our Center, we say, "THANK YOU!" We look forward to being a part of Jesus Christ Ministry in 2018.'

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

God bless,
Ruth Azar
Executive Director
313-303-4906

If you haven't finished your Holiday Shopping and you shop online remember you can support the Second Mile Center by shopping at AmazonSmile. See the Banner below. But don't stop with the holidays, this works all year round, also, if you do Facebook you can ask your "friends" to donate to Second Mile for your Birthday.

**Comment by Joan Lockard
Co-Editor of Prism**



Wrap-up your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2370966 and Amazon donates to The Second Mile Center Of Detroit.



Churchwide Gathering Start Making Plans

The Gathering begins on Thursday, August 2, 2018, and concludes on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

The Gathering will be held all under one roof at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Optional tours and events will visit local Presbyterian, mission-focused and cultural sites, but there's more than enough planned in the Galt House to keep you busy for the whole Gathering!

Join in worship—enjoying uplifting music and gifted preachers—with sisters in faith from around the country and the world. Find inspiration in the plenary (large group) sessions, which highlight everything from Bible study to mission projects. Learn about your areas of passion and key issues in the world today through educational opportunities (forums and workshops) led by inspiring speakers. Witness the installation of the newly elected leaders of PW's 2018–2021 Churchwide Coordinating Team. Visit the many exhibits. Shop in the marketplace and bookstore. Take in some of the interesting sites

Full registration is \$425. Daily registration is \$125 per day. Hotel, travel and some meals are additional.

. Housing and programming are all under one roof at the Galt House. Rooms start at \$144 per night; suites start at \$159 per night, for one to four persons per room, plus tax. These discounted rates will apply three nights before and after the Gathering

For full-service air travel assistance, contact Roger Roy, Global Travel Alliance, at 505/867-2829. If driving it is approximately 364 miles and 5.75 hours from Detroit to Louisville, KY

Save the Date

Saturday March 24, 2018

PWPD 2018 Annual Retreat

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Keynote Speaker

Renee Warman

Renee Warman is known for being a motivational speaker, involved in GLOW women's ministries, has recorded many Christian songs with her family and choir, and children's ministries as well.

The PWPD Retreat is always a day of renewal to bring us closer to God and to bring us closer in a relationship with Christian friends. We end the day with a communion service.

Look for more details in the January 2018 Prism