

We Remember Ceremony

October 25, 2013
Coordinated by the

LLL Alumnae Association

Chapel at Hotel Albuquerque, New Mexico USA
Remembering LLL Leaders since the last reading in 2011



Program

History of We Remember

Edna Kelly

Reading of Names, 2011-2013

Mary Ann Kerwin

Marian Tompson

We Remember Prayer

Joan Crothers & Susan Thomas

We Remember Them Response

Alumnae members present

In celebration of our friends now passed . . .

* La Leche League Founder

2013

Betty Ann Countryman - Indiana
Leslie DelGigante - New York
Georgia Duncan - Kansas
Sally Hartung Murphy - Illinois
Dorothy Murphy - Indiana
Barbara Jo Peterson - Colorado
Barbara Popper - Massachusetts
Kathleen Sardi - Pennsylvania
Sarah Williams - North Carolina
Karen Zeretzke - Louisiana

2012

Julie Anderson - Minnesota
Kathleen Bertrand - North Carolina
Judy Burlock - Saskatchewan Canada
Phyllis Goerling - Illinois
Sheri Lorraine Jahner - Texas
Beverly Ann Karl - New Jersey
Juliet Kauffman - Michigan
Camille (Mildred) Pace - Connecticut
Loraine Reid - New Zealand
Jeanie Salyer - California
Linda Skelton - New Zealand
Maria (Jose Posada) Torres - Columbia
Cindy Tuttle - Indiana

2011

Janis Lin Bair - Kansas
Jeanne Marie Bock - New Jersey
Lynn Day - Arizona
Jennifer Deaven - Wisconsin
Jane Digby-New - North Carolina
Dona Ellenwood - Arkansas
Jalelah Fraley - California
Sharon Frigiola - Pennsylvania
Jan Kiefer - Indiana
Johanne Mann - United Kingdom
Diane Matlock - South Africa
Chris Mulford - Pennsylvania
Alyce Tylicki - Wisconsin

2010

Kathy Baker - Illinois
Wendy Batchelor - New Zealand
Barb Fore - Michigan
Karen Heimes - Nebraska
Linda Hoyes - United Kingdom
*Viola Lennon - Illinois
Rivka Matitya - Israel
Darlene Nicholson - Kansas
Nell Ryan - Illinois
Tine Thevenin - Minnesota

2009

Marilyn Coull - Canada
Kristine Fera - Connecticut

Jane Haines - Massachusetts
Nancy (Keeler) Katzon - Pennsylvania
Phyllis Sawyer - Maine

2008

Gail Berke - Massachusetts
Sarah Brown - England
Deirdre Eggleton - Texas
*Edwina Froehlich - Illinois
Cathay Knipscher - New Jersey
Noreen Cary Mills - New York
Marsha Robison - Oklahoma
Carol Rudzinski - Indiana
Megan Stendebach - Texas
Anne Sutherland - California
*Betty Wagner Spandikow - Illinois
Jessi Wilson - Tennessee

2007

Martha Bevis - Texas
Becky Davidson - Kansas
Maggie Diamond - California
Cathy Godbey - Tennessee
Debbie Hodson - New Zealand
Diane Jurich - California
Debbie McKinney - North Carolina
Peggy Mikol - North Carolina
Gail Mraz - Minnesota
Sue Neal - New Zealand
Elizabeth Norton - New Zealand
Julie Quickmire - New Jersey
Victoria Seymour - New Zealand
Anita Taylor - New York
Marguerite Winzinger - New Jersey

2006

Molly Banta - Michigan
Katherine Brown - Michigan
Christina de Carles - Panama
Patricia DeVilbiss - Ohio
Weibke Gehle - Germany
Judy Good - Florida
Lavinia (Vin) Healy - New Zealand
Majella Hyland - Ireland
Leigh Johnson - California
Betsy Knight - Illinois
Donna Nordin - Pennsylvania
Mary Lavay Nutsell - Wisconsin
Sherry Hein Reese - California
Chris Reynolds - Ohio
JoAnne Scott - Virginia
Nancy Stanton - Florida

2005

Rita Biton - Israel
Marj Brustad - Washington
Frieda Cheri - Florida

Laraine Dearnley - New Zealand
Betsey Duffy - New Jersey
Rita L. Kaiser - Indiana
Gaylene Miller - Nevada
Kathleen Leeper Musser - USA
Sandra Naerig - Switzerland
Peggy Nitsos - Oregon
Ruth Pantland - United Kingdom
Christy Redenz - Georgia
Ruth Robertson - Pennsylvania
Barbara St. Germain - Rhode Island
Lynne Swoope - Florida
Heather (Champa) Tweit - Minnesota

2004

Vickie Cleveland - Georgia
Mary Cossman - New York
Alice Countryman - Indiana
Ann Mersmann - Missouri
Frances Nieves - Puerto Rico
Barbara Briggs Tucker - Colorado

2003

Liz Baldwin - Florida
Linda Benson - Illinois
Nicki Ingham - Florida
Charmaine Klabisch - Illinois
Susan Loughmiller - Idaho
Vicki Lowe - Michigan
Rita Richardson - Canada
Eileen Sullivan - Illinois

2002

Joan Belof - Florida
Connie Berkey - Ohio
Rosa Burgos - Dominican Republic
Jean B. Davis - Wisconsin
Ann Dawson - Canada
Dawn Fengler - New Hampshire
Charlotte Palumbo - Illinois
Ruth Schaeffer - New Jersey
Kathy Tieglund - Iowa
Libby Waters - Oregon
Carol Wolfe - California

2001

Virginia Bannister - California
Sarah Friend Barnett - New York
Shirley Benjamin - Illinois
Martha Bertrand - California
Cammy Dye - Michigan
Colleen Gordon - New Zealand
Angela Jarboe - Texas
Pat Kufeldt - Virginia
Missy Lewis - Texas
Hannah Lothrop - Germany
Judy Maier - Ohio

Michelle McCown - Oklahoma
Jennifer Wyborne Prince - New Zealand
Martha Pugacz - Ohio
Doris Simons - Ohio

2000

Linda Basmajian - Massachusetts
Ellen Beurskens - Illinois
Joyce Boonlom - Arizona
Kaye B. D'Ambrosio - Pennsylvania
Janice Ferderer - Minnesota
Barbara Fulcher - Iowa
Judith Geiger - Florida
Pat Hillard - Iowa
Stefanie Humby - South Africa
Roberta Bishop Johnson - Illinois
Christine Pearson - New Zealand
Eleanor Randall - Illinois
Susie Robinson - Connecticut
Anna Tredor - Michigan
Kathy Warmbier - California

1999

Celeste Kent - California
Sheryl Mueller - Nebraska
Pat Thomas - New Zealand
Marilyn Yoder - Indiana
Betsy Young - New York
Joan Zinda - California

1998

Patty Bucheimer - Maryland
Una O'Connor - Ireland
Terri Roses - Oregon
Ellie Tabeek - Massachusetts
Inge Thomoddson - Luxembourg
Marie Wilkinson - Massachusetts
Ruth Wright - Iowa

1997

Joyce Cavallaro - Ohio
Liz Crofts - Connecticut
Marilyn Hampton - Nebraska
Patty Hancock - Montana
Linda Komar - Ohio
Bernice Mills - New Zealand
Irene O'Connor - New Zealand
Christine Orcuich - California
Mary Stewart - Indiana
Anne Marie Sullivan - Colorado
Rene Tucker - Arkansas
Anita Wright - New Zealand

1996

Monique Cormier-Fortini - Canada
Nicole Marinier-Gagne - Canada
Rita Lane - Maryland
Irene McNeil - New Zealand
Kay Pavlic - Ohio
Christine VanLenten - New Jersey

Susan Wallace - Texas
Maxine Winegarner - Georgia

1995

Norma Campa - Illinois
Mary Eason - Florida
Liz Klehr - Georgia
Barbara Smith - Kansas
Adrienne Tierney - New Mexico

1994

Annette Anderson - Massachusetts
Beatrice Leyes - Ohio
Evelyne Lienard - France
Dianna Miller - Illinois
Jan Tucker - Wisconsin
Rene Tucker - Arkansas
Jane Tully - Illinois

1993

Jane Brown - United Kingdom
Kathleen Stuedler - Pennsylvania

1992

Sheila Basler - New Jersey
Beth Brenneis - Kansas
Anne Carducci - Maryland
Suzy Dodd - Tennessee
Barbara Jennings - California
Jane Newell - Illinois
Susan Noffsinger - North Carolina
Rivka Servetnik - Israel

1990

Lori Estreicher Frank - Connecticut
Linda Lambert - Arkansas
Judy Owen - Texas
Robin Santos - Massachusetts
V. Denise Williams Wallace -
Georgia

1989

Candace Kakel - Maryland
Marilyn Luspain - Texas
Pat Mader - Pennsylvania
Dee Matchette - Arizona
Judy Rapp - Ohio
Bobby Sand - New Hampshire

1988

Joanna Dwerryhouse - New Zealand
Bettiane Heyer - New Jersey
Linda Hindel - Maine
Debbie Leonetti - New Jersey
Mabel O'Donnell - California
Andrea Patterson - New Mexico
Terry Ridge - Ireland

1987

Caren Dunn - California
Daphne Moran - Ireland
Mary Lou Walters - Ohio
Wilda Webber - Louisiana

1986

Diane Driz - Illinois
Alice Egan - Georgia
Sandra Neinrich - Pennsylvania
Judy Jensen - New Zealand
Eleanore Kachline - Pennsylvania
Malinda Sawyer - Missouri

1985

Karen LaKamp - Nebraska
Emily Rapp - Arizona
Elsie Rudger - Rhode Island
Jean Stellpflug - Wisconsin
Margaret Walker - Wales

1984

Maura McGulgan - Maryland
Barbara Van Horn - Pennsylvania

1983

Carol Holmboe - Maryland

1981

Rita Midura - New Jersey

1980

Gloria Eilts - Connecticut
Vera Garrett - South Africa

1978

Barbara Meeker - Georgia

1977

Cushia Atkin - New Zealand
Linda Lehrer - Massachusetts
Jane Lieberman - Georgia

1975

Phyllis Schmeckle - Vermont

1974

Jenny Redford - Florida

1973

Marilyn Laurence - Arizona
Vicky Watson - Arizona
Esther Wolf - Colorado

1970

Ellen Hubbard - Michigan

1969

Abigail Calvin - California
Mary Ann Kasten - Illinois

1965

Frances Gonzalez - Puerto Rico
Lael Birch - Utah

Sandy Gray - Colorado

Linda Komar - Ohio

Marlies Langenegger-Mühlestein -
Switzerland

Linda Lehrer - Massachusetts

Margaret Porter - North Carolina

Kathleen Pierce - New Zealand

Hanni Selig - Switzerland

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A prayer from the *Reformed Jewish Prayer Book*, used with permission

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
We Remember Them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We Remember Them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We Remember Them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
We Remember Them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We Remember Them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We Remember Them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We Remember Them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
We Remember Them.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
We Remember Them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make,
We Remember Them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
We Remember Them.

We Remember Them.

As long as we live, they too shall live;

For they are now a part of us.

We Remember Them.

We Remember: An Alumnae Tradition

October 25, 2013

Chapel, Hotel Albuquerque, New Mexico USA

The *We Remember Ceremony* is a tradition initiated by the Alumnae Association at the 2001 La Leche League International Conference. Thousands of Leaders have worked long and hard for the organization in LLL's 57-year history. During those years, there are those who have died and are missed by their own families.

The concept of a remembrance ceremony came after the death of Roberta Johnson who lost a long battle with cancer in 2000. Roberta was a long-time Leader and editor of *Whole Foods for the Whole Family*. Her passing became a catalyst for the idea to honor all Leaders who have died. Nancy Franklin proposed modifying an annual Texas A&M University ceremony called "Muster" that remembered a student or graduate who died in the past year. The Alumnae Association requested names, dates of death, and hometowns of any Leaders who died since the beginning of the organization. Leaders' names were sent to Susan Mocsny Thomas who created the *We Remember Album* and added names in calligraphy. Susan continues to update the album.

The Alumnae Association wanted a simple, dignified, and heartfelt way to remember each Leader and uses a prayer (with permission) from the Reformed Jewish prayer book. After the Alumnae Tea ended on July 8, 2001, the first *We Remember Ceremony* was held. Joan Crothers prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the prayer. LLL Founder Marian Tompson and Nancy read the *We Remember* prayer and Leaders' names, arranged by year of death. Susan displayed the *We Remember Album*. Today, we are pleased to have Marian, Joan, and Susan present for this year's ceremony, as well as LLL Founders, Mary Ann Cahill and Mary Ann Kerwin.

After the 2001 Conference, the album was displayed at the LLLI Office next to an electric candle. After the LLLI Office later moved to the current Plum Grove Road location in Schaumburg, Illinois, Susan kept the album in her home. She continues to record Leaders' names. A new electric lantern/candle will be used in today's ceremony and kept with the album. This is a powerful tradition to honor the lives of women who helped make La Leche League what it is today.

This material was adapted from an article by Melissa Clark Vickers, published in *Leaven*, Vol. 38 No. 1, February - March 2002 and updated by Fran Dereszynski for the 2013 *We Remember Ceremony*.



If you know of a Leader who has died, submit the Leader's name, city, state and country, where she served LLL, obituary link (if available), and year of death at lllalumnae.org/We-Remember or send the information to Fran Dereszynski at dereszyn@verizon.net. Names will be added to the *We Remember Album* and to the Alumnae Association website.