



Auxiliary Newsletter

"Growing Better Together"

Summer 2004

International Conference of Police Chaplains

A Message from Robbi...

Welcome to the ATS 2004 in St. Louis! I am so glad that you are here, and I pray that this week is a very special time for you.

If you are a first-timer, you are a VIP this week! You should have "connected" with a mentor before arriving, and we all hope that you already feel a part of this wonderful group of Chaplain and Liaison Officers' spouses called the "beautiful people bouquet".

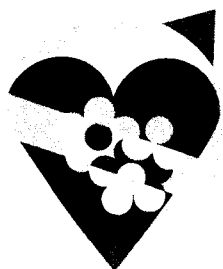


If you are an old-timer, you are also a VIP this week! You are a "returning blossom" of the growing "bouquet," with its lovely fragrance.

This week we are going to have fun! Forget about cooking meals, making beds, dusting and/or mowing lawns. You can build new friendships as well as renew old ones, lie around the pool, explore this great city, and...learn how God will bless us as we pray, "Give me a servant's heart." I pray that you have come eager to experience what God is waiting to give to you at this year's ATS. Let's all ask Him to touch our hearts this week and teach us something special as we fellowship with each other.

I'm looking forward to visiting with you, getting to know you better, and sharing together with you the joys, hurts, victories, and concerns of our hearts so that we can leave St. Louis revitalized and eager to walk in a closer relationship with our God and our spouses.

I pray God's special blessing on you and your spouse.



Your President,

Robbi

You're Invited

...to the Auxiliary
Welcome Reception
Monday at 3:00 p.m.
(see schedule for location)

A time to meet
and greet
each other,
make new
friends and
renew old
friendships.



"My Ride-along From the Chaplain's Seat in the Squad Car!"

Presented by Robbi Bourne
Auxiliary Workshop
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Do you feel anxious, or worry when your spouse is out on death notifications, ride-alongs, or just plain on-duty? Have you ever wondered what it's like "out there?" Is your chaplain or officer spouse very quiet when he/she returns home and does not share his/her experiences and/or feelings?

If you identify with these questions, or can help others with these struggles, come to this sharing workshop where we can all learn from each other.

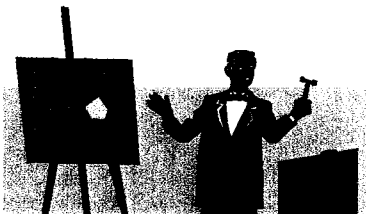
SILENT AUCTION



Be sure to stop by the silent auction and check out the items to bid on. Everyone is invited to participate in the bidding. The highest bidders at the close of auction at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday will be the winners. Items are to be paid for as soon as the auction closes.

The proceeds help to pay for the children/youth and auxiliary programs during the ATS.

A big thank you to all who brought items to bid on. We appreciate your support.



*The happiness of life
is made up
of minute fractions—
the little,
soon-forgotten charities
of a kiss or smile,
a kind look,
a heartfelt compliment...*

God's Gift

*How can we doubt God's wondrous Love when we look around and see
His handiwork upon this earth He shows to you and me?*

*The stillness of the morning, when the day is new,
The brilliance of the sunshine, the sparkle of the dew.*

*Birds so sweetly singing their praises to our God,
The flowers by the roadside, bringing beauty to this sod.*

*Trees reaching to the heavens, their branches spreading out
The colors of their leaves in Fall, make me want to shout,*

*"O Thank You, Heavenly Father! I see Your Glory here.
Teach me how to love You more. Draw me ever near."*

*The brilliance of a sunset makes me in wonder stand,
And marvel at the artistry of the Master's hand.*

*The host of stars that twinkle when the day is done,
Give witness to the promise God gave to send His son.*

*The snow that falls in Winter, so pure and white, pristine,
Reminds me that the Savior's Blood was shed to make me clean!*

*When from the dormant earth the bud and lily springs,
I praise Him for the joy and peace His Gift of new life brings!*

*How can our tongues stay silent? We must run out and share
The matchless love of God above with all men everywhere!*

*Dear God, for words You give me, that flow freely from my pen,
I give to You the glory. Forever, Lord...Amen.*

Sharon Yarbrough



The auxiliary choir will rehearse
each day at 4:00 p.m. and will perform
during the banquet on Thursday.
Please join us for the fun!!

Welcome



to
St. Louis



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

What a joy and blessing it has
been to know and love our sister,
Kay Freyer.

We thank you, Kay, for serving
the ICPC and Auxiliary for all
these years as Secretary,
Historian, Newsletter Editor and
for being a good friend to
everyone of us. You truly have a
"servant's heart."

*What shall we wish you
dear, today
That your heart be happy,
bright and gay,
Surrounded by all
you love the best,
And God your pathway
guide and bless.*





A FOND FAREWELL FROM KAY FREYER

Life goes on and I knew this would come to an end for me one of these years! I will not be at the ATS this year, since my Chaplain, husband, Ellsworth has retired from active responsibilities in the I.C.P.C. Didn't we always say, *"WHEN HUBBY QUILTS, WE'RE OUT"?*

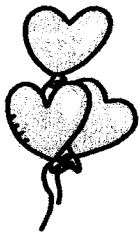
We have been attending the ATS since 1983 when it was held in Toronto. That's a long time and we have grown to love many people through this wonderful organization. I was one of the founders of the Auxiliary in 1989 when it was conceived in Sacramento, California. In 1990 it was born in Mobile, Alabama and has been an active integral part of the I.C.P.C. ever since.

I want to thank everyone who works so hard in the Auxiliary (you know who you are), and I wish you God's blessings as you will continue to live out the purpose of the Auxiliary to encourage members through membership and communication to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, support one another in their calling, engage in ministry and action supporting the programs of the I.C.P.C.

I leave you with my very favorite Bible passage: Philippians 4:4-8

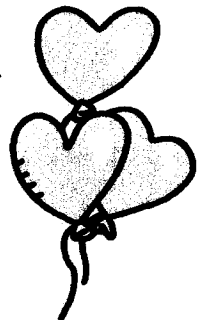
"Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do.....don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus . . . fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about."

I hope to keep in touch with some of you and if I pay my "DUES" yearly please keep those wonderful Newsletters coming to my mailbox.



Love,

Kay



OUTSTANDING vs VALUABLE

If you were chosen to receive an award, which would you prefer receiving, "*The Most Outstanding Person*" (MOP) or "*The Most Valuable Person*" (MVP)?

The MVP is reserved for the person who exemplifies the best all-around qualities. It not only takes into consideration superb individual performance but also the ability to inspire and involve others, encouraging and enabling them to excel.

Qualities found in an MVP might include, but are not exclusive to the following:

INITIATIVE - being a self-starter with contagious energy

VISION - seeing beyond the obvious, claiming new objectives

UNSELFISHNESS - releasing the controls and the glory

TEAMWORK - involving, encouraging, and supporting others

FAITHFULNESS - hanging in there in season and out

ENTHUSIASM - providing affirmation and excitement to a task

DISCIPLINE - modeling great character regardless of the odds

Are you ready for a challenge? Stop worrying about not being more outstanding as an individual and start focusing on being more valuable. It's not nearly as much pressure, and it's a whole lot more fun and enjoyable! Furthermore, who would pass up the MVP for the MOP Award?

(Excerpts from "*The Finishing Touch*"
by Charles R. Swindoll)

PRAYER PARTNERS

As spouses of Chaplains, we have been given a unique opportunity to become prayer partners. We do not take this task lightly. We know that prayer opens the doors of heaven and our God hears and answers.

Prayer partners build relationships with one another and cultivate a deeper love walk toward God. Let us all pray that our Father in heaven will give us a servant's heart at this ATS.

Gloria Joyner

This was a prayer sent to me by my prayer partner, Lola Schott.

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food,
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed Me."
Matthew 25:35*



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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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year. 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.

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

All spouses are invited to become members of the auxiliary.



SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Francis M. Pelletier

*I took a broom of charity and swept all hate away,
Along with fear and prejudice, which gather day by day.
Repentance found, I scoured clean the stains which anger made
And on the whetstone, honor, I sharpened Justice's blade.
I planted pots of wisdom and understanding, too,
I watered them with patience - it's amazing how they grew.
I shopped with logic and I found a brand-new point of view
Which shuts out all the ugliness, but lets the truth shine through.
I sorted out time-worn beliefs, discarded one or two,
But found some old discarded dreams and recovered quite a few.
I sprayed the air with tolerance and that's when peace came in -
They always are together; I guess they must be kin.
And when my house was shining clean - as it had never been -
The door of friendship I flung wide and Happiness walked in!*

