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The Lamplighter



Greetings to my Sisters in Christ!

This summer has been full of events and ministry with ABWM. In June, I traveled to Virginia Beach, Virginia to attend the National Board Meeting of ABWM. Our Board Meeting was held in a hotel right on the beach. It is always good to connect with other State Presidents and our National Staff. We had a presentation on vaping, prescription drugs, and opioid usage that spoke volumes to me. We have many dangerous habits forming in our every day use of prescription medicines and as with vaping, over the counter purchases.

Women's Day was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer, the ABCUSA, General Secretary opened the morning session. It was an awesome time spent with our sisters in Christ. If you have never attended the Biennial Mission Summit or Women's Day, I encourage you to go. You will most certainly be blessed.

In August I attended the ABCRM Region board meeting. I am so blessed by the Region Board and learning more about ministries, mission trips and the general workings of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains.

We held our Fall State Board Meeting of the Colorado ABWM Sept. 20-21 at Mountain Vista Senior Living Center in Wheatridge. As you read the various articles in this newsletter from the board members you will see that we worked hard.

A mission trip is being planned for March 16-21 to Rainbow Acres in Arizona. Flyers for the mission trip have been sent to churches. There will be promotion for this mission trip further in this issue of the Lamplighter.

And last but not least, I attended the Annual Gathering of the ABCRM at Central Baptist Church in Denver on Sept. 26-28. We were blessed by the workshops and speakers. We also had excellent speakers with the theme of "Ministry in an Age of Disconnection."

There are truly great things happening in our denomination and our region. Get plugged in, and get involved. Christ's work is evident in our state! Be sure to go regularly to our National ABWM page at www.abwministries.org for information about events, ministries, how to give financially and more!

Blessings,
 LaRose

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Personal Development

March 16 – 21, 2020 we are planning a mission trip instead of doing our annual spring retreat. We are going to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, AZ. From their website –

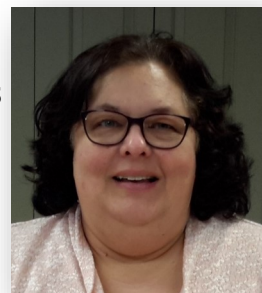
“Having volunteers is a major highlight for our Ranchers and a huge help for our organization. We appreciate your time, talent and resources and are grateful for the unique gifts and skills of each volunteer.”



There are many things we can do there including landscaping, painting, cleaning and organizing. We can also organize fun events like craft projects, ice cream socials, or games.

The cost is \$236/per person plus the cost of air fare. If you aren't able to come but want to help defray the cost for others to go, you can send in a donation (ask for details if you are interested).

Please send an email to me at ABW@CherryCreekBaptist.org to sign up to come on the mission trip. There is a limit to the number of people that can go, so this will be on a "first come, first served" type of basis. For the cost of room and board (\$236) we will be asking people to pay \$122 by Dec. 27 and the balance by Feb. 21.



Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on joining us!

God Bless,

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Mission Trip
March 16–21, 2020



Rainbow
Acres

Camp Verde, AZ

Join the American Baptist Women on a mission trip to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, AZ. Rainbow Acres is a Christian community that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose.

Go to RainbowAcres.com to learn more.

Cost for room and board is \$236 (plus air fare)

Space is limited, sign up early so you don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

For more details and to sign up send email to
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Love Gift

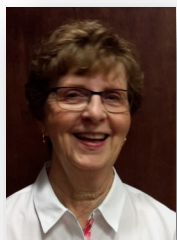
As you may remember, the state ABWM Love Gift goal for 2019 is \$3000.

The good news is that we have reached that goal. As of August 20, 2019, 12 Colorado churches have given \$3354.38. I would encourage your churches to continue giving your "over and above" Love Gift offerings just to see how FAR we can go over our goal!

That is our 2019 challenge...lets break the record! Our state president, LaRose Karr, recently encouraged us to "Dream Big"!!

From the beginning, American Baptist women collected their Love Gifts in small boxes, originally called Mite or Might Boxes. Printed on these boxes were the words: "If we know, we pray; if we pray, we give."

Later, in 1941, the theme was "Love," and these boxes became known as Love Gift boxes. (We now collect these offerings in boxes, jars, and envelopes.) These women wanted their Love Gifts to be used to support the total mission program of American Baptist Churches. Therefore, these expressions of love and thanks to God continue to support the full range of American Baptist missions, and women continue to play a vital role in this continuing mission work throughout the world.



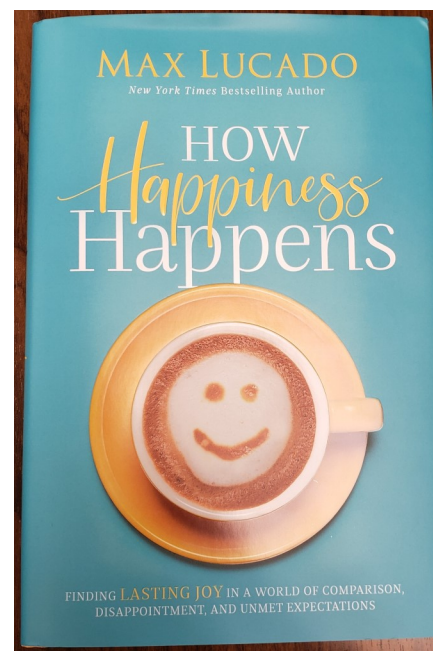
As always, the story of Love Gift remains unfinished!

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SAVE THE DATE

- October 12th - N E Association meeting at Jackie Arnold's, 1307 Tyler Ave, Loveland, CO
- January 31st - Colorado ABWM Board meeting
- March 16-21, 2020 - ABWM Mission Trip
- June 5-6, 2020 - Colorado ABWM Summer Conference
- June 16-19, 2020 - National ABWM National Conference

Have you seen Max
Lucado's new book?
Check it out.



Mission and Service



Our Missions and Service Project this year is YAWMAT which stands for Young Adult Ministries Advisory Team. YAWMAT serves as an ad-hoc team that gives input into AB Women's Ministries ministry with young women. This team is selected by the coordinator and the Executive Director and then recommended to the president for appointment.

We know it is not easy getting young women involved with AB Women's Ministries. This team is working diligently to go around different states and present programs that are interesting to young women. Who knows, maybe they will come to Colorado!

This team needs our support because they are not paid by AB Women's Ministries. Our goal is \$2,000.

I will announce our State Conference project in the next Lamplighter.

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Colorado American Baptist Women's Ministries Fall Board meeting



MY JOURNEY WITH ABWM

My journey on the board of ABW started in 2001 when I became President of ABWM of Colorado. Little did I know I would still be on it in 2019. I kind of knew what to expect because the former President, Mary Beth Mankin was very helpful and worked with me a lot. However the special love and respect I found at the board meeting was amazing. I felt like I belonged and would know everyone forever. The classes they had were very informative. From learning public speaking to learning the ins and outs of ABWM. Sharing ideas with other board members was very helpful too. I still keep in contact with many of these women. We are always looking for new ideas so don't be shy about sharing yours.

ABWM is a wonderful way to grow in your knowledge of Women in Ministry. Come join us and see how wonderful it is to work in the National Arena of ABWM. We have new and exciting things in the works. We've only just begun.

Did I mention the wonderful places I got to see? My favorite of course was Green Lake, WI. Just last summer I was at Virginia Beach, VA. Consider getting an application and spread your wings for GOD.



THE POWER OF PRAYER

Recently my son was on a Search and Rescue Mission on Longs Peak here in Colorado. After the rescue he fell and cracked some ribs. Little did he realize but, he also hit his head. As a result of his head injury he collapsed a few days later. After 3 1/2 hours of surgery he spent 2 weeks in ICU and is now in Craig Rehab Hospital in Denver. Expected to be there for some time. We all asked for prayers for him and unbelievably he started his long recovery. The Doctor is calling him a miracle man. We know it is all the prayers we have going. Over a thousand people from all over the world are praying for him. GOD IS GOOD. Trust in the Power of Prayer.

Blessings and Good Wishes

Jackie Arnold

Coordinator of the Western Section

Treasurer

Many of our ABWM groups and churches are now well into this new program year. In addition to scheduling meaningful opportunities for the personal growth and mission involvement of women in your church and community, I encourage you and your ABWM group to explore what entities and projects you will financially support during this program year.

If your group has not recently sent gifts designated for National Support, I particularly encourage you to do so at this time. Our National office provides leadership and programming that is important and beneficial to many of ABWM's state and local groups, and the National office needs additional operating funds to sustain projects that are relevant to many of today's women. Gifts for National Support, the State Project (supporting the Young Adult Women's Ministry Advisory Team), Women & Girls Mission Fund, and some other designated funds are all sent through me as Treasurer of Colorado ABWM, but that Love Gift monies should be sent directly from your church to the Region (American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains).

If you have any questions about how to get your ABWM gifts to the desired place at the recommended time, please contact me and we'll figure it out. I welcome calls at work 303-708-1300 x 206 any weekday from about 12 noon to about 6 PM. Or you can call me at home on the weekend at 303-688-3443, or email me if that's more convenient.

Thanks for all you do to support ABWM!

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Ever wonder what is going on with AB Women's Ministries? Who your national officers are? What resources might help you to plan a program or promote AB Women's Ministries? Go exploring... See what you can find... Help someone else learn about it...

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