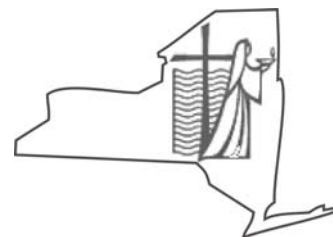




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In The Potter's Hands

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This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me, He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. Jeremiah 18:1-6

The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever - do not abandon the works of your hands. Psalm 138:8

The 2011 American Baptist Women's Gathering for Women and Girls held in Auburn, New York was truly a remarkable picture of how our Lord works as He is continually shaping His people.

Rev. Karen Selig, our keynote speaker and Rev. Dr. Trinnette McCray our Bible Study Leader took us on a beautiful journey, focusing our attention on the

Potter and visually connecting us to scripture. This journey was so vivid it seemed as though we were physically placed at the Potter's Wheel, allowing Him to mold, shape and transform us according to HIS perfect will.

We were delighted and thankful for all the attendees, program participants, committee members and chairpersons for helping to make this Gathering a GREAT success.

As we continue the theme: "In the Potter's Hands," we look forward to the blessings of God, the Master Potter, spinning, shaping molding and crafting us into the beautiful vessels of His love and perfect design, empowering us to be ready and willing to accept whatever calling He has for us to do.

Peace and Blessings, *Audrey*

2011 Convention

Convention Co-Chairs: Carol Seidel and Laura Palada, Coordinator. Of Personal Development	Email: [REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED] (please put ABW in the subject line)
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The 2011 Convention is now in the history book. What a weekend it was!

We are so grateful to all who came- first timers who took the chance and the veterans who braved the whirlwind.

Our treasurer/ registrar Jean Owens deserves much praise for

her organization and work. She trimmed fat and cut corners so we would be in the black- email confirmations, etc.

Thanks also to Mary Schwarz at the State Office who copied registrations and did the mailing.

Thanks to Cherie Baker who ran the labels and made sure unusable

addresses were not sent.

Thanks especially to our Keynote the Rev Dr. Karen Selig from Pa. and our Bible Study Leader Rev. Dr. Trinette Mc Cray. We even had Rev Christine Roush all the way from Arizona as our missionary.

Our new theme "In the Potters'

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Dates to Remember (all dates are for 2011)

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| June 3-4 | Western Area Conference, at Houghton College with Pat Robinson as Pastor |
| June 10-11 | Central Area Conference Retreat at Delta Lake Conference Center, Rome, NY |
| June 24-26 | ABC Biennial Meeting in San Juan, PR |
| July 16-22 | 2011 National Women's Conference in Green Lake, WI ** |
| July 16-22 | 2011 National Gathering for Girls in Green Lake, WI ** |
| September 18 | AB Women's Ministries Sunday |
| September 22-24 | Adirondack/Capital Area Conference at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY. Keynote speaker: Laura Miraz |
| AUGUST | 5 |
| September 30 | Deadline for information to Betty for Fall Directory (see page 4 for her report!) |
| October | Fall Board Meeting |

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Hands" lends itself to many ways of interpretation. Pastor Randolph Palada of Oneonta made our new beautiful banner. THANK YOU!

One of the highlights was a tour to the home of Harriett Tubman. There were at least 116 women and girls who participated. Got to love those school buses.

Many women worked hard to plan and pull off the convention.

Your ideas offered steer what happens; who we bring and what workshops are offered.

It is always with you in mind that we construct what we hope is meaningful and God filled.

We hope that what we said, sang and acted out was pleasing to God.

Thanks to our speakers, pianists, singers and local committee as well as our ABW/NYS president Audrey Davidson.

We are already looking forward to 2012 when Cherie Baker and Lillian Cabral will head up our next convention in Owego.

We had 43 first timers!

We hope next year we will have 43 2nd timers!

Won't you join us next year and start your own new tradition?

Co- Chairs-

Carol Seidel and Laura Palada.

Church & Community

Church & Community Chair: Ruth Wilder

Phone:

It has been a long winter for most of us.

But now we see all the signs of spring and coming summer.

Sometimes in the winter it is hard to get out and minister. We need to look around our own neighborhood and see what the needs are. There are always the

unchurched, maybe right next door.

We can even partner with community groups to discover needs.

In my own experience I became involved in a one on one situation with a very disturbed and sad person. Just being there and

letting them know you care helps a great deal.

He asks us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar. "Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself." Matthew 22:37

Love Gift

Love Gift Chairwoman: Denise Myers

Phone:

Email:



I want to thank everyone who gave to Love Gift at the ABW Conference in April we collected \$978.85 with all the offerings.

We were presented a certificate for the money we have given.

I encourage every church to

have a Love Gift person to promote this worthwhile project.

You can go on the national website (www.abwministries.org) and order most materials free. You can also visit our state website (www.abwm-nys.org) to find more materials and links to

help you promote Love Gift.

It is so rewarding to know that our gifts help so many people.

Please keep praying and giving it all goes to a good cause.

May God Bless.

A Note from the Editor

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of contact information. If you know of an error please let me know so it can be corrected in the next issue. THANK YOU!!!

Personal Development

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What a wonderful time we had at our convention gathering in Auburn just last month! If you missed it, I'm sorry, because we missed you! We introduced our new ABW Ministries theme "In the Potter's Hands", which I am very excited about. I encourage you to order the Ministry Resource Program Book. It has many great articles, Bible Studies, devotionals and much more! It will be a great help to your ABW Ministries groups as you delve into the theme. As we are moving into the very busy season that ends our School years (both Sunday School and weekday school), may I encourage you to begin to explore the "clay" that you are and allow God (the Master Potter) to mold you and shape you into a vessel filled with the Light of Christ!

On Sunday morning of our Convention Gathering, I was given a poem written by Bonnie Seeley from Chemung Association. With her permission, I share it with you, and hope that it blesses you as it has blessed me!

Blessings to all, *Laura*

IN THE POTTER'S HANDS

IN THE MASTER POTTER'S HANDS, I AM A LUMP OF LIFELESS, COLD, WET CLAY...

NO FORM, NOR FUNCTION, HAVE I, AS THE POTTER'S HANDS UPON ME HE LAYS.

THEN, BEHOLD, A MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TO TAKE PLACE...

HOW INSTANTLY THE EXPRESSION CHANGES ON THE POTTER'S LOVING FACE!

EYES FILL WITH JOY, AS SERIOUSNESS BURSTS INTO A BROAD, BRIGHT, GLOWING SMILE...

PRECIOUS POTTER POURS LIVING WATER OVER THIS RAPIDLY-DRYING, SHAPELESS CLAY PILE...

OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS FEELING, AS HIS HANDS BEGIN TO CARESS MY FORMLESS SKIN!

THE SPARKLING WATER CASCADES OVER ME, AS THE POTTER'S WHEEL BEGINS TO SPIN...

THEN, MIRACLE OF MIRACLES, MY AWKWARD SHAPELESSNESS STARTS TO DISAPPEAR!

EACH TURN OF THE POTTER'S WHEEL WORKS HARD TO DISSOLVE ALL MY FOOLISH FEARS...

RIGHT THEN & THERE, THE POTTER BRINGS NEW FORM & FUNCTION TO MY BODY & SOUL...

SOMEHOW HE HAS TRANSFORMED SHAPELESS ME & MADE ME COMPLETELY WHOLE!

HOW SAD I BECOME WHEN, UPON COMPLETION, I AM PLACED ON A REMOTE, DARK SHELF...

AN UNSIGHTLY FLAW HAS SUDDENLY APPEARED, & I AM UTTERLY ASHAMED OF MYSELF.

NOT TO WORRY," SAYS THE MASTER POTTER, IN A CALM REASSURING TONE,

DISTINCTION COMES TO ALL WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW ME, & ME ALONE."

SO, NOW YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY OF THE PRECIOUS POTTER'S POWER & MIGHT... OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THE MORAL: ALL ARE PRECIOUS IN THE MASTER POTTER'S SIGHT.

Written by Bonnie Seeley, Commemorating the 63rd Convention/Gathering of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of New York State, April 29th through May 1st, 2011

Secretary

Secretary: Betty Adkins

Email: [REDACTED]

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Another wonderful, inspiring ABW Ministries Convention is behind us, but it has introduced our new theme and encouraged us in our walk and work as American Baptist Women.

Isn't it wonderful to think that God created each of us just the way He wanted us to be? It is humbling too...he made us into the vessel of His choice and empowered us—chose us for ministry.

As we move into the new ABW Ministries year, I hope you carry enthusiasm and joy with you and pass it around in your groups.

It is time to begin thinking about the 2011-2012 Directory. As usual I will need the list of new and continuing officers for each Association. Thank you in advance for sending me that information. Those who did not get their form at Convention will receive it in the mail.

I will be going on a Mission Trip to Kenya, Africa in October, we leave on the 13th, so I need to have the directories all finished before that date...mid September is the deadline I have set for myself. I trust you will make every effort to have your new officers lists to me by the end of August.

I wish each of you a pleasant summer, with time for fun, relaxation and service to the God who created each of us.

Blessings, *Betty*

White Cross

White Cross Chair: Dolores Mikolon

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We have just finished our Convention in Auburn, NY and had a glorious time "In The Potter's Hands".

White Cross is closing it's time for the past year's quota. Please send me your reports as soon as possible as my term has come to an end and I must send my report to Valley Forge.

I am introducing to you a lovely lady named Mary Townsend from Long Island. Mary will be your new White Cross chairperson.

Mary is widowed with a daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren. Mary is retired as a professional nurse and is a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church where she enjoys teaching Sunday School and is ABW Love Gift Chairperson for her area.

It has been a pleasure to serve as White Cross Chairperson for these past years and I have enjoyed all the contacts with so many of you. God bless you as you continue to serve in this area.

Blessings, *Dee*

2010-2011 Mitendi Women's Center Project Update

Special Project Chair: Lorraine Brownell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



Update: The Mitendi Women's Center, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has had a year filled with many obstacles that seemed insurmountable. But God has

overcome every one of those obstacles and more which has been amazing to see. Praise God!

A year ago The Mitendi Women's Center was not a safe place but

now Jill Lowery, our missionary, reports that they are up and running in their freshly painted facility with 12 girls/young

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women in their program. They are very excited about the progress that these young women have made. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please also pray for the center as they are looking for 2 more volunteer teachers and a permanent chaplain for the center. They have also recently had violent storms hit their area which have damaged the retaining wall that protects the foundation and their night watchman's tiny

new house had its roof torn off.

Their program includes sewing classes, knitting classes, cooking classes, life skills classes, regular Bible Study, prayer, praise and worship.

Jill writes: "Thank you so much for caring about Mitendi and for all you are doing! We are greatly encouraged by your efforts. Mitendi would not exist without women like you."

Monies received by the close of convention: \$ 12,689.51

I have been in touch with

Virginia Holmstrom who stated that as she checked with International Ministries that over the last 12 months other persons across the United States have given \$2,050 toward the rebuilding of this project. The original proposal was for \$15,000 and she felt it is fair to say that the project has been funded successfully. We should now focus on our new project for 2011-2012 (see next article).

We thank you so much to all of those that gave to this special project.

2011-2012 Project: Break the Chains and Stop the Pain

Special Project Chair: Lorraine Brownell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

A National Project with Global Impact Addressing the Oppression of Women and Girls Worldwide

Facts:

- From 2007 to 2010, "Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century" raised over \$480,000 for ministries engaged in work with survivors of trafficking, preventative outreach, or advocacy. Praise God!
- American Baptist Women's Ministries is continuing its work to "Break the Chains and Stop the Pain," addressing issues of oppression of women and girls worldwide.
- In 2011, the focus is on violence towards women and girls.
- Funds donated to "Break the Chains and Stop the Pain" in 2011 will be granted to American Baptist-related

organizations and ministries addressing violence against women/girls.

- The funds received will be directed to ministries that address issues of violence against women and children: half for ministries in the U.S. & Puerto Rico, and half for ministries that are international. AB Women's Ministries will distribute the project monies received; 20% of donations will be used for project expenses.
- The monetary goal for the "Break the Chains and Stop the Pain" National Mission Project is \$250,000, to be raised in 2011-2013.

For more information go to the website at www.abwmbreakthechains.org

There you will find Bible

Studies, devotions, flyers, brochures, missionary stories, etc.

There you'll become familiar with what the ministries are doing and what they plan to achieve, with God's help.

Our Goal: \$12,000



The brochure is included in this issues of A Witness and is also available in color on our state website, www.abwm-nys.org



Resources:

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All monies should be sent to our ABWM/NYS treasurer. Checks should be made payable to ABWM/NYS with *Special Project* written on the memo line. Include the name of your association.

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**SPECIAL PROJECT
2011-2012**



GOAL: \$ 14,000

American Baptist Women's Ministries

Break the Chains and Stop the Pain

A National Project with Global Impact
Addressing the Oppression of
Women and Girls Worldwide

2011 Focus: Violence

Did you know?

- 31% of women in the United States say they have experienced physical abuse by a husband or male significant other.¹ There is an average of 20,000 reports of domestic violence to the police in Puerto Rico every year—and those are only the ones that are reported.²
- An estimated 5% of women on college campuses report experiencing a completed or attempted rape in a given year; 12% of completed rapes and 35% of attempted rapes occur while on a date.³
- The World Health Organization on its website estimates that 100-140 million women and girls globally are living with the effects of female genital cutting, a cultural practice in several countries and in some immigrant communities.
- “Women bear specific burdens in crisis zones....Prostitution and the trafficking of girls and women increases...Wartime rape is endemic and often systematic.”⁴ Women in war zones are at high risk for victimization of violence and exploitation.

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Information about those ministries are posted on the website--you'll become familiar with what the ministries are doing and what they plan to achieve, with God's help.

[1] Joni Seager, editor, The Penguin Atlas of Women in the World, Fourth Edition (New York: Penguin, 2009) , p. 28.

[2]<http://www.conversationsforabetterworld.com/2010/01/puerto-rico-voices-against-violence/>, accessed January 31, 2011.

[3] National Center for Victims of Crime Campus Dating Violence fact sheet, www.ncvc.org.

[4] Seager, The Penguin Atlas of Women in the World, p. 100.

Scholarship

Scholarship Chair: Ann Brooks

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BLESSED BLESSED WE ARE!!!

I would like to start by thanking Rebecca Walters for helping me through the process and having such wonderful patience.. you have truly been a blessing.

This year we are proud to have awarded 25 scholarships worth a total of \$6,395.22. How amazing it is to help young women destined for God's purpose!

Thank you ABW, for giving your money, time and promoting the scholarship program statewide. As American Baptist Women, we were able to open 25 new doors for our scholarship recipients. It truly shows you care!!!

As chairwoman, I thank you for making a difference in people lives.

I am new at this and still learning. If I have missed anything, please let me know. We'll call it on-the-job training (SMILE). We awarded 24 undergraduate scholarships and 1 graduate scholarship. 4 girls are attending "out of state" colleges and 21 will be attending "in state" schools, 9 of which are Christian based.

In May, Award notification letters will be sent to each recipient, along with the "Pen Sketch" forms. We will ask that the forms are returned as you receive your 2011-2012 college residential addresses, no later than July 1st. This can present a problem as some colleges give you your box number upon arrival. In that case, we will do our best to forward the information to

each association as soon as it becomes available.

Once again, I have enjoyed my job as Scholarship Chairwoman.

It has been such a blessing and a wonderful experience. I would like to thank the Committee for working with me as I learned my role. I am glad to have had the opportunity to be apart of helping a talented, goal-oriented young woman's life. I feel these ladies love their Lord and will bless the ABW when they become active members.

If there is anything needed, please contact me at anytime. Blessing to you always.

Yours in Christ, *Ann*

Mission & Service

Coordinator of Mission & Service Ministries: Lorraine Brownell

Phone:

Email:

We've had a wonderful convention held in Auburn, NY. Our speakers were inspiring and the fellowship with others was refreshing. As I pass the baton to Irene Ingram this will be my final A Witness article. I have just a few words to share as I close my term as Coordinator of Mission & Service.

Remember:

1. To be checking the website for materials that are available to you in regard to the ways that we

can reach out to others.

2. Order booklets for your association meetings & retreats so that we can get these out in the hands of our women.

- 2010-2011 Global Mission Study Guide - Mexico and Cuba. (They still have many in stock.)
- 2011 Mission Service Projects book is completed and ready.
- 2011-2013 White Cross Magazine will be available by June at the Biennial and July

for the National Women's Conference.

- 2011-2012 Global Mission Study Guide - South Africa will be available by the National Women's Conference in July. This will feature articles, Bible Study, Devotional from our partners, missionaries Anita and Rick Gutierrez and from the women who went on the Mission Encounter in April.
3. Check the Church World

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Service website www.churchworldservice.org for kits that are needed in the many different areas of disasters around this country and the world.

4. There were 23 people across our state go to Haiti in Feb., call Mary Schwarz at the ABC/NYS office [REDACTED] to get the name of someone in your area who could share their experiences

about that trip.

We had 100 of the new Mission Service Projects Book and 100 Guides to Global Servants 2010-2011 (pictures and journals from each of our missionaries) available at the convention and there are only a few left of each - thanks so much for those who picked them up to share with your women's groups.

If you are in need of more contact Chris Marziale in Valley

Forge, (1-800-222-3827 - Ext 2207) email: Chris.Marziale@abc-usa.org or Vicki Goff, (800.ABC.3USA, ext. 2449) email: Victoria.Goff@abc-usa.org

God's blessings on each of you as you look for ways to expand His love to all in your own town, county, our state, our country and our world - God's world!

~ Lorraine

Treasurer

Treasurer: Barbara Cron [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

We received five offerings at the Gathering in Auburn.

Saturday morning we received two offerings. The first was \$899.35 for the General Fund of AB Women's Ministries of NYS.

The second offering was for the 2010-2011 Special Project. Before convention we had gathered \$9,136.50 through March 31st. April receipts were \$255.10 and at convention we added \$3,297.91. This brought our grand total to \$12,689.51 for the Mitendi Women's Center!

Love Gift containers were available at meal times. The total received was \$983.85.

Sunday morning two more offerings were received. One offering was for National Support which raised \$797.58. Another offering for the National Endowment Fund was taken and raised \$643.00.

There is an Association Giving page included (see page 23) and it

includes only the funds received between April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011.

The next issue of "A Witness" will be mailed after our Fall Board Meeting at the end of October. But we can't wait to work on our goals for 2011-2012.

- The AB Women's Ministries of NYS fiscal year does end March 31, 2012.
- The Scholarship Committee uses only the funds received by March 31st.
- The 2011-2012 Mission Project (see page 7) will end at the Gathering in April 2012.

This is my last article for "A Witness" and it is my pleasure to introduce the new treasurer, Vicky Shaw.

Vicky has been baptized in and is a member of the Clayton Baptist Church, the River Community Church, since the year 2000. She was invited in to the Women's

Ministry, as she says; they took her under their loving wing and raised her up to be what she is today in Christ.

She became the Church ABWM President and rotated out then became the ABWM/NCA President, which she still serves as. She is a leader of the Celebrate Recovery Ministry since 2003 and was led by the Lord to bring it into the Prison in 2008. She has been joining us at the NYS Conventions since 2001.

She requests prayer for her as she begins this new position as our ABWM-NYS Treasurer.

Her contact information is: Vicky Shaw, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can text message; [REDACTED] and email at [REDACTED]

Please welcome her on her new journey.

Special Interest Missionary

Special Interest Missionary Chairwoman: Claudio Little Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

I have to admit that as I get more involved in this aspect of AB Women's Ministries, I continue to be amazed at the possibilities and opportunities out there for us.

I was really only familiar with the bio's of the missionaries from assorted areas of the world. Upon investigation, I find that there is so much more to it.

My suggestion would be that every association and church get the 2011 book of Mission Service Projects.

This can be used not only in the ABW groups, but youth, men and the total congregations can be involved in some very rewarding projects. This book also offers the names of all the missionaries and international partner contact lists. These are available from Valley Forge and the info will be on my table at convention.

Just to give you an idea of what

is out there.....there are needs for: Bible pictures, Bibles in Spanish, Blocks for children, Candle making materials, Christian Ed materials, flannel graphs, hygiene kits and the list goes on and on.

In this day and age , when the world is so full of strife, disaster and torment...we as Christian women have a wonderful opportunity to "make a difference" This phrase has become my motto this year, and is so rewarding.

With the ever increasing cost of postage and paper, it seems to be a good approach to expose the women and the churches of NYS with this information and then lend a hand as they take on projects and partner contacts.

What fits into some situations may not work for another - hence a more customized program.

Father we ask that you wrap your arms around our brothers and sisters around the world.

They are dealing with so much misery , poverty, and misfortune.

May you help us ignite the spark needed to get things going and growing.

Lead us to those groups who are searching for an opportunity to express their gratitude for God's abundant blessings by sharing our gifts and talents with those overseas.

With your grace...we too can "make a difference".

In His name we offer ourselves.....Amen

Area Conferences

Conference Chair: Arlene Davie Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Western Area Conference is at Houghton College with Pat Robinson, Leader, on June 3-4, 2011. The Theme is "The Other Six Days" Focusing on how to keep our faith when we're not in church enjoying the support of our church family and the "mountain top" experience of worship.

Central Area Conference is June

10-11, 2011 at Delta Lake Conference Center, Rome, NY.

NYC/Long Island Area Conference is June 11 at the Devoe Baptist Church.

Adirondack/Capital Area Conference is September 22-24, 2011 at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY. Keynote speaker: Laura Miraz,

Ph.D. She is Associate Executive Director, Board and Staff Services, American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The 2011 National Women's Conference and the National Gathering for Girls will be in Green Lake, WI July 16 - 22, 2011.

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The theme for this year is "In the Potter's Hands".

Our new Conference Chair is Kris Wilson with Joyce Camp as Co-

Chair.

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Joyce Camp's contact information is: [redacted] and phone [redacted]

Concerns

2010-2011 Concerns Chairwoman: Sister Frankie Barton

Over the course of the 2010-2011 year as the Concerns person we have been asked to keep the following in our prayers.

In June, Sister Sharon Strong prayers went out as she had taken ill while with the AB GIRLS.

In August, prayers for Sister Eleanor Lerch as she had a cancerous mass and was undergoing in treatment.

In September, our Sister Susan Schaffer was asking prayer for her son Michael who has cancer. Prayers also went out to Sister Timberlake as her brother passed away in September.

Prayers requested from our Sister Luradine Timberlike for her son deployed to Afghanistan. Please pray for our President, General Petraeus and all of our soldiers for their mental, physical, emotion, financial, families and spiritual protection during their deployments.

We are Women who are Destined for God's Purpose. We have to pray for each other and May God continue to bless and strengthen each of us.

In January prayers went out to Sister Claudia Little as her mother passed away.

In March prayers went out to Sister Irene Ingram, a new board member, whose husband passed away.

We need to always keep each other lifted in prayer. Pray for the world and all who are in authority. Pray and pray like you never have prayed before.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

God Bless, Sister Frankie Barton

2011-2012 Concerns Chairwoman: Kathie Lawrence Phone: [redacted] Email: [redacted]

As your 2011-2012 Concerns Chairwoman, I have been charged with keeping the members of the ABW Ministries Board aware of instances of illness, death and celebrations among the Board Members,

I can only do this if you let me

know what you want shared with your sisters in Christ so that we can uphold you in prayer.

I am in the process of setting up a chain of communication so that we can all be made aware of the needs of our fellow Board Members.

We can only show our care, concern and love for one another when we know there is need.

My contact information is listed above. We check our e-mail several times a week and our answering machine is always on.

A Note from the Editor on our Scholarship Girls List ----->

Please be aware that Pen Sketches will be received with updated information over the course of these next few weeks. We have tried to make information as accurate as possible, but please check in the FALL issue for a listing of Scholarship Girls with home and college addresses. If you have any questions between now and then please contact Ann Brooks, Scholarship Chairwoman. See page 9 for her report and contact information.

2011-2012 Scholarship Girls

First Name	Last Name	Address	City, State Zip	B'day	College: Major	Grade				Association
						Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	
Cori	O'Connor									Adirondack
Ashley	Larimore									Allegany-Cattaraugus
Audrey	Allen									Broome-Tioga
Tara	Cline									Capital Area
Carolyn	Smith									Capital Area
Khaya	Palada									Cayuga-Onondaga
Emily	Stoddard									Chemung
Brook	Jordan									Cortland
Dakota	VanHouten									Erie
Chanel	Weaver									Finger Lakes
Cassidy	Lent									Fransego
Nataya	William									Long Island
Emilie	Curren									Madison
Natreace	Buie									Mid-Hudson Union & Chataqua
Essence	Porter									Mid-Hudson Union & Chataqua
Megan	Dewing									Mohawk Oneida
Kylie	Dewing									North Country
Amanda	Campion									Oswego
Alana	Matteson									Rochester Genesee
Cheyenne	Skinner									Rochester Genesee
Sara	McDowell									Southern New York
Melissa	Buskey									Steuben
Michelle	Du Mond									Wayne
Emily	West									Wayne
Elizabeth	West									Wego & Niagra
Katherine	Segrave									Wego & Niagra
Grace Ann	Segrave									Wego & Niagra

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF NYS 2011-2012 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Barbara Reese

Frankie Barton

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Scholarship

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Arlene Davie

Dear Conference Attendee,

We have had a wonderful time planning this year's conference. It promises to be a spiritually uplifting, productive and fun filled week for all! This year's theme is "*Journeys to Find Yourself*" using the scripture Joshua 1:8-9. We anticipate a great move of the Holy Spirit as we "Journey to find ourselves".

Please read all of the information in this packet. There are some very important things you will need to take care of before your arrival and during your stay. Please pay close attention to the details.

1. Dates for the conference are June 28th-July 3rd. Check in and registration are on Tuesday, June 28th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Conference ends Sunday July 3rd at 1:00pm. Your families are welcome and encouraged to attend worship with you in Norton Chapel on campus at 10:30 am, followed by the Friendship Circle and lunch (boxed lunch to go). The cost for the lunch will be \$8.00 per guest.
2. Please read the "What to Bring" list carefully. There are some specific items you will need to bring from home. {Secret Sister gifts/ Silent Auction Item/Fundraiser idea for dorm group}
3. Your friends and family may write to you at the conference. Make sure the letter is addressed in the following manner :

Your Name
AB Girls Conference
c/o Keuka College
PO Box 683
Keuka Park, NY 14478
Attn. Conference Director

4. Technology is great and we are fully aware that many young people today own and use cell phones and other technical devices. However, be warned, if yours is used at inappropriate times, it will be confiscated for the duration of the conference.
5. Directions to Keuka College are included. You will enter from Central Avenue. Look for the signs.

We are looking very forward to seeing you all on June 28th!!!


Valerie Medley, Director/Registrar

(585)857-3666 / medley1025@yahoo.com

Valerie Medley

304-6 Suburban Ct.

Rochester New York 14620

Please note: Registration due June 20th, 2011

**AB GIRLS OF NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION/HEALTH FORMS**

June 28-July 3, 2011

Keuka College, Keuka Park, NY

For all girls completing Grade 6 through 12

1. Fill out Registration/Health form. Please print in ink. Please read and sign conference rules on the back.
2. Conference fee is \$200.00. Please include check made out to American Baptist Girls New York State, or \$45.00 registration fee with the balance of \$155.00 due on June 28, 2009
3. If sending multiple registrations with a single check, please list names of all girls on the check or separate sheet of paper.
4. **If you have any questions please contact Valerie Medley, Director at (585) 857-3666 or medley1025@yahoo.com**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Email(optional) _____

Grade completed by June '11 _____ Church _____

This is my 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th year attending. **T-Shirt Size** _____

Preferred Roommate _____ (Only 2 girls per room, Will try to honor requests)

Amount enclosed: Full registration-\$200.00 _____ \$45.00 Deposit _____ Bal.Due June 28th

Parent/Guardian _____

Phone(home) _____ Phone(Work) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

I certify this health history is accurate. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the conference leader to order x-rays and routine tests. In case of emergency, I understand an effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I give permission to the selected physician to hospitalize, secure treatment for and order injections/anesthesia/surgery for my child as named above. I understand that my insurance will be billed for all accidents and illnesses that occur while my child is attending conference.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Notary Public _____ (STAMP HERE)

Any current illnesses? Yes ___ No ___ Explain _____

List all medications to be taken at conference _____

Any special precautions that should be taken at conference _____

Is your child subject to: Fainting _____ Asthma _____ Stomach _____ Hay fever _____

Convulsions/Seizures _____ Allergies/Earaches _____ Heart Trouble _____

Please explain any that you have checked _____

Immunizations: Give date of last inoculation or copy of immunization record:

DPT _____ MMR _____ Oral Polio _____ HIB _____ Hepatitis B _____

CONFERENCE RULES

The AB Girls program challenges each girl to grow and develop in her Christian walk. It is the goal of the conference staff to provide your daughter with the opportunity to grow and learn, not only about herself, but also about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; about her relationship with Him and His will for her. The environment we want to provide for your daughter is dependent largely upon the cooperation of all participants abiding by these rules. Please review the rules with your daughter. A copy of these rules signed by the parent/guardian of the conference participants is to be submitted along with the conference registration/health form. A second copy of these rules will be reviewed with your daughter and signed by her at the conference.

Name of Conference _____

Participant _____

- 1. Attendance and participation is required at all sessions of Conference unless you are in the infirmary, all injuries and illnesses are to be reported to the nurse.**
- No one is allowed off campus unless accompanied by a staff member.
- There is no smoking, alcohol or drug use at Conference. These are college and Conference rules, anyone found in violation will be sent home at her own expense.
- Use of telephones is discouraged. For emergencies only and cleared through your counselor.
- Room doors will not be locked. Keep all valuables with you at all times. Or arrange to leave them with your counselor. Conference cannot be responsible for lost money or valuables.
- The outside doors must be kept closed. They will be locked at night for our safety.
- Furniture and bedding are not to be moved from one room to another. If you are have problems with the living arrangements, please see your counselor. College property cannot be taken outside.
- Screens are not to be removed. No writing on mirrors, walls, doors, etc. Please use masking tape to hang posters, signs, etc. All of this is college property and you will be charged for damages.
- Mops and brooms are available. There are large waste containers on each floor. There is no maid service.
- 10. Keep your program book with you at all times. Bring your Bible to breakfast, "Alone with God" and Theme Presentation.**
- Do not go barefoot.
- This is an all-girl Conference. There may be other conferences on campus, so please confine your activities to our Conference.
- Radios, CD players, etc. are allowed. They may not be heard outside your room.
- 14. All girls are to be in their rooms by lights out every night.**
- There are refrigerators available. Label your items. If you did not put it in there do not take it out. Ask your counselor first.
- Respect and courtesy are expected by everyone attending Conference.

I acknowledge I have read and understand the above rules and I will accept financial responsibility for any damages that occur as a result of negligence. I understand if inappropriate behavior or blatant violation of these rules results in dismissal from the conference, my daughter will be sent home at my expense.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

April 2011

Dear AB Girls,

I can't wait to see all of your beautiful faces at Keuka this year! It'll be a week full of learning about God and finding out who you are to Him. I hope to see both returning girls and new ones. AB Girls Conference is one of my favorite parts of the summer and I'm looking forward to it coming again.

Amanda Novoung: *Scribe*

Dear AB Girls,

I am the member at large for the camp you NEED to go to; AB Girls. I promise this year is going to be AMAZING!!! Hope to see you! You know you want to go... I'll be there.

Love Always,

Brittany Mills: *Member @ Large*

Dear Fellow AB Girls,

I hope that you are excited for this year's conference as much as I am. I am looking forward to being with all of you and having a wonderful experience, so hurry up and register so we can walk on our journeys to find ourselves.

Love,

Essence Imani: *Vice-Chair*

Dear AB Girls,

I can't wait to see you guys at this year's conference. I'm looking forward to your beautiful faces and all of your positive attitudes. As Chairperson, I am very excited for this leadership experience. Hopefully you all return this year to enjoy the love and blessings from the Lord. See you soon!

Love,

Takiera Green: *Chairperson*

Hey Girls! My name is Chanel Weaver and I am the Treasurer for the 2011 Commission. I am looking forward to meeting all the new girls and seeing the many returning faces at the conference this year! I hope you all enjoy your AB Girls experience.

Chanel: *Treasurer*

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING!

CLOTHING:

- CASUAL IS BEST, WARM OUTER CLOTHING IF EVENING TURNS COOL
- CLOTHES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BANQUET. BANQUET DRESS CAN BE FORMAL BUT NOT REQUIRED.
- BATHING SUIT(NO REVEALING OUTFITS)

LINENS:

- SHEETS AND BLANKET OR SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW
- OLD BLANKET FOR OUTSIDE USE
- TOWELS AND WASHCLOTH

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- USUAL DAILY TOILETRIES
- ALARM CLOCK
- FLASHLIGHT
- INSECT REPELLENT
- STATIONARY AND STAMPS IF YOU WRITE HOME
- PEN/PENCIL, NOTEBOOK
- BIBLE, OTHER DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AND MATERIALS

WHITE CROSS PROJECT:

TBA

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- CAMERA
- RADIO/CD PLAYER, IPOD, SUITABLE MUSIC FOR CHRISTIAN CAMPUS
- ITEMS TO PARTICIPATE IN TALENT SHOW (MUSIC, INSTRUMENT, PROPS, ETC.)
- ITEMS TO DECORATE YOUR ROOM. USE MASKING TAPE FOR HANGING THINGS
- SNACKS
- FANS(THERE IS NO AIR CONDITIONING)

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS FOR WHICH TO BE PREPARED/ SECRET SISTERS (PRAYER PARTNER)

- YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A SMALL GIFT (1 FOR EACH DAY/5 DAYS) TO SECRETLY PASS ON TO YOUR "SECRET SISTER". YOUR CULMINATING GIFT WILL TAKE PLACE ON DAY 5! PRAYER PARTNER- YOU WILL CHOOSE A PRAYER PARTNER TO PRAY FOR DAILY. NOTES & INEXPENSIVE GIFTS ARE OFTEN LEFT THROUGH OUT THE WEEK. ON SATURDAY WE WILL REVEAL WHO OUR PARTNERS ARE. YOU CAN BRING A SMALL INEXPENSIVE GIFT TO GIVE OR CREATE YOUR OWN TO REMIND HER THAT YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR HER. THE DOLLAR STORE A GREAT PLACE FOR THIS KIND OF THING.

SILENT AUCTION:

- WE WILL HOST A SILENT AUCTION AND BIDS WILL BE WRITTEN SECRETLY AND REVEALED AT SELECTED TIMES. BRING AN ITEM YOU NO LONGER NEED(OLD STUFFED ANIMAL FROM EX-BOYFRIEND) DO NOT SPEND MORE THAN \$5.00. IT SHOULD BE WRAPPED. MONEY RAISED TO SUPPORT MISSION PROJECT.

YOU WILL NEED MONEY FOR:

-SUNDAY'S OFFERING, CRAFTS, INEXPENSIVE & FUN, SHOPPING FOR PERSONAL ITEMS, AUCTION, IF YOU WANT TO BID.

DIRECTIONS TO KEUKA COLLEGE

From the Northeast (Syracuse, Albany)

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 42, Geneva. Follow Truck Route 14 South through Geneva toward Dresden. (This avoids downtown and confusing intersections). Turn right Route 54 to Penn Yan. Where the road comes to a "T", turn left onto Main Street and turn right at the first traffic light onto Elm Street (Route 54A). Follow from Penn Yan directions below.

From the Northwest (Rochester, Buffalo)

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 44, Canandaigua. Follow Route 332 South into Canandaigua. Turn left onto Routes 5 & 20 heading East. Approximately 9 miles outside of Canandaigua, turn right onto County Route 5, where the sign points to Hall and Penn Yan. Keep going straight in that road into Penn Yan. At the 5th traffic light, turn right onto Elm Street. (Route 54A). Follow from Penn Yan directions below.

From the Southwest (Jamestown)

Take Route 17(I-86) to the 1st Bath exit. Follow Route 54 North (lake on your left) into Penn Yan. At 1st traffic light turn left onto Liberty Street (Route 14A). At the 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Elm Street (Route 54A). Follow from Penn Yan directions below.

From the Southeast (Binghamton, New York City)

Take Route 17(I-86) to the Route 14 Exit in Elmira. Follow the signs for Route 14 North. Two miles north of Watkins Glen, take Route 14A where the sign points to Dundee and Penn Yan. Follow 14A through Dundee to Penn Yan. At the 4th traffic light, turn left onto Elm Street (Route 54A). Follow from Penn Yan directions below.

From Penn Yan

Follow Route 54A south out of Penn Yan for four miles. Turn left onto Central Avenue (you will see a small sign for Keuka College. Central Avenue will bring you into Keuka's campus, which will be on your left. Go to the All-Stop sign. Turn left onto campus. This is the main entrance. Directly in front of you is Ball Hall, with a gold dome. Turn right towards Saunder Dorm. You are there.

Questions on this?
Please see the
Treasurer's Report
on page 10.

Association Giving

ASSOCIATION GIVING 4/1/10 - 3/31/11	NYS General Fund	National Support	NYS Lead. Dev.	Scholar- ship	2009-10 Project	2010-11 Project	Love Gift	AB GIRLS	Refit	LB Rea	TOTALS
Adirondack	135.00	220.00		365.00		625.20	122.25		130.00		1,597.45
Allegany-Cattaraugus	90.00	70.00		520.00		90.00	50.00	20.00	40.00		880.00
Broome-Tioga	230.00	245.00	40.00	295.00		1,301.50	256.00	90.00	165.00		2,622.50
Capital Area	100.00	75.00	100.00	200.00		40.00	210.00	75.00	200.00		1,000.00
Cayuga-Onondaga	130.00	240.00		300.00		334.05	123.85		20.00		1,147.90
Chautauqua	20.00	25.00		30.00		65.00	41.50	15.00	30.00		226.50
Chemung	25.00	30.00	25.00	150.00	125.00		40.94				395.94
Cortland											
Erie	100.00	100.00	50.00	100.00		150.00	372.96	100.00	50.00		1,022.96
Finger Lakes	432.50	294.75	40.00	377.00		350.00	99.12	55.00	65.00		1,713.37
Fransego	385.00	443.25	10.00	1,015.00	75.00	1,620.00	292.06	50.00	465.00		4,355.31
Long Island	215.00	175.00	175.00	170.00		1,401.75	254.00	125.00	85.00		2,600.75
Madison	140.00	85.00	25.00	245.00		125.00	394.00	35.00	90.00		1,139.00
Mid-Hudson Union						250.00					250.00
Mohawk-Oneida	220.00	240.00	110.00	300.00	75.00	365.00	214.25	110.00	175.00		1,809.25
Niagara					75.04						75.04
North Country	295.00	395.00	10.00	595.00	160.00	325.00	50.55	45.00	110.00		1,985.55
Oswego	85.00	85.00	175.00	285.00		398.00	143.90	50.00	235.00		1,456.90
Rochester-Genesee	25.00			25.00		793.00			75.00		918.00
Southern New York		203.00					23.00				226.00
Steuben	153.45	50.00	50.00	100.00		161.00	581.47	50.00	130.00		1,275.92
Wayne	80.00	50.00	45.00	170.00		712.00	57.00	45.00	42.00		1,201.00
WEGO											
Total Association Giving	2,860.95	3,026.00	855.00	5,242.00	510.04	9,106.50	3,326.85	865.00	2,107.00		27,899.34
Other Giving	8,736.56	1,103.50	199.32	501.84	1,047.23	30.00	1,781.09	1,526.17		1,300.00	16,225.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,597.51	4,129.50	1,054.32	5,743.84	1,557.27	9,136.50	5,107.94	2,391.17	2,107.00	1,300.00	44,125.05

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF NYS

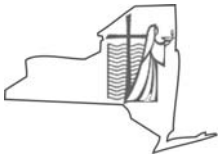
Office	Name	Address	City
President	Audrey Davidson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Secretary	Betty Adkins	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Treasurer	Vicky Shaw	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Coordinator of Personal Development	Laura Palada	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Coordinator of Church & Community Ministries	Ruth Wilder	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Coordinator of Mission & Service Ministries	Irene Ingram	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Special Interest Missionary Chairwoman	Claudia Little	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
White Cross & World Relief Chairwoman	Mary Townsend	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
AB GIRLS Chairwoman	Valarie Medley	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Conferences Chairwoman	Kris Wilson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Love Gift Chairwoman	Denise Myers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Resources & Exhibits Chairwoman	Geraldine Rhodes-Daniels	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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A Witness - Subscriptions & Addresses	Cherie Baker	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Lorraine Brownell	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Arlene Davie	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Delores Mikolon	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Martha Williams	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Mary Ann Henry	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1-Yr Board Member	Barbara Reese	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1-Yr Board Member	Mary Flowers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1-Yr Board Member	Frankie Barton	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1-Yr Board Member	Janice Turner	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1-Yr Board Member	Linda Jackson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Ann Brooks	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Sally Burgess	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Debby Seeley	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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3-Yr Board Member	Karen Parkhurst	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Colleen Charsky	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Grace Kelly-Neal	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Sharon Strong	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Dottie Castor	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Patricia Taylor *	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3-Yr Board Member	Jane Bender *	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

* filling unexpired terms of Mary Townsend and Kris Wilson

Every effort has been made to ensure that contact information is correct. If you know of an error please contact the Editor so a correction can be made in the next issue. Thank You!!

2011-2012 BOARD LISTING

		Zip	Association	Phone	e-mail	Yrs.
	NY	██████	Rochester-Genesee	██████	██████	2010-2013
	NY	██████	Oswego	██████	██████	2009-2012
	NY	██████	North Country	██████	██████	2011-2014
	NY	██████	Fransago	██████	██████	2010-2013
	NY	██████	Erie	██████		2009-2012
	NY	██████	Rochester-Genesee	██████	██████	2011-2014
	NY	██████	Alleghany-Cattaragus	██████	██████	2010-2013
	NY	██████	Long Island	██████	██████	2011-2014
	NY	██████	Rochester-Genesee	██████		2010-2013
	NY	██████	North Country	██████	██████	2011-2014
	NY	██████	Cayuga Onondaga	██████	██████	2009-2012
	NY	██████	Erie	██████	██████	2009-2012
	NY	██████	North Country	██████	██████	
	NY	██████	North Country	██████	██████	
	NY	██████	Capital	██████	██████	2014
	NY	██████	Adirondack	██████	██████	2014
	NY	██████	Erie	██████	██████	2014
	NY	██████	Cayuga-Onondaga	██████		2014
	NY	██████	Rochester-Genesee	██████	██████	2014
	NY	██████	Madison	██████	██████	2012
	NY	██████	Southern NY	██████		2012
	NY	██████	Long Island	██████	██████	2012
	NY		Cayuga-Ononadoga			2012
	NY		Long Island			2012
	NY	██████	Rochester-Genesee	██████		2013
	NY	██████	Wayne	██████		2013
	NY	██████	Steuben	██████	██████	2013
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	NY	██████	Oswego	██████		2013
	NY	██████	Oswego	██████	██████	2012
	NY	██████	Cayuga-Onondaga	██████		2012
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	NY	██████	Wayne	██████		2012



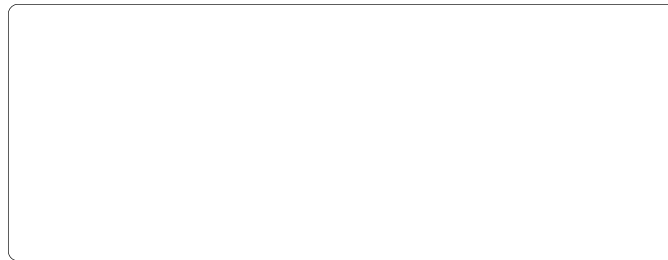
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page 2. Thanks!



From the Editor

A Witness Editor: Rebecca Walters

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

We usually think that being molded is not easy. In fact being molded by the potter can be quite painful.

You have in mind one way that you believe you will look or feel or act. And that is not what God has in mind. He wants you to look or feel or act or do things in a sometimes completely different way.

You want to do something one way, he has plans for something different to happen.

But being molded is also a beautiful thing.

Right now you might not feel so beautiful. But as you look through

God's touch on your life, you see a beautiful woman emerge much like the threads in a tapestry. You can pinpoint certain areas of your life that were more difficult, where perhaps God had to push and work the clay or the threads a bit more, but you can see where God was leading you at that time.

Yes hindsight is always 20/20. Funny isn't it.

We are so blessed to have women ahead of us, with us, and fully behind us in American Baptist Women's Ministries and on the NYS Board who can help us understand what our new theme, "In the Potter's Hands" means to them and to us.

We are blessed because that 20/20 vision that each of us has on our own lives may be able to help someone in a different part of her journey see God molding her in what may be, albeit, an uncomfortable way. That understanding might be all that is needed to make the processes just a little smoother.

I look forward to learning more on this theme. I look forward to hearing more on how this theme touches your lives. And if you have a story to share, send it along, and if there is room in an upcoming issue, we'll share it to help someone else.

Becky

