

## Life Member's Newsletter – January 30, 2014



Many councils will be holding their annual meetings in January or February. It is a great time for the Life Members to invite new people to their councils as the President usually reads her annual report. This report details all the work this council has accomplished in the past year which would encourage a new member to join. Something to think about?

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Cecile Miller's grand-nephew is out of hospital and recovering at home. Cecile wishes to thank all the CWL guardian angels for their prayers.

Paisley is doing quite well now. She weighs 2 1/2 pounds after going down to 1 lb. 10 oz. She will be staying in the hospital in Edmonton for about six more weeks. Paisley is Mary MacLeod's great granddaughter.

Big brother, Jonah Ishmael Hessian Laird has a new baby brother. Eliyah Robert Hessian Laird was born on January 16<sup>th</sup> and taken home by his new mother on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the two boys and their mother, Shannon, in your prayers. All three are doing well!

A Life Member has asked for prayers for a relative that is suffering from cancer. "The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand. (Psalm 121:5)"

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On July 4-6, 2014. Steubenville Atlantic will take place in Halifax, N. S. The venue will be at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. A change from its usual sight in Antigonish. Can you imagine 1000 youth ages 14-18, praising God, admitting to loving Jesus out loud, and singing the praises of our Catholic faith, without having to listen to derisive remarks from their peers? This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year this has been held in Nova Scotia one of only two Conferences in Canada.

As Life Members we can take a hand in encouraging our councils to support these young people, not only with our prayers and emotional support but with financial support as well. The cost is going to depend on how far delegates will have to travel as well as their accommodations. I hope to have more information later.

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Did you know there have been 42 members in Nova Scotia who have received Life Member designations? Of the 13 deceased members I have received 13 biographies, with a great deal of help from others and that I only need 9 more to complete my project before the end of my term.

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Peace. Ann Bradbury, LML

## Life Member – Anne Fraser



Anne Catherine (Gentles) Fraser was born on December 27, 1914 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received a musical education and as a young woman was very active in community and church choirs, and as a piano teacher.

Anne married John Joseph (Joe) Fraser. They built a home in what was then known as Birch Cove, and this is where Anne and Joe raised their family of five girls. They were very active in the Rockingham community and active members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Anne was a charter member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help CWL Council which was formed in March 1956. She went on to hold many positions in the Catholic Women's League. She was president of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council, chairperson of many committees at the Diocesan level, and was Provincial CWL president from 1970-1972. She also was a member of the CWL National Council and was awarded a CWL Life Membership.

Anne was also actively involved in the Girl Guides of Canada. In 1957 Our Lady of Perpetual Help CWL sponsored the first Rockingham Brownie Pack and Anne became its first Brown Owl. She continued her work with the Girl Guides until her death. She was District, Division, Area and Provincial Commissioner. She also served on the National Council and was an elected member of the National Executive Council. Anne received many guiding awards including the Gold Thanks Badge, the Medal of Merit, the Beaver, and was an Honorary Life Member in the Girl Guides of Canada.

Anne received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1976, and was honoured by the Archdiocese of Halifax and presented with the Diocesan Medal of Merit by Archbishop James M. Hayes for outstanding leadership and service to her community.

Anne died of ovarian cancer in March, 1984, at the age of 69.

Anne was very proud of her association with the CWL and the Girl Guides, and she treasured the wonderful people she met through these organizations.

*Submitted by Anne's daughter, Susan Henry in January, 2014.*