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## RETREAT MEMORIES

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Gayle Caruso**

I have so many retreat memories that it's hard to choose just one. I've only been to seven or so, but I know that many of you have been to more and can look back on them as fondly as I can. I really love that they help us to restore, relax, and grow closer to God. We've had so many great retreat leaders and I can't wait to learn from Sharla Fritz in September.

One of my best memories was our last retreat in Melbourne, FL. We were just coming out of COVID and we weren't sure how many ladies would be willing to attend. We had a wonderful time with Wendysue Fluegge and the amazing staff at the Crowne Plaza. I can't tell you how beautiful the sunrises were as we woke up every morning overlooking the beach!

I also really enjoyed Lake Yale in central Florida. This camp setting lends itself to an outdoor retreat atmosphere. There were many areas to walk and be with God while enjoying

the simple pleasures of nature.

I'm look forward to our retreat at World Golf Village Renaissance Resort in St. Augustine. As you drive through the area, the trees make you feel as if you are driving through a park and of course there's a Bucee's! If you've never been, you need to make a stop. It's a Wawa on steroids!

I encourage you to attend the retreat and fellowship with the other women in our district. Let us restore and relax as we study Enough for Now: Unpacking God's Sufficiency with Sharla.

Please keep our retreat committee in your prayers as they continue to work toward a wonderful retreat and I look forward to seeing you in St. Augustine September 22-24, 2023!



## VP COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Hanes

One afternoon many moons ago, I with a few others went for a casual walk together. We stumbled upon a small two-story building backed up against a forested hill, surrounded by compacted snow, likely the combination of what fell and what got plowed. After a few minutes of standing in front of the building, someone suggested we climb on the roof and jump into the snowbank piled high to the right of it. It didn't take long for us to unanimously agree with this idea. However, once we were up there, no one seemed to want to go first. So, I volunteered to lead the way. There were only a couple of feet between the roof we were standing on and the top of the snowbank. Yet it took about 20 questions and ten minutes of me stalling before I finally took the plunge.

This personal memory of a retreat I was on still

makes me smile. It reminds me of how bold, daring, and curious I once was, and may occasionally still be. But it's also symbolic of how I view retreats.

Retreats are an opportunity for God to work and for the unexpected to happen – especially when I attend with an open and vulnerable heart, regardless of my current circumstances. There's something about having the guest speaker with a Biblical theme, small group discussions, fellowship, quiet prayer times, and opportunities for personal reflection – all compacted into a weekend that leaves me with a satisfied smile at the end



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Christine Jennison

It's summer time and we are looking forward to our fall retreat which has always been, for me, an eagerly awaited event. It is a time to get reacquainted with friends, worship together, give gifts that will help others, sing praises to our All Mighty God, enjoy the world He has given us, and to learn, study, and grow in the knowledge of His word.

Attaching these joys with my job has become an interesting aspect of it. We share our money with others and are blessed with a time to worship and fellowship. It reminds me of Acts 4:32 when the early believers shared what they had with others who were in need.

**Our sharing this quarter from mid-February to the end of April included:**

**Mission Grants:** In memory of Steve McCarthy by Karen McCarthy

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**YWR:** Good Shepherd, Gainesville, GA

**Prayer Service:** Peace Dunnellon, FL

**Mites:** \$ 23,310.56

**Spring Rally:** SW FL-GA District

Heartland

Sarasota

Winter Haven

Treasure Coast

Suncoast

Tropical

**LWML Sunday:** Marco Lutheran Women, Marco, FL

St. Michaels Lutheran, Fort Myers, FL

Zion Lutheran, Fort Myers, FL

Bethlehem Lutheran, Fort Myers, FL

Grace Lutheran, Naples, FL

We must thank God for His blessings and for the LWMLers of the FL-GA District who share those blessings with others.



## VP MISSION SERVICE

Silvia Grasberger

### Personal Memory of My Last Retreat

Seems like it was not long ago when I attended the 2021 retreat in beautiful Melbourne Beach, FL. The theme was “Water Walk”; and how appropriate a theme it was. The hotel overlooked the beautiful Atlantic Ocean skirted with white sand, rolling waves and majestic sunrises, Gods’ masterpiece of course!

One of my most memorable moments of the retreat was spending time with one of my dearest friends, Mary Anderson on the beach. Our friendship started back when I first joined Grace Lutheran, St. Petersburg. Mary was the one who introduced me to the LWML and it’s been a blessing ever since. One afternoon during our free time at the retreat Mary and I headed down to the beach. Mary was determined to walk down to the water with her walker and noodle in hand. The ocean was very rough, and the current was strong; I had a hard time just standing on the edge of the shore. But Mary marched forward and onward to the water only to get hit by a wave and down she

went. The next thing I know there were two strapping young men pulling her out of the water. Thank God they were close by as I could not get her up myself.

I asked Mary, “weren’t you scared? She simply replied no, I knew Jesus was with me.

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you* (Isaiah 43:2 NIV).

Looking forward to making new memories at our retreat in St. Augustine! God’s Peace to you.



Mary Anderson,  
Full of Life and  
Love!



## VP SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Carol Jones

What I enjoy most about LWML retreats is the relaxed atmosphere and the free time to explore the unique surroundings of the venues. Some servant and prayer walks I enjoyed were along the Gulf in St. Petersburg, Florida, beside the river at a retreat center in Norcross, Georgia, along the beach at Melbourne, Florida and through the historic area on Jekyll Island, Georgia. Each retreat is an opportunity to enjoy the beauty and diversity of this amazing world God created.

My favorite memory was at the 2019 retreat at Lake Yale. My roommate Linda and I were heading toward the lake for the early morning sunrise devotion and remembrance service. As we came around the last building - all of a sudden - there it was - the most beautiful morning sky I have ever seen in my life!! It was so intense and so majestic that it seemed unreal, as if someone had painted a backdrop. It literally took our breath away. Thankfully Linda took a picture and whenever I look at it, I can still remember that feeling. I can’t help but wonder...if God can create something so

beautiful in this broken world, how much more incredible will it be to see the new heaven and new earth to come in all its perfection? I cannot even imagine it.

But while I wait for that glorious view, I will continue to enjoy the special memories of past LWML retreats and the beauty of the unique locations of future retreats. The true beauty is that each retreat holds the gift of its own special memories.





**VP MISSION GRANTS****Karen McCarthy**

There is something very special about getting away from the everyday pace of things and spending time surrounded by sisters (and brothers) in Christ, growing in His Word, praying, singing, and just **being** with the Creator at a district retreat. Waking up to the sounds of the ocean, birds singing, moss gently swaying on tall and/or gnarled trees, or the greens of an expansive golf course—each retreat leaves one with its own cherished memories.

To “retreat” is to get away for a while from the busyness of everyday life and to surrender to our Lord—to *just be* in God’s presence. It is to put Psalm 46:10 (one of my favorite verses) into practice: *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be*

*exalted in the earth* (NIV). District retreats are mountain-top experiences that renew and refresh the soul and bond attendees together in the Lord. All retreat sites are unique and soul-lifting experiences—Atlanta and the Golden Isles of Georgia to High Springs, St. Petersburg Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Lake Yale, and Bradenton in Florida to name a few.

I don’t know about you, but I can’t wait for the upcoming retreat in St. Augustine shortly. I hope you will be there to enjoy and experience it with me! It is sure to be another “growing and going in the Lord” weekend!

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**News from Mission Grant Recipients**

**Ministry in Mission (Haitian Earthquake Response):** The project is ongoing despite horrible conditions in Haiti. They have started repairing and rebuilding churches and homes. Reconstruction helps bring normalcy to the general population.

**4 Kenya’s Kids:** Point of Grace Academy received funds for the additional cow and barn materials from a donor, so our grant funds have been approved for building materials to build and/or repair the fire damage to the boys’ dorm.

**Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program:** Our funds are helping feed children at Bariadelle Lutheran School in Jeremie, Haiti, a school serving 174 Lutheran children. The grant will provide 40,000 meals over two school years.

**Feed the Children—Peru:** Funds drawn in April covered monthly costs for breakfast three days a week for approximately 275 children.

**Blessings in a Backpack:** The program is feeding 115 children weekly with 2 breakfast items, 2 entrée items, and 2 snacks as well as including a special treat with a message of God’s love.

**MISSION TRIP COORDINATOR****Scarlet Holcombe**

Update: Point of Grace Academy in Kisumu, Kenya, LWML FL-GA mission trip 11/22

The boys’ dorm room above the chapel caught fire 4/29/2023, where 82 of the boys live - 5th to 8th grade. We give thanks to God that no one was hurt. The building sustained major damage and the boys have lost all of their belongings plus their beds. The average cost to replace their items is about \$300 per person, not including a dorm for them to reside in. (See article under Mission Grants)

Pastor Tim and I, along with 14 other team members, are going to Kenya the first two weeks in June. We are collecting new and gently used clothing to take to the boys. The only item that has to be brand new and in the package is underwear.

Please keep Point of Grace Academy and these boys in your prayers. If you can help in any way, please donate on their website: [www.4kenyaskids.org](http://www.4kenyaskids.org), or contact me: 404-323-1323 or [scarletholcombe2@gmail.com](mailto:scarletholcombe2@gmail.com)

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER****SR. COUNSELOR— Rev. Tim Brown****Favorite Memory from a Retreat.**

My memory comes from the last LWML FLGA District Retreat. I very much enjoyed the entire retreat. But something that Wendysue said stuck with me, or maybe it was the painting that was used for the slide at that point. It showed Jesus looking down through the water and reaching for Peter. You can see the bottom of His feet, He is standing on top of the water, while Peter is underneath the water.

*<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:28-33 ESV)*

The point was made as to how long it took for Peter to sink from the time he took his eyes off of Jesus to the time he was underwater. I tried

the experiment when I got home, I stepped out onto the water of my pool, and low and behold, I was immediately underwater. The picture showed it as it likely was, even as Peter was crying out, he was going under. But Jesus is more powerful than the waves, and more powerful than Peter's fear.

It stuck with me that even though I feel Jesus doesn't respond, or is slow in responding, He is there, and He is responding, He never leaves, never forsakes, never forgets His children. When we are faced with the wind and the waves, and we cry out, we remember that Jesus is more powerful than our fears. There is a Christian song by Josh Wilson which has this line in the refrain, "The things that I'm afraid of, are afraid of You." (Josh Wilson: The things that I'm afraid of" © 2021 Black River Entertainment) Listen to the song sometime. It speaks about situations, and a Savior who is with us and who gives us hope.

That is my memory of the Retreat, and it is my joy each day of my life. Pastor Tim

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August 5, 2023

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the LWML FL-GA District is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad.

## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lois Ford

Summer is around the corner. Schools are finishing up their last lessons and last exams of the school year. The students are anxious for a slight break or, in the case of some students, anxious to hear where the Lord is calling them to serve. Did you know that 15 churches didn't receive a requested vicar this year? And 22 churches will not receive a new pastor candidate this year either. (Their call day is later in May.) **There is a church worker shortage!!!**

Good news: **Trevor Hudlin**, (right), of Mt. Calvary in Warner Robins, GA will be spending his summer working with the children and youth at Mt. Calvary for the summer then in the fall remain to complete his internship as he continues his work becoming a Director of Christian Education at Concordia Irvine. God's Blessings Trevor!!

**Nicholas Sinatra** from Roswell GA has been assigned to be St. Peter's vicar in Arlington, WI.

A FL-GA district connection: **Jacob Scheler** will be serving his vicarage at St. Paul's in Boca Raton, FL. Jacob is the son of Rev. Jason and Kristi Scheler, of Hope on the Beach LC in Santa Rosa, FL. It is in the Southern District of the LC-MS. BUT Kristi is from St. John, Ocala and one of my former students! What a legacy and proud momma moment!

How can YOU help? **Support** our scholarship fund by your gifts to the MITE fund or gifts to the Love Gift account.

**THANK GOD** for His Son who demonstrated His love for us on the cross and His gift of sufficiency!! Know that our God is a God of sufficiency! Trust His sufficiency. "Enough For Now"- Sharla Fritz



## ATLANTA ZONE

Sarah Elston, Maria Parrish - Co-Presidents

Fifty-five ladies, two Pastors and one guest met at Living Faith to worship, fellowship, conduct zone business and do Bible study. Thanks to Pastor Droegemueller and Pastor Faile for helping to make the day a success.

The Atlanta Zone was on the brink of disbanding without a volunteer to be President. We amended our bylaws to allow for Co-Presidents. We are hoping to encourage the 20 churches in our zone to become more active, starting here at LFLC. This will be a learning curve since neither of us have done this before. We are thankful for the past executives who are so willing to help us out. Looking forward to meeting more FL/GA

ladies at the National Convention!



L-R: Outgoing Treasurer Carolyn Hahn-Swanson, Newly elected Co-Presidents Maria Parrish and Sarah Elston, Outgoing President Janet Brossett, Newly elected Treasurer Louise Cox.



# Around the Zones...

## GREATER ORLANDO ZONE – FL

Carol Lynn Scheer - President

Forty ladies from seven churches attended our spring rally at Prince of Peace, Orlando April 15. Our theme was "Trust and Obey". The rally's Gifts from the Heart included a large quantity of useful items to be used in the ministry of the local Samaritan Resource Center ([www.samaritanresourcecenter.org](http://www.samaritanresourcecenter.org) or 407-482-0600). Sharleen Jespersen, a member at Prince of Peace, shared their church's involvement in this mostly volunteer staffed organization which serves the area's homeless. Open weekdays, they offer showers, hot lunch, laundry service, a change of clothes, counseling as needed, and other resources.



## HEARTLAND ZONE – FL

Jean Harrison - President

Our Spring Rally was held at Faith Lutheran in Clewiston, FL on March 25th. Our theme was *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord* (Joshua 24:15). We began with a Communion Service led by our LWML Counselor Pastor, Anthony Arias. Our Gifts From the Heart went to Cross Training Ministries in Clewiston, FL. They are led by Mr. Mike Pittman in a Christian-based program designed to take young men, ages 18-25, into leading a faithful and productive life. It has been very successful and has a very bright future of sending young men into society as Christian gentleman. Several of the young men gave testimonials of how grateful they were to have been or be in this program to turn their lives around and start them in the right direction towards our Lord and clean, productive living. We finished with a wonderful luncheon and dessert.

### We want news about YOUR zone!

Send a **paragraph** and **pictures** [evangel.flga@gmail.com](mailto:evangel.flga@gmail.com) to be included in an upcoming issue!  
**Please identify everyone**

## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ZONE

Cinara Navarro - President

Our Spring Rally was at Faith, Lecanto. The ladies did an excellent job hosting! Besides the great food and fellowship with friends, the highlight was the skit written by one of their ladies: Women of Faith from the Bible. About 10 of them took turns as the different women from Eve to Mary Magdalene, including Jezebel! They told their stories of who they were, and where they were in Jesus' genealogy or ministry.

Our Gifts of the Heart recipient was Citrus Pregnancy Center.

# Around the Zones...

## NORTHEAST GEORGIA ZONE

Kitty Anderson - President

LWML Members from two zones, Northeast Georgia and Atlanta, gathered at Oak Road Lutheran Church on April 29 for our annual LWML Zone Prayer Service. The time included fellowship, food, discussion of voting at the national convention in Milwaukee, and the LWML FL-GA District Retreat in September. We collected and blessed personal care items for the SWAG Bag project by Nothing but the Truth Ministries in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Below: Kitty Anderson, Sarah Elston, Maria Parrish, Eileen Albinger, Denise Tanner, Linda Koch, Trish Aamoth, Karyn Sheldon, Linda Kieffer, Deloris Cheatwood, Pam Clem, Catherine Spenser, Sherry Anderson, Lynette Kindt, Karen Koseshel, Sherry Zierold, Cheryl West and Ellen East)



## TROPICAL ZONE – FL (cont.)

Jenny Lenchner - President



Above: Impromptu rehearsal for a Spanish version of "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

Our zone has many Hispanic members within our several groups with two of them- San Pablo and Hospital De Alma, solely Hispanic. This spring rally was our first official combined Hispanic/English Rally!

## TROPICAL ZONE – FL

Jenny Lenchner - President



Left: Winners of our fun Attendance Trophy- Faith Lutheran with Pastors Left to right: Rev. Luis Diaz- Faith, and Rev. Estaban Mesa-Monte De Sion, a brand-new LCMS Hispanic church with a new LWML Unit.

Right (with trophy): Left Tropical Zone President- Jennifer Lenchner, Holy Cross and Julie Kociuba, VP of Hispanic Tropical LWML- Faith.



# Around the Zones...

## TREASURE COAST ZONE – FL

Cheryl Nolte - President

Now that the pandemic is almost over, our zone has been working hard to renew fellowships. The masks have been removed, but we are all still wearing our anchors with Jesus as our core!

The theme of our spring rally, along with South Palm Beach Zone, at Redeemer in Stuart was: *Jesus said, “Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men”* (Matt 4:19 MSB), and the Redeemer ladies were gracious hosts.

As my last *Evangel* article as Zone President, it is a joy to serve with you. Through His power, for His glory, may we continue to serve!



Karen McCarthy – VP Mission Service, speaking about missions, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, with members of the Treasure Coast Zone (and one young helper).

## ST. PETERSBURG ZONE – FL

Gail Leppert - President



Our new Zone Banner!

## 2023 ZONE RALLY DATES

### ATLANTA

Living Faith, Cummings, GA  
Sat., TBD, 2023

### EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA

Trinity, Savannah, GA  
Sat., October 21, 2023

### GOLD COAST

Gloria Dei, Davie, FL  
Sat., October 7, 2023

### GREATER ORLANDO

Holy Cross, Lake Mary, FL  
Sat., October 14, 2023

### NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Good Shepherd, Gainesville, GA  
Sat., October 21, 2023

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Our Redeemer, Ocala, FL  
Sat., October 21, 2023

### SARASOTA

Beautiful Savior, Sarasota, FL  
Sat., October 21, 2023

### S PALM BEACH

St. Paul, Boca Raton, FL  
Sat., October 21, 2023

### SOUTHWEST

Faith, Naples, FL  
Sat., October 28, 2023

### TALLAHASSEE

Trinity, Crawfordville, FL  
Sat., October 7, 2023

### TREASURE COAST

Faith, North Palm Beach, FL  
Sat., November 4, 2023

### TROPICAL

Concordia, Miami, FL  
Sat., November 11, 2023



## 2023 Retreat Registration Form



**Theme: Enough for Now**  
**Speaker: Sharla Fritz**

**Friday, Sept. 22 –**  
**Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023**

Renaissance World Golf Village  
 500 South Legacy Trail  
 St. Augustine, FL 32092  
 (904) 940-8000

Complete this form OR register and pay online at [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ YWR (Young Women's Registration)

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☐ Driving

☐ Flying | Airline & Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEALS

Dinner Choice

☐ Roasted Chicken

☐ Roasted pork tenderloin

Dietary Restrictions

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Gluten Free

Allergies

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### REGISTRATION

\_\_\_\_ \$135 Early Registration Postmarked on or before **June 30, 2023**

\_\_\_\_ \$180 Registration Postmarked July 1 thru **August 26, 2023**

\_\_\_\_ \$200 Late Registration after August 26, 2023

Cancellation Fee: \$25. **No refunds after August 26, 2023**

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Please read the **Information Sheet** before submitting this registration form.



# 2023 Retreat Information Sheet

Friday, Sept. 22 – Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

**Gifts from the Heart** | The St. Gerard Campus, a Faith based, pro-life, non-for-profit located in St. Augustine, Florida, focused on the empowerment of young parents, families, and our community through support, education, and healing. Established in the early 1980's by founder Carol Wolf. The mission was to support pregnant mothers in need who have been shunned by family and seeking support. In 1987, SGC was opened at its current location and since then has developed a fully accredited Christian High School, licensed maternity home, onsite daycare facility, adoption assistance and a pregnancy resource center. The mission has remained a pro-life, faith-based, safe-haven for mothers ranging from ages 12-20. Services are available and free to all the women in the community.

St. Gerard Maternity Home and Resource Center  
1405 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
<https://stgerardcampus.org/>

**St. Gerard**  
MATERNITY HOME AND RESOURCE CENTER

## Donations Needed

- |   |                       |
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| – Diapers (currently size Newborn, 4, 5, and 6) | – Toiletry items      |
| – Baby wipes                                    | – Toothbrushes        |
| – Baby formula                                  | – Toothpaste          |
| – Burp cloths                                   | – Deodorant           |
| – Diaper cream                                  | – Travel size shampoo |
| – Pacifier                                      | – Facial wash cloths  |
| – Soft swaddling blankets                       | – Combs               |

Cash and check donations accepted.

**Make checks out to LWML FL-GA District**  
and note "Gifts from the Heart" on your check.

We will send them one check.



**Servant Event** | Those attending the retreat will gather to sort and stuff the toiletry items in small bags. These bags are distributed to the girls as needed in the home and community. We will also include cards with words and prayers of inspiration handwritten by the participants at the event.

**Registration** | The form is in the Summer Evangel or register and pay online at [www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com).



**Special Guest** | Sharla Fritz has been described as an amazing eye-opening speaker and author. Her books *God's Relentless Love*, *Enough for Now*, *Waiting*, *Soul Spa*, *Divine Design*, and *Bless These Lips* have given thousands of women the tools to dig into Scripture and experience a transformation of their attitudes and heart. With light-hearted stories and thought-provoking applications, she makes Bible study fun and uplifting.



Sharla's articles have appeared at iBelieve.com, incourage.com, The Mudroom, the Redbud Post, Today's Christian Woman, Just Between Us, and Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Stitching her messages with humor and honesty, Sharla speaks to hundreds of women each year at retreats, luncheons, and mom's groups.

Sharla makes her home in the Chicago area where she is also a pastor's wife, mother, grandmother, musician, and confirmed chocoholic. And if she isn't sitting at her piano or computer, you might find her stalking fabulous fashion finds at the local resale shop.

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#### Hotel

World Golf Village Renaissance  
500 South Legacy Trail  
St. Augustine, FL 32092  
(904) 940-8000

Check-In: 4:00 p.m.  
Check-Out: 11:00 a.m.  
Parking: Complimentary

#### Meals

The following meals are included with your registration:

- Saturday: 1) Continental Breakfast, 2) Boxed Lunch to Go, 3) Plated Dinner
- Sunday: 1) Continental Breakfast

#### Preferred Airport

Jacksonville International Airport  
2400 Yankee Clipper Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32218  
(904) 741 4902

#### Directions to World Golf Village Renaissance

Take I-95 south/north to exit 323, International Golf Parkway. Following the exit, turn right onto International Golf Parkway, and right again into the main entrance to World Golf Village. Then follow signs to your destination of choice. Parking for the World Golf Hall of Fame is located behind the World Golf Village Shops.

#### Deadlines and Refunds

- Registration Deadline | Early registration postmarked or completed online by Friday, **June 30, 2023**. Regular registration must be postmarked or completed online by Saturday, **August 26, 2023**.
- Hotel Reservation Deadline | Saturday, **August 26, 2023**. After this date, guests will be quoted the prevailing rate at the time of the reservation.
- Refunds | Given if you cancel **on or before August 26, 2023**. There is a \$25 cancellation fee.





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Make all checks payable to LWML FL-GA District

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**MISSION GRANTS DISBURSED AS OF 5/1/2023**

GRANT RECIPIENT	GRANT	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Scholarships for Pastoral & Church Worker Students	\$30,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$16,000.00
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
A Rising Need, A Spiritual Opportunity	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Blessings in a Backpack	7,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Healthy Children	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Feed the Children— Peru	5,000.00	3,176.00	1,824.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	7,500.00	2,000.00	5,500.00
Filling Haitian Children Spiritually and Physically	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rebecca's Garden of Hope Next Level	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Christ Lutheran Mission	8,800.00	0.00	8,800.00
What Does This Mean— Bible Books for Haitian Families	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00
Lutheran Hands & Hearts Helping with Haitian Earthquake Response	8,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central & S. America	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Migrant Resettlement and Assistance	7,432.23	4,000.00	3,432.23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>147,232.23</b>	<b>35,676.00</b>	<b>111,556.23</b>



Left: sand from each zone at Memorial and Remembrance service, Melbourne.

Right: Carol Alberts with Comfort Dogs at Lake Yale.

