

We Remember Ceremony

November 11, 2011

Coordinated

by the

LLL Alumnae Association

Chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, St. Augustine, Florida
Remembering Leaders since last reading at the 2007 LLLI Conference



LLL Alumnae Association members in front of Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche

History of We Remember

Fran Dereszynski

Reading of Names, 2008-2011

*Mary Ann Cahill
Mary Ann Kerwin
Marian Tompson*

*We Remember, a Poem from the
Jewish Reform Prayer Book*

Pam Oselka

We Remember Them Response

Alumnae members present

We Remember: An Alumnae Tradition

We Remember is a tradition that the Alumnae Association initiated ten years ago at the 2001 La Leche League International Conference.

In LLL's 55-year history, there have been thousands of Leaders who have worked long and hard for the organization. Over this time, there are those who have died and are missed by their own families.

The concept of a remembrance ceremony came after the death of a well-known and well-loved long time Leader, Roberta Bishop Johnson. Roberta was best known as the editor of *Whole Foods for the Whole Family*. She lost a long battle with cancer on July 13, 2000. Her passing became a catalyst for the idea to honor all Leaders who have died.

Nancy Franklin, Alumnae Association Board member at the time, 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.

By the time of the Alumnae Tea on July 8, 2001, a list of LLL Leaders was compiled for names to be read to the audience at the tea. The Association wanted a simple, dignified, and heartfelt way to remember each Leader and decided to use a poem, *We Remember*, found in the Reform Jewish prayer book. After the lunch and tea ended, Founder Marian Tompson and Nancy Franklin read the *We Remember* poem and read the list of names, arranged by year of death. At the end of the list, Nancy showed the group the *We Remember Album* containing names written in calligraphy by Susan Mocsny (Baker) Thomas, Alumnae member in Massachusetts.

After the Conference, the album was brought to the LLLI Office where was it displayed on a table with an electric candle next to it. 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.

The Alumnae Association continues to update the Alumnae Web site with the ongoing list of those who died from past and current years. This is a powerful tradition to honor the lives of women who have helped make La Leche League what it is today.

Fran Dereszynski adapted this history for the 2011 *We Remember* ceremony, from an article by Melissa Clark Vickers, published in *Leaven*, Vol. 38 No. 1, February-March 2002.



If you know of a Leader who has died: Log on <http://lllalumnae.org/We-Remember>. Select "send us the information." Enter the Leader's name, city, state and country, where she served LLL, obituary link (if available), and year of death. Names will be added to the list on the LLL Alumnae Association Web site and in the *We Remember Album*.

In celebration of our friends now passed . . .

* La Leche League Founder

2011

Janis Lin Bair – Kansas
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
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

Julie Quickmire - New Jersey
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
Sherry Hein Reese - California
Majella Hyland - Ireland
Leigh Johnson - California
Betsy Knight- Illinois
Donna Nordin - Pennsylvania
Chris Reynolds - Ohio
JoAnne Scott - Virginia
Nancy Stanton - Florida

2005

Rita Biton - Israel
Marj Brustad - Washington
Frieda Cherri - 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 - Arkansas
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
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
Angela Jarboe - Texas
Pat Kufeldt - Virginia
Missy Lewis - Texas
Hannah Lothrop - Germany
Judy Maier - Ohio
Michelle McCown - Oklahoma
Martha Pugacz - Ohio
Jennifer Wyborne Prince - New Zealand
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
 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 Luspini - Texas
 Pat Mader - Pennsylvania
 Dee Matchette - Arizona
 Judy Rapp - Ohio
 Bobby Sand - New Hampshire

1988

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
 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
 Margaret Porter - North Carolina

Unknown Year

Lael Birth - Utah
 Sandy Gray - Colorado
 Linda Komar - Ohio
 Karen Lakamp - Nebraska
 Marlies Langenegger-Mühlestein
 - Switzerland
 Linda Lehrer - Massachusetts
 Kathleen Pierce - New Zealand
 Hanni Selig - Switzerland
 Jan Stellflug - Wisconsin



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A Responsorial Poem ~ Gates of Prayer, Reform Jewish Prayer Book

Reading of names,
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St. Augustine Florida, November 11, 2011

Photo taken by Rae Schopp
Left to right:
Fran Dereszynski, Mary Ann Cahill,
Mary Ann Kerwin, and Marian Tompson

*Not pictured: Pam Oselka who led the
responsorial poem from The Gates of Prayer*



Response: *We Remember Them*

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.