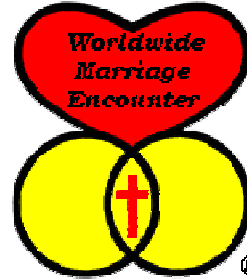


Our Love Connection



From our Ecclesial Team

Dear Loving WWME Community,

Your M.E.Q. is your amazing inviting efforts!

Thanks to everyone who went the extra mile to invite for the May weekend. It was great to not have to cancel. Please continue your inviting efforts as you go to gatherings with friends and family this summer. We all need to work together to make the WWME dream of encountering all married couples a reality!

It was such a pleasure to see so

many couples at the Macomb Zone Community Night. Our hosts had to bring out more tables to accommodate the crowd. Thank you once again to our wonderful speakers Gary & Margie Graham (our sincere apologies for getting the names wrong in our last letter). Their very deep and personal presentation was truly inspiring to all who attended. It was one of the best presentations we have ever heard!

Our WWME Community has been very blessed with so many willing to give so much of themselves. This month we ask you to warmly welcome

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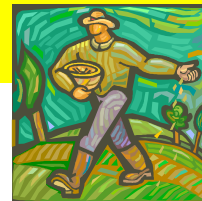
Thanks for being our love connection

After over 5 years of service as newsletter editors, **Mike and Kim Potter** have “retired” from this ministry. Thanks for keeping our community connected. Thanks, too, for all you do to share the dream and spread the joy of WWME!

Plant a Seed

During the Spring and Summer, we have many opportunities to invite family and friends on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Recently at a bridal shower when a family friend asked me (Renee) what I was up to, I handed her a WWME Trifold and talked to her about my experience on the Weekend. I then invited her and her husband.

We know many of you will have inviting opportunities at First Communion parities, showers, weddings, summer picnics, family reunions, etc. These are times when we can plant a seed that may sprout in ways we never expected. Maybe a cousin doesn't attend a Weekend, but she tells a friend who does. Or maybe you will hear “Oh, thank you. We so need this.” We heard this recently from a friend who in the past had no interest in attending a Weekend.



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weekend dates

2007

- ♥ **Jun 22-24**
- ♥ **Sep 14-16**
- ♥ **Oct 19-21**
- ♥ **Nov 16-18**

From Our Ecclesial Team, continued

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Bill & Phyllis Rosen as our new Newsletter Editor's and Dennis and Mary Fogel as our new Financial Couple!!! They too, are true examples of love, sharing their time and talents with all of us. May God bless them in their new leadership roles. **Our MANY thanks and blessings** to Mike & Kim Potter, our outgoing Newsletter Editors and Rick & Cindy LaFond our outgoing Financial Couple.

Other couples such as Jean & Larry Larson and Mary & Scott Larsen have been busy finalizing plans for the WWME Camping weekend. June 22-24th at Proud Lake. (see page 3). They invite you to come for the day or the weekend and bring the kids or grandkids!

These are just a few of the MANY wonderful couples who make up our WWME Community, our sincere thanks to everyone who helps from the smallest task to the largest, we hope you know how much we appreciate all you do for all of us! We love you all!!

Last month our sharing was about what makes us

laugh. This month we decided to continue with the theme of laughter and dialogued on the question: **HDIF hearing you laugh?**

I (David) wrote, when I hear you laugh it brightens my day and puts me at ease throughout the day. Your laughter is music to my ears and it goes directly to my heart.

I feel at ease. My feeling is similar to a walk on the beach. It's like sleeping in on a Saturday when we have an open calendar. My feeling's strength is a much welcomed 8 on a scale of 1 to 10. The color is a beautiful rainbow after a needed rain shower. The touch is a pillow and blanket on a cold evening.

I (Jane) wrote, when I hear you laugh I know that at least for that moment in time you are happy and life is good.

I feel uplifted at these times. It's like running unexpectedly into a old friend while shopping. The taste would be a surprise trip to the ice cream shop. It's an 8 on a scale of 1 to 10. The touch is your arms around me when we are dancing a slow

dance. The color would be cotton candy pink. The smell is cookies baking in the oven.

We pray that your daily dialogue time is as important to you as ours is to our relationship. If you haven't made a commitment to dialogue daily we challenge you to give it a try for a month. If you would like to share a special dialogue time you've had please send it to our new Newsletter editor's Bill & Phyllis Rosen at wjr@wowway.com

As always PRAY for the couples on Weekends everywhere, and PLEASE KEEP ON INVITING!! We can change the world one couple at a time!!!

We're going places with God in the driver's seat!

*Love & prayers,
David & Jane Dewald*

Planting Seeds, continued

If everyone keeps planting seeds (inviting), our garden (community and world) will continue to grow in beauty. One couple at a time we really are changing the world.

Everyone is doing great work getting the word out about the inviting challenge. The Hearts of the Hills earned the Bahamas (5 couples did a Novena), India (5 couples dialogued 30 days in a row) and Saipan (Bill and Phyllis are Newsletter editors). If your WEDS group has completed a challenge, let us know.

If you have any questions about Worldwide WEDS or inviting, please contact Chris and Renee Pall at 248-374-0760 or wwme@thepalls.com

**Inviting Dialog Question:
How do I feel when we share the dream?**



WWME Let's Go Camping



When: June 22, 23, 24 (Friday night, Saturday, Sunday morning)

Where: Proud Lake Recreation Area

3500 Wixom Road

Commerce Twp, MI 48382

Phone: (248) 685-2433

Cost: State Park Pass - \$ 24.00 for the year or \$ 6.00 a day

Plus Camping: \$ 20.00 a night

Reservations: Call 1-800-44P-ARKS

<http://www.midnrreservations.com/campgrounds/searchcriteria.cfm>, choose Proud Lake Recreation

Ask for one of these sites – 42, (43 Larson's), 44, or 45. These sites are not reserved, so it's on a first come first served basis. There are also two Mini Cabins near by – But I am sure they will go fast, so if you want one call soon.

Hey - don't like camping? Join us for the day Saturday July 23 and just have fun

- Craft for kids (Saturday morning sometime),
- Swim, Canoe, walk some trails
- Mass around 4:00 (if we can get a Priest), Pot Luck Supper, Family Dialogue around the camp fire.

For further information call

Larry and Jean Larson at (586) 323-9054 or Scott and Mary Larsen at (248) 669-9535



WWME Let's Go Golfing

Hey golfers! It's that time of year again. Its time to sign up for the 14th annual Marriage Encounter Golf Outing. This year's outing will be held at the prestigious **Rackham Golf Club** located on Ten Mile Road near the Detroit Zoo on **Saturday, August 4th at 2:00pm**. Last year's outing had another record 12 couples vying for the coveted M.E. Golf Trophy and matching his/her jackets (donated by the Ashe's). So this year's event is surely one that will bring out enough feelings to fuel our daily dialogues for weeks to come.

As in past years, a scotch doubles format is used, where spouses tee off, hit each others drivers, then choose a ball to play for the remainder of the hole alternating shots. Last year a handicap system was introduced that worked well it will be used again this year.

Afterwards, we'll enjoy the camaraderie and fine dining on the roof top at **Memphis Smoke Restaurant** in nearby Royal Oak. Non-golfers are more than welcome to join us for dinner. So mark your calendars and send in your registration today.

Cost is \$60 per couple which includes nine holes and a cart. Many couples have experienced and enjoyed the fun only golfing with your spouse and close M.E. friends can offer. We hope to see you there for a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship.

Please mail this completed form and your registration fee to reserve your spot. Include eMail address for tee times info.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ eMail Address: _____

Would like to golf with: _____

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Be the Light

for our family, our community, our Church, our World!!

<http://wwme-sec7.org/convention/index.html>

July 20-22, 2007

Collinsville, Illinois

Register now for the 2007 **Be the Light** WWME Convention
sponsored by Sections 6 and Section 7

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY.
INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE.

Our Favorite Dialogue Questions



Staffing the Dialogue Booth at the Rally gave us a great opportunity to see many of you and share stories related to your favorite dialogue question. For those who were unable to be at the Rally, we invite you to reflect now on your favorite question and dialogue on it tonight. In the following days and weeks, perhaps you'd like to explore the feelings you experience when you use the dialogue questions submitted at the booth.

- ♥ How does God guide us in our love daily? DILD
- ♥ Read the scriptures for the day reflect on the Lord's message. WAMFAT?
- ♥ If I was a present for you, what would I be? HDMAMMF?
- ♥ How does it make you feel when Jesus says "forgive your enemies"? Who do you need to forgive?
- ♥ How can I help my partner to increase their faith? HDMAMMF?
- ♥ What kind of fruit are you to me? DILD
- ♥ If I were a fruit, what kind of fruit would I be? WAMFAT?
- ♥ Describe your Spring Fever in loving detail.
- ♥ What was my best feeling today? DILD
- ♥ What was my strongest feeling today?
- ♥ What are my feelings today?
- ♥ What was my greatest challenge today? HDIFAT?
- ♥ How do I feel when you call me during the day?
- ♥ Did I think about you today? HDIFAMA?
- ♥ What is your favorite trip together? HDIFAMA?
- ♥ What is your favorite idea of a vacation? WAMFAT?
- ♥ What separates OUR love from other couples'? HDIFAT?
- ♥ What is my favorite memory of how you romanced me? HDIFAT?
- ♥ I love thinking about our dating days. DILD our first kiss.
- ♥ What is your favorite memory of our wedding? WAMFAT?
- ♥ When did I feel closest to you? HDMAMMF?
- ♥ You fill the gaps in my life. HDMAMMF?
- ♥ What gaps do you fill in my life? HDMAMMF?
- ♥ What will we be doing when we are 80? WAMFAT?
- ♥ Why don't we dialogue more often? WAMFAT?
- ♥ Why don't we make love more often? HDMAMMF?

Enjoy!!

Hugs, **Pat & Ron Anderson**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—2007 DATES

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

June 13 @ Larry & Jean Larson's
 August TBD (Sat/Sun) @ David & Jane Dewald's
 September 19 @ TBD
 November 14 @ TBD

HOSTING Weekend Dates:

June 22-24 Wayne-Monroe
 September 14-16 Macomb
 October 19-21 Oakland
 November 16-18 Wayne-Monroe

DETROIT WWME COMMUNITY EVENTS:

June 22-24 WWME Family Campout—Proud Lake
 July 20-22 Section 6 Convention (Collinsville, IL)
 Sat Aug 4 WWME Golf Outing (Rackham Golf Course)
 Sat Sep 22 Community Night (Wayne Zone hosts)
 Sat Oct 20 Day of Romance (Macomb Zone hosts)
 Sun Oct 28 World Priest Day (Wayne Zone hosts)
 Sun Dec 2 Christmas Mass and Social (Advisory Council host - (Location & Time TBD)
 Sat Jan 5, 2008 Christmas Dinner-Dance ((Location & Time TBD) Oakland Zone)

International Convention—2008

One World One Family - 40 years

Save The Date!

WWME International Convention

ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY 40 YEARS

June 27 – 29, 2008
 Ontario Convention Center,
 Ontario California
<http://convention.wwme.org/>

Rekindle your own relationship, celebrate your sacrament. Meet other couples and priests from all over the world who will be coming to celebrate their love and the 40th anniversary of Marriage Encounter. Start thinking of old friends who have moved away that you will want to invite.



A Community Night to Remember

Kudos go out to the Macomb Zone for hosting the WWME Detroit area Community Night on May 12, 2007. About 30 couples attended the evening at St. Lawrence Parish in Utica. The St. Lawrence ME contingent was out in force with five couples attending.

The evening was especially memorable because of the brave and compelling presentation given by **Marge and Gary Graham**. The theme of the talk and evening was *The Refuge from the Storm*. Marge and Gary told the poignant story of their family's storm in confronting and living with Bipolar Disorder. The witness of their faith in God and one another rang through as they related some of the struggles and tragedies as well as the love that helped them endure. They credit God and their faith as their refuge from the storm. They also credit the support of the ME community as another refuge lending support, prayer and assistance.

The audience was challenged with this 10/10 dialogue question: "What is the

storm and refuge in our marriage?" WAM-FAT? For group/table sharing, the dialogue question was: "What are the positive aspects of our refuge from the storm?" HDIFAT?

Community Night is a chance for all encountered couples to come together in fellowship and sharing. The format is similar to a typical WEDS meeting with the added spice of meeting and sharing with new and old friends. Community Night occurs two times a year each sponsored by one of the zones. The next Community Night will be hosted by the Wayne Zone and is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Thanks to the WEDS groups of the Macomb Zone (Dream Keepers, Passionate Partners, Loyal Lovers, Northern Lights, and Laughing Lovers) for hosting this rewarding evening. And special thanks to Gary and Marge for sharing deeply and openly.

Summertime Fun

Check out the camping weekend or just go for the day. Also, the golf outing scotch format and handicap system avoids the rough and the sand traps and is great fun even for beginning golfers. (See page 3)

Believe in the Power of Prayer?

Pray for others-join us!

Prayer Request?

Send to Scott & Mary

at ismelarsen@comcast.net

News from the WEDs Groups

Send your reports of your WEDs group meetings for inclusion in this column



News from the Canton Kissers

The Canton Kissers met once in April at the home of **John and Laura Cavicchio**. We read an article titled “**Why I Go to Mass**,” then dialogued about the reasons we go to mass and what part of the mass most inspires us.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 23. Please call John and Laura at 734-455-1124 if you are interested in joining us!

News from Hearts of the Hills

The 4th Friday meeting of May covered the topic of Compassion. It included two stories. The first related how someone was moved by compassion to seek out and forgive another. The second story was about someone who did harm and was moved by compassion to make things right.

The dialog question for the evening was: “**HDIF when I show compassion to another?**”

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We welcome and encourage submissions from our readers!! We accept articles that support the values of the Marriage Encounter Weekend. Articles should fall into one of the following categories:

1. An incident or a period of your life that was strongly affected by living the Weekend values.
2. Teaching articles that provide support by citing personal experience, to couples, priests and religious

3. Articles about upcoming Marriage Encounter events or reports about community and sharing group events that have already taken place.
4. Poems or prayers or stories that relate to marriage and family life.

Please note: articles from other sources including the Internet must have permission to reprint in-

cluded.

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Mission: Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic experience and ongoing community support