



Auxiliary Newsletter

"Growing Better Together"

Fall/Winter 2003

A Message from Robbi...

International Conference of Police Chaplains

For all of you that attended the ATS in Spokane, I pray that you had a safe trip home, and you're still sensing the fragrance of the *"beautiful people bouquets"* we experienced all week. There were so many *"people flowers"* that kept being added to the bouquets each day, but the one I want to center on in this article is Esther Vernon, our Tuesday workshop speaker.

She reminded me of a lovely, delicate flower that carries great strength inside her stem so that no late spring frost will make her wilt. In her presentation, *"Thoughts From My Heart,"* she expressed that her strength comes from her deep relationship with God and love for her husband. She shared six points that are helpful to us as we relate to our chaplain spouses:

1. Be a good listener.
2. Pray – that brings comfort and peace to our daily lives.
3. Read Scripture daily, especially the Psalms. One of her favorites is Psalm 57, which expresses trust in God without fear.
4. Seek encouragement and positive counsel during the *"bumps in the road"* times, and remember the blessings, faithfulness of God, and affirmations (hugs from God). *"You can't avoid the bumps."* They are for our good, to make us stronger and better able to handle life.
5. Focus on the needs of the person in trouble (your spouse), not on yourself.
6. Always stand with your spouse even if it may be uncomfortable for you.
 - Be there next to him.
 - Go to uncomfortable social events.
 - Share insight of the "enemies" as you observe at uncomfortable functions.

Mrs. Vernon ended her presentation by using two more Bible passages: first, from Ecclesiastes that says, *"Two are better than one, and if one falls, the other is there to lift him up;"* and the other from Romans 8:28 which says, *"All things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose."*

As I reflect on Esther Vernon's workshop, the wonderful visual concept of the *"beautiful people bouquets,"* and the ATS as a whole, I pray, *"God help me to be a lovely flower every day for my spouse, my children and everyone around me."* Won't you join me in making up a gorgeous bouquet of chaplains' and liaison officers' spouses around the world?

May God give His special blessings to you and your chaplain spouse.

Your President,

Robbi



SPOKANE 2003 FUN SONG

Oh, do you remember the I.C.P.C.
And its fine supporter, the Auxiliary,
In '03 they met in Spokane, Washington,
And "they got connected" long ere it was done.



Bonita sure put a big smile on our face,
She's true hospitality, style and grace.
White cherries and apples and apricots, too,
A "fruity" reminder that God cares for you.

We sat and we listened to all we were taught;
We met lots of new friends, and ate quite a lot;
We heard Esther Vernon and her husband Bob,
And all of this helped us in doing our job.

Oh do you remember the gracious High Tea,
Which made English ladies of you and of me;
We met and we chatted, each name to recall,
A fond, pleasant memory now treasured by all.

To Debbie Mumm's studio we rode on the bus,
Oh, can you imagine the fun had by us!
We listened, we watched, we learned and we bought,
Then back on the bus with the treasures we'd got.

Remember warm cookies of rich chocolate chips;
We each get them daily – and all smack our lips!
They taste so delicious, but as someone quips,
"Now when we get home, we'll find them on our hips!"



COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES

Devotions were a beautiful way to start the day

Getting together with the ladies – to share,
pray, and laugh was one of the biggest
elements of the week

I hope the employees know what a great job
they did (picnic, banquet, good-bye breakfast)

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this
a very good week – the maps, sharing of local
info, and coupons, etc. helped a lot

Superb job, recognizing the multiplicity of all
who were working, and all attendees

Choir is still one of my joys at ATS. Martha is
wonderful!

Robbi has marvelous balance of humor,
excellent speaking skills, personal touches,
and keeping us on track

I cannot believe how friendly everyone was!!

Daily devotions – super, great, awesome

Good-bye breakfast great

Memorial service extremely moving—thank you

Excellent ATS—everything was great – thanks!

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayers are needed every day to keep our minds focused on God and the things that bring forth life. As the days, weeks and months pass throughout this year, we will all experience the power of prayer with those we have chosen as prayer partners.

As prayer partners, we will develop relationships that will bring us closer to one another as spouses of Chaplains. We will treasure the time that we will spend together in prayer and fellowship. Undoubtedly, our love for the ministry and one another will flourish like the lilies of the field as we experience the joy of our God's grace and peace through answered prayers.

Let us then be faithful prayer partners, endeavoring to keep hope, faith, and love as our bond in all we say and do. Pray without ceasing for our auxiliary and one another, remembering that our life's journey is not about us; it's about making a difference in the lives of others that will glorify our Father, which is in heaven.

Gloria Joyner

THANK
YOU



Our heartfelt thanks for the gracious hospitality
from our host committee:

John & Karen Thompson

Penny Smith

Bonita Farrow

We truly enjoyed our stay in Spokane and
appreciate ALL that you did to make the
conference so enjoyable. God bless you!!



MENTORING PROGRAM



As we grow in size, the mentoring program will become even more important. Thanks so much for those of you who have faithfully been a part of it for the past two years. We always need to increase our numbers of mentors. Our goal eventually would be to have one mentor for every first timer at the ATS. We will try and improve the information the mentors receive. Thanks very much for the suggestions that have been given. It would be great to hear from a few mentors how they feel about their experiences.

My e-mail is sonlen@juno.com.

Lorraine Nelson

DEVOTIONS & WORKSHOPS

The devotions and workshops we had while in Spokane were such a blessing. We thought we would help you recall some of what we heard.

Six ways to help your Chaplain spouse:

- 1) Be a good listener
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Read the Bible
- 4) Encouragement and counsel
- 5) Focus on his/her needs
- 6) Stand with him/her

You have to take your hands off your husband and let God take hold of him.

God has a plan for your life that is far grander than you could ever imagine.

The auxiliary is like a bouquet of beautiful flowers.

You are to be a helpmate to your Chaplain spouse.

You're never too old for something. God always has a place for you.

You don't know where God is going to plant you. Just bloom.

Be an encourager.

God calls you to make a difference, so be available.

God is flying the airplane. We are in the seats. One wing is trust, the other wing is obey. So, buckle in and sit back for the ride.

Every day is truly a gift from God. Each day is a special treasure to be savored and celebrated.

Every experience God gives you, every person He puts in your life is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see.

Faith is the handle by which you can get a firm grasp on God's grace. God's grace enables you to weather any storm that beats upon your life.

God will answer your prayers, He will guide you, He will stand by you, and He will deliver you.

Scriptures:

Psalm 57
Isaiah 44-46
Philippians 4:4

Genesis 2:18
Psalm 118:24
Romans 8:28
1 Peter 5:7

THANK YOU



Sales were successful and could not have been done without volunteers giving their most valuable resource, their TIME. We try to provide a service to our members.

Selling items get our name out in communities and hopefully when we are all done we have made a little profit.

A special thanks to those who helped Lorraine in the store.

Stu Nelson
Assistant Director



SILENT AUCTION



A great big thank you to everyone who brought items for the silent auction. We raised \$2,159.20, which helps to provide programs for the children and youth at the ATS. We surpassed last year's amount by \$6.20. Way to go!!!!

It's not too early to be thinking about what you might bring for the silent auction in St. Louis. You can bring any type of item and everyone is invited to participate.



ICPC website
icpc4cops.org

ICPC Prayer Chain
chaplainwalt@nlc.net

Auxiliary email
kfreyer@concentric.net

PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a privilege it was again to attend the ATS in Spokane, to sit in on some workshops with the Chaplains, to renew friendships, to meet some delightful new people, to do life together. Thanks for the laughter, tears and sharing those yummy warm chocolate chip cookies; thanks for telling me about the great books you were reading (has anyone else read "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren? I loved being reminded of the simple but powerful truths from Scripture and at the same time hated being reminded about those rebellious areas in my life. I'm still a work in progress). Dee Henderson & Francine Rivers seem to be popular novelists that different women were reading and being challenged by. They are very pass-on-able books that pack a powerful Christian message. Thanks for bringing me up to date on the whereabouts of your children and grandchildren and openly sharing the burden of some of the hard places you are at so we could pray for each other. Thanks for the incredible garden tour and opportunity to share our lives as we walked and talked and encouraged each other while marveling over God's great creation. Thanks for the creative inspiration of the Debbie Mumm tour. Oh, the fun I'm going to have when I retire!

With all those good memories, I can hardly wait until next year. In the in between, God's richest blessings on all of you as you seek His leading for this next season in your life. It is my prayer that despite what happens on a given day that you find yourself sheltered in the palm of His hand, secure in His great love for you.

Jan Congram

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

Roberta Bourne
Loves Park, IL
815/877-3457
bourn44@rockriver.net

President-Elect

Sue Lovin
Mt. Vernon, IL
681/242-1924
chaplaindan@earthlink.net

Vice-President

Gloria Joyner
Chesapeake, VA
757/487-9718
gloriamj@att.net

Secretary/Treasurer

Renee Olthoff
Dell Rapids, SD
605/428-4171
tolthoff@msn.com

Membership Secretary

Kay Freyer
Mequon, WI
262/241-3926
kfreyer@concentric.net

Silent Auction

LaDeana Jenkins
Wichita Falls, TX
940/761-1183
djenkins@wf.quik.com

Newsletter

Diane Ballard
Lindale, TX
903/881-8095
idlady@cox-internet.com
dballard@tylertexas.com

OUR PURPOSE:

To encourage members through membership and communication, to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, support one another in their calling, and engage in ministry and action supporting the programs of the ICPC.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members shall be persons who maintain annual dues.

PARTICIPATION:

To accomplish the purpose of the Auxiliary of the ICPC, the members shall commit themselves to:

- 1) Come together at the Annual Training Seminar for study, support, and action
- 2) Support financially the program of the Auxiliary of the ICPC



Membership dues are \$5.00 per year and can be mailed to our Membership Secretary, Kay Freyer at 445 East Cedar Lane, Mequon, WI 53092. Dues help to cover the cost of newsletters, directories, and other expenses. By paying your \$5.00 you become a member of the auxiliary, have voting privileges, and will receive newsletters.

All spouses are invited to become members of the auxiliary.



ATS 2004

July 12 - 16

St. Louis, Missouri



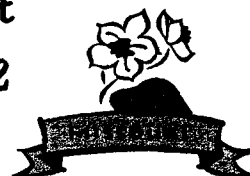
Millennium Hotel

200 South 4th Street

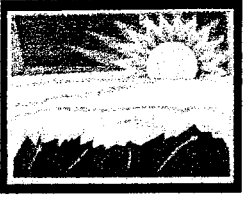
St. Louis, MO 63102

314/241-9500

www.millenniumhotels.com



MY DAY



*Early in the morning, when all is very still,
I come into Your Presence and humbly seek Your Will.
I kneel before Your throne, bow my head in prayer
To seek Your blessed Face. You always meet me there.
Then I sing Your praises, lay burdens at Your feet.
As we talk together, the fellowship is sweet.
As I confess my sins with tears of guilt and shame,
I see the cross before me and whisper Jesus' name.
You wrap Your arms around me and draw me very near.
Your voice is oh, so tender. "Forgiveness," I can hear!
A new song You give me, to sing throughout the day.
You take my hand to guide me, and You lead me on my way.
When the day is over, Your blessings I can see.
Oh, Thank You Heavenly Father, for Your boundless love for me!*



Sharon Yarbrough