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May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

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REFLECTIONS ON THE WIC RETREAT LAST MONTH

Retreat - a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, or study. More than that, it's an opportunity to get to know each other in an environment away from day to day responsibilities. Naomi, Hannah, and Abigail gave us food for thought and spiritual encouragement. From my perspective, the best part was the small group discussions sharing how the Lord was speaking to us through the stories of these ladies. A spiritual recharge preparing us for the return to day to day responsibilities.

~Bonlee Rawley

Reflections from a new member

I am not one who usually attends women's retreats. I went to this retreat looking for some fellowship, rest and relaxation, and to enjoy some food I did not have to prepare or clean up. In case things were a little too "stuffy", I had packed a book and some running clothes, planning to sneak away for a little quiet time of my own. The running attire and book remained in my suitcase the entire weekend.

The fellowship was a blessing for this new-comer to TNPC. I made some new friends and spent time getting better acquainted with others I had previously met. Playing games until almost 1 a.m. with a group of multicultural and multi-aged women was great fun. It had been a long while since I had laughed that hard. The sweet fellowship enjoyed in my small group time after the sessions on Saturday was refreshing

Sonya Reeder encouraged us to live as godly women in the midst of whatever pain we have suffered or are suffering, in desperate dependence on God. Each session highlighted a woman in the Bible who served God with abandonment, living for His glory in the midst of life's issues.

The weekend was above and beyond my expectations. Many thanks to all those who spent so much time and effort planning the details of this extraordinary retreat. So, when is the next one? I think I'll even leave my book and running clothes at home next time.....

~Sabrina Reidland

2008 WOMEN IN THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

Each spring women of all ages and from all walks of life gather in Atlanta to learn, share, and grow. The uniting factor is their love of God and his church, both local and universal. This year four women from Town North will be attending: Angie Dishman, Linda Jacobs, Mabelle McCoy, and Karla Pollock. During the weekend they will be meeting with other women from the north Texas area as well as attending workshops that include *Building Community in Your Bible Study*, *Ministry to and With Single Women*, and *Relational Leadership*.

UPCOMING OPENINGS ON THE TNPC WIC COUNCIL

This spring there will be two openings on the WIC Council as our Vice-President, Nancy Day, and our Secretary, Leslie Boling, rotate off. We would also like to add the position of Program Coordinator to the Council. This person would work to plan and organize the six WIC meetings we have each year. Nominations will be open in April with the election in May. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, would like more information, or would like to recommend someone speak to a WIC Council member. Please be praying as we seek to fill these important positions.

WOMEN TO WOMEN SMALL GROUP MINISTRY UPDATE

There are three books that we are considering using with our W2W small groups this Fall: *Damsels In Distress* by Martha Pease, *Loving God With All Your Mind* by Elizabeth George, and *Under His Smile* by Sue Cortese. These books are on display in our church library so that you can take a look at them. Please let us know your opinion of each by writing down your comments and putting them in the box provided. You can also get a brief overview of each book at www.cepbookstore.com. A more in depth look at *Damsels in Distress* and *Loving God With All Your Mind* can be found on Amazon.com.

MEET AUTHOR CAROLYN CUSTIS JAMES

You are invited to hear author and speaker Carolyn Custis James speak Tuesday, March 25, 7:00-9:00 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church. Carolyn will be in Dallas for the launch of her new book *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules*. Other books by Carolyn James are *Lost Women of the Bible* and *When Life and Beliefs Collide*. For more information check out the WIC web site at www.tnpc.org or see the poster on the WIC bulletin board.

WIC WEBSITE

The information on the WIC part of the TNPC website has been recently updated thanks to Mark Kraemer. There is still so much that could be done to make this an appealing and user friendly source of information for our Women's Ministries. If you have any experience with HTML we could really use you. Please speak to anyone on the WIC Council if you are interested in helping to update our website.

WIC EMAIL LIST

We are in the process of updating the WIC email list so that we have one accurate active list. If you are not presently on the WIC email list and would like to receive information about upcoming service and ministry opportunities please email our Secretary Leslie Boling at bolingsrus@aol.com.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This years General Assembly (annual meeting of the denomination) in Dallas will be hosted by the North Texas Presbytery. The women of Town North will be helping out by organizing and hosting the Hospitality Room along with fellowship through crafts. The crafts this year will center around making cards and mini-scrapbook/memory books. Last year over 300 women attended General Assembly with their husbands. This is a great opportunity for us to serve our denomination. If you are interested in serving on the Hospitality Committee please contact Nancy Day (972-231-0942). If you would like to help out on the Crafts Committee please see Karla Pollock .

FINISHING TOUCHES

Finishing Touches is a fellowship opportunity where women get together once a month to work on unfinished projects. These can be mending, organizing coupons or recipes, anything that is easily transported. This is also a good time to invite your friends. We would like to bring back this fellowship ministry with a bit of a twist by offering the chance to learn a new skill. Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet, what about drying herbs or flowers, maybe you have a desire to learn how to use that digital camera.

To help us out please fill out the form below and place it in the WIC box by the WIC bulletin board.

Our first "meeting" will be Friday, March 28 at 7:00 in a home to be announced. Come with an unfinished project or just come to visit and make plans for future gatherings. If you would like more information see Lisa Rosendale or Mabelle McCoy.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Feb. 28-Mar. 1	WIC Leadership Conference in Atlanta
March 8	Saturday Prayer Time 9:00-10:00 @ Nancy Day's house
March 23	Meet Carolyn James @ PCPC
March 28	Finishing Touches 7:00 (place to be determined)
April 12	Saturday Prayer Time @ Nancy Day's house
June 10-12	General Assembly

WIC OFFICERS

President: Karla Pollock (972-293-1472)
Vice-President: Nancy Day (972-231-0942)
Secretary: Leslie Boling (972-414-4980)
Treasurer: Angie Dishman (972-396-0892)
Fellowship: Lisa Rosendale (972-783-6806)
Mercy: Karla Pollock (972-293-1472)

WIC COMMITTEES

Bulletin Board: Linda Jacobs (972-926-0291)
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Prayer: Susan Ray (214-495-8184)
Retreat: Beth Black (972-442-2045)
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TLC: Kevin Dishman (972-699-9917)

Finishing Touches

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

I would like to learn how to: _____

I could teach others how to: _____

___ I would like to host Finishing Touches in my home