

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

The Women's Auxiliary of W.L.U. held their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 1973 in the Theatre Auditorium of the University, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

The Rev. Senoelo Mothupi, a South African studying at the Seminary, conducted the devotions and chose as his theme the verse from Luke 12:42 "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household." He said this question has been asked from the beginning of time and was also asked of the Lutheran community in 1913 when a group of faithful women took over the household of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. This group has developed into a large Auxiliary which has helped in the growth of the Seminary and University to what it is today. The accompanist for the hymn singing was Miss Carol Raymond.

Mrs. Harold Vogt welcomed the members of the Auxiliary, and announced that the Executive had appointed her as president to complete Mrs. Chapman's term of office. Mrs. Chapman resigned as president in August to take an administrative post in a school in Trinidad.

Mrs. Vogt called on Dr. Frank Peters who welcomed the members to the University. He spoke of the coming change in name from Waterloo Lutheran University to Wilfrid Laurier University on November 1. He looked forward to many years of profitable relationship, and asked for our continued prayer support. He hoped that the Auxiliary would continue to hold their meetings at the University.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of the Seminary, brought greetings. He mentioned that there are 60 full-time and part-time students studying at the Seminary and 6 faculty teachers who lecture to 600 University students as well as Seminary students. He said that administrative work and leadership was no push-over, but one of the resources which uplifts is the Auxiliary. The work of the Auxiliary and the moral support it gives makes it materially possible for the church to proceed.

Dr. Glebe then introduced the family of Pastor Mothupi - Mrs. Helen Mothupi and their four children. The Lutheran World Federation and the Eastern Canada Synod provided funds to bring the Mothupi family to Canada for Pastor Mothupi's final year at the Seminary. Funds from this source are limited and Dr. Glebe asked the ladies to go to their home churches and speak of the needs of this family, and suggested that if friends or members of a congregation could get together and provide "blocks" of \$50. and send them to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary marked "Senoelo Mothupi Fund", this would make it possible for this family to stay in Canada until Pastor Mothupi finishes his final school year next May.

Dr. Glebe said he hoped that the Auxiliary would see their way clear to continue sending quilts to be used in the dormitories on a carefully selected basis. He spoke of the spirit of co-operation the Seminary has enjoyed with the University - University students take courses in the Seminary - Seminary professors teach in the University - and hoped this sharing would continue.

Mrs. Chapman's annual report was read by Mrs. Vogt. Mrs. Chapman remarked that the Auxiliary "has given sixty years of dedication and sincere concern and the challenge is still here. Wherever our path leads, there will always be young people appreciating our efforts." Seven certificates were presented to graduating seminarians at their dinner in the spring, and also the Executive was pleased to arrange for a meeting on campus of the Lutheran Church Women of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg.

The Secretary, Mrs. Moore, read a resume of the minutes of the 1972 annual meeting.

Mrs. A. H. Schmetzer, Treasurer, presented the financial report for the period from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973:

Balance in Bank, July 1, 1972:	\$3,440.17
Receipts:	4,174.70
Disbursements:	4,374.98
Balance in Bank, June 30, 1973:	\$3,239.89

This report with audit was accepted as printed. Since the audit, \$161. has been received by the Treasurer.

The Promotion Chairman, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, in her report, mentioned that there had been four mailings to the contact women during the 1972-1973 year. She wanted the Auxiliary also to be aware of the fact that, all through the years, the facilities of the printing and mailing room of the University have been generously at our disposal and we have been assured that this will continue.

Mrs. Paul Weber directed the members' attention to the quilt report and asked that when sending quilts, names and addresses of the donors should be included and they be sent to her address at 312 Algonquin Drive, Waterloo.

Mrs. William Gillespie brought greetings from Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt, the first president of the Auxiliary, who was not well enough to attend. Mrs. Gillespie stated that in the past year we had received three names for the Golden Book of Honour - Dr. Lloyd Schaus, Dr. John Reble and Miss Olive Tyson; and three names for the Memorial Book - Mrs. John Brill, Preston; Mrs. Violet Baetz, Neustadt; Mrs. Cynthia Kennard, Hamilton.

At this time, Mrs. Frank Huddle, representing St. Peter's Lutheran Church Women, read a citation honouring Dr. John Reble to be placed in the Auxiliary's Golden Book of Honour. Dr. Reble served as President of the Eastern Canada Synod for 27 years, including when the Auxiliary was formed.

It was recommended by the Executive Committee that we become an Auxiliary to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. This recommendation was adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

224 persons responded to the roll call representing 43 congregations.

Mrs. Fred Herbst, Chairman of the Project Committee, presented the following projects for the 1973-74 year, which were approved:

Gift Certificates for 6 Seminary Graduates:	\$300.
Bursary for a male student:	150.
Bursary for a female student:	150.
Clinical Training - 5 students:	1,500.
16mm. movie projector - with plate attached: Donated by Women's Auxiliary:	500.
5 tapes & films for practical counselling teaching films:	325.
Pictures of Willison Hall and Conrad Hall to be hung in Seminary Building:	300.
Permanent Screen for classroom:	150.
Stained glass window for planned Chapel windows:	500.
Working Fund:	325.
TOTAL:	<u>\$4,200.</u>

The offering totalled \$282, and will be directed to the "Senoelo Mothupi Fund".

Past Presidents Mrs. William Gillespie, Mrs. C. H. Doerr, Mrs. O.O. Ireland, Mrs. H. C. Greb and Mrs. W. Hachborn, and President Mrs. H. Vogt took part in a candle-lighting ceremony celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Auxiliary, while Mrs. William Machesney read "Glimpses from the Scrapbook" which was prepared by Mrs. Michael Binder. Following this, the members took part in a Thanksgiving Litany.

During the luncheon period, the contact women met with Mrs. Ernest Schaefer to discuss promotion in their congregations.

The afternoon session began with the introduction by Mrs. Harry Greb of our guest soloist, Mr. Alan MacLeod, whose accompanist was Mrs. Rosalyn Peper. An enjoyable half-hour was spent listening to Mr. MacLeod's selections from popular musicals.

The guest speaker, Sister Sheila Radtke of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was introduced by Mrs. Earl Cook. Sister Sheila commenced by saying that she came to the W.L.U. Campus 23 years ago as a freshman as a result of a scholarship received from the Auxiliary, and reflected on her life since she left her home, and what influence the church, pastor and Auxiliaries such as ours have influenced her life and helped and encouraged her. She reminded us that all the people of the past are a part of what the University will become, but that change is the biggest part of life and that change holds specialness and beauty. She said that it scares us to undertake change alone but we are co-workers with God so "invite Him aboard! and be grateful for the challenge of today". Sister Sheila was thanked by Mrs. Glinz.

The meeting closed with Sister Florence Weicker giving the benediction.

Coffee was served at the rear of the auditorium.

Mr. Richard K. Taylor, Director of Information for W.L.U., conducted a tour of the new athletic centre and the Seminary.

Rose Moore, Secretary

THANKSGIVING LITANY

Leader: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Let us pray -

O Thou who art the God of YESTERDAY, who brought forth the earth and girded it about with the boundaries of time, who has given us days for remembering, times for looking back in gratitude and servants who have led us unto Thee -

Response: We thank Thee, Lord.

Leader: O Thou who are the God of TODAY, who makes Thy presence known unto us in manifold ways, causing us to be continually aware of Thy great love for us, and who provides us with opportunities to return that love to Thee -

Response: We thank Thee, Lord.

Leader: O Thou who are the God of TOMORROW, who holds the universe in Thy hand, who grants us new days filled with new challenges and dreams that wait to be reality -

Response - We thank Thee, Lord.

Leader: As we celebrate this 60th Anniversary may we be fully mindful of Thy guidance through these many years and humbly seek your divine will for all our efforts in the times ahead. We ask this in the name of Him who taught us to pray - "Our Father -

Amen.

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Past Presidents:	Mrs. Doerr	Mrs. Greb
	Mrs. Ireland	Mrs. Hachborn
	Mrs. Gillespie	Mrs. Vogt

Reader and Leader: Mrs. William Machesney

1973 annual meeting

President's Report

It is with mixed feelings that I ask ^{that} this report ~~to~~ be presented to the 60th Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to Waterloo Lutheran University. I regret that I cannot be with you today to report personally but this meeting will be in my thoughts as I go about my activities far from Waterloo.

Your executive met six times since our last Annual Meeting. There has been much much research, thought, discussion, serious consideration and soul searching during the the past months of change and transition in every aspect of the operation of Waterloo Lutheran University. This has affected your Auxiliary's outlook to a great degree. Not always have we, as an Executive, agreed on important questions, but, assured of the support of our members, we have continued to work diligently according to the aims and objectives to which we are committed as an Auxiliary to our University. At this meeting, later on in the program, we are prepared to seek your acceptance of a recommendation which has been drawn up after very sincere discussion and deliberation, relating to our future.

However, today we are celebrating sixty years of good and loyal service first to a church sponsored boys' high school, then a Lutheran Seminary, a college affiliated with the University of Western Ontario and finally a fine University in its own right. We should be rightfully proud of the part, although small, that we have played in this advancement and the formation of a reputation of quality that the University has reearned. We are now at a time of decision and, with God's help and our faithful and sincere dedication, we will continue our assistance to students in any way we see fit. To do this, we need your continuing and loyal assistance, your suggestions and your prayers.

The projects authorized at the last Annual Meeting have been completed wherever possible and those incomplete are pending and you will note that we are again proposing an interesting list for the coming year, emphasizing assistance to the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Your promotion chairman, with her assistants, has worked hard during the past year to keep you informed of our achievements as well as our aims and objectives. We hope you agree with our operation in this area of our work and will continue your support.

Our Golden Book of Honour and Memorial Book have both received additions since our last meeting as you will see by one of the sheets you will find in your kit. Please keep this in mind as an excellent way to

remember or honour some loved and deserving person of your acquaintance. Also, please have a look at the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book on display today and ask for any information in this regard from Mrs. Ruth Gillespie or any member of the executive.

The quilt report is enclosed in your kit. It continues to be very encouraging and it is a pleasure to bring it to your attention. We have tried to remedy the system of quilt receipts and distribution as was suggested at this meeting last year. We hope we have been somewhat successful. There will be more explanation and instructions about this extraordinary project later on in the day.

Seven certificates were presented to graduating seminarians at their dinner in the spring of this year and I am glad to convey to you the thanks which I received both verbally and by mail from the recipients. This gift assists our young pastors as they go to their first positions dedicated to God's work.*

This spring the Executive ^{church} was pleased to arrange for a meeting on campus of the Lutheran ~~Christian~~ Women of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg. The ladies met in the Seminary lounge for their regular monthly meeting with a period of questions and answers, fellowship and a tour of various areas of the ~~seminary and the university~~. It was a mutually beneficial meeting and a first for something that should happen again. We invite you to consider visiting us as a group in this way if your agenda and travelling distance warrents it.

It has been sixty years of dedication and sincere concern by many hundreds of Christian women and the challenge is still here. Wherever our path leads, there will always be young people appreciating our efforts so my hope is that our good ladies will continue to support the Auxiliary in its attempt to help them in any way we are able.

Personally may I say that my association with the Auxiliary has been one of the most interesting and rewarding. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to my assistants on the executive for their ever-present support and enthusiasm and to them and all my friends in the Auxiliary, my best wishes for an ever better achievement in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Chapman
President

* Two bursaries, one to a male student and one to a female student, in the University, were also presented during the year.