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From the Editor:

Articles due by 25th of the month. Please get into Sherry McBroom via e-mail.

President's Corner! By Mattie Riley



The month of June has many special days. Graduations, graduation parties, the end of the school year and vacation days begin. But one of the most important June days is Father's Day. This day is a time set aside to give our fathers the recognition they are due.

Mrs. John Dodd first proposed the idea of a "fathers day" in 1909 to honor her father. Her father raised six children when his wife died giving birth to the sixth child. As an adult, she realized the strength and selflessness of her father raising his children as a single parent. It was not easy.

What Makes A Hero? By Wendy Shelton (daughter of Mattie Riley)

What makes a hero? Sometimes it may be a person who won a lot of medals in the war, or has gotten a lot of medals in the Olympics, or in some kind of sporting event.

As with most little girls, my Dad, Ray Shelton, was my knight in shining armor, my HERO.

He was a very quiet and hard working man. He wanted his family to have things that He did not have as a child. He had a very hard life as a child and did not talk about it. The main thing Dad did for all of us is that "He loved us with all His Heart." My Dad went to his final reward on December 28, 1978 just five days before the birth of his first grandchild. He had

The first Fathers Day was celebrated on June 19, 1909. President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of this special day being a national event. President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation in 1966 declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day .

As the leader in the home, our fathers are to be an example; both spiritually and morally. Being a father is the biggest job held by any man. Christian fatherhood is the divine ideal. We honor ourselves by honoring with our lives Christian fatherhood at its best—our dads.

Our earthly fathers are important in setting rules, guidelines

and unconditional love. Our Heavenly Father gives us guidelines to live by in His Word, the Bible. He gave us true, unconditional love by sending His Only Son to die on the cross for all mankind.

If your earthly father is living take time to let him know how much you love him.

Many of us have lost our earthly fathers and our looking forward to being reunited with him and our other loved ones in heaven. But most of all the greatest gift we will ever have is meeting our Heavenly Father and hearing Him say, "Welcome Home."

"Happy Father's Day."
Mattie

Everlasting life is not only a future hope but also the present possession of everyone who believes on Jesus Christ.

So to me JESUS WAS A HERO. He made a way for us all to have a home in Heaven one day, and I look forward to that day.

Even though it has been many years since My Hero went to Heaven, sometimes I stop and think how much my Dad loved me, my four brothers, Tom, Ron, David and Brian (who is with Dad now) and my Mother.

Just think how much more my Heavenly Father loved me and still loves me, he gave His only Son to die on the cross for me.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16



MI WAC Newsletter

Now on State
Association website:

www.mifwb.com

Look for the WAC
tab and find updates
and our newsletter.

**We appreciate
WNAC for all
they do for
FWB women
and missions.
Thank you!**



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WNAC update!



WNAC invites women everywhere to Shine! together at its 75th diamond anniversary celebration, July 19-20 in Oklahoma City.

This celebration coincides with the 75th annual WNAC Convention and will include times of worship and fellowship, remembrances of the past and vision casting for the future. Highlights of the two-day event include a special 75th anniversary presentation Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning worship time with veteran missionary Geneva Poole, the annual WNAC luncheon with speaker Anita Scott as well as the approval and introduction of a new WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer. All WNAC Convention events will take place in the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel. Sessions are free and all women are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Plan now to join hundreds of other women nationwide for this historic and spiritually rewarding experience. Make your reservations and purchase WNAC luncheon tickets now at <http://www.nafwb.org/2010convention>.

About our Speakers:

Geneva Poole, Tuesday morning worship speaker, is a veteran missionary to Brazil, serving with FWBIM. Geneva enjoys teaching, cooking and sharing the good news of salvation with everyone she encounters. Serving alongside her husband Bobby for almost 50 years, the Pooles credit God's grace for any and all accomplishments. Geneva recently authored her first book *Sharing God's*



Geneva Poole



Anita Scott

Grace, (available for purchase at the Convention) details God's calling and work in their lives and the flow of His grace through their family and through the lives He's allowed them to touch.

Anita K. Scott, WNAC Fellowship Luncheon speaker, is an Oklahoma native. She and her farmer husband Dean live near Waynette, Oklahoma and attend the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, Oklahoma. Deacon's wife, mother and phone support representative for a software company, Anita's life may appear ordinary. But a long ago family vacation forever changed her and granted Anita opportunities to experience God's extraordinary grace and power. You won't want to miss hearing Anita's unique and exciting story of how God has

prepared her to Shine! She has recently published her story in book form, available for purchase at the WNAC Convention booth. She will be signing copies there Tuesday afternoon immediately following the luncheon.

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## Help Send Kids2Camp

Looking for a summer project for your WAC or women's group? Please consider Kids 2 Camp. WAC groups have helped in the past, and the need for funds this year is crucial. You can send a child for just \$35. Find more information at <http://www.biblemission.org>. In order to expedite funds, please send monies directly to the WNAC office or give online through BMI.

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Provision Items Delivered to Nashville!

From Diane Conn to MIWAC!

It is a tremendous blessing to see the commitment to the Steward Provision Closet from the Michigan Women Active for Christ. As usual, seeing the number of items was overwhelming. We have already had some missionaries come through and collect some items they needed. They just kept telling me to thank the ladies for their generous donations. God bless you for your generosity!

The Michigan total was \$20,456.55. Thank you all for what you did. And thanks to Katy and Rudy for making the trip.

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Greetings from Spain—Kristi Johnson

Dear Michigan ladies,

Our church just finished up a series of children's lessons called "Run the Race" (*Correr la Carrera*). During these past months, the children have studied the book of Acts, learning about how God used the apostles to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. As a grand finale, they competed in the Evangelical Olympics in Madrid on May 15. It was a great day as we watched our little ones do the long jump, throw the shot put, and run in a marathon.

I had the privilege of being behind the camera right at the finish line of the marathon. I loved catching snapshots of each child as they made their way past that white line and realized they'd finished their race. But something caught my eye and kept my attention during the marathon of girls about

14 or 15 years old. Nearing the finish line, one girl had a look on her face of complete exhaustion. She'd given all of her energy to this race and had slowed to a walk and had almost completely stopped, just a few feet from the finish line. She wasn't going to make it. But then, through my camera lens, I saw another girl come running beside her, and they linked arms. Together they made it to the finish line.

I don't know about you, but there are times when I've had that "exhausted" look. When I wasn't sure if I could go on. There were too many obstacles to cross. Too much stress. Too many things on my agenda. But then someone came along and encouraged me. They sent an e-mail, or a card. Or maybe it was just a smile that said "You can do it!"

Many of you have been that encourager for us during the years that we've been in Spain. You have prayed for our family. You have sent notes. And they have given us the energy to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Thanks for being a "great cloud of witnesses" to the Johnson family as we work here in Spain!

Kristi Johnson



Spain



"Thanks" from the Riggs—France

Dear Ladies of Michigan,

Just a note to say thank you for all the work and sacrifices you are making on behalf of your missionaries. There's a lot we could write about, but for this letter we just want to say thank you. Your love, prayers, and sacrificial efforts have made such a difference in our lives and the lives of our children.

Our oldest son, Daniel, will be getting married this summer to a lovely girl, Gwennaëlle. As we think back over the years we realize how much our children's lives have been blessed through your generosity. Truly, all of our needs have been supplied, and many because of you.

Only eternity will show the mul-

titude of lives that have been blessed by the Gospel because of all that you do. Thank you so very much!

Steve & Becky Riggs

France



Good for what ails you!

By S. McBroom

For two years now I have been drinking two teaspoons of Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar in 8 ounces of purified water, three times a day. It has been one of the greatest things I have done for my health in a long time. It has helped the horrible arthritis pain in my knees, kept me "sinus infection" free for over two years and it burns fat. It also rids your body of toxins . . . through waste. It lowers blood pressure and cholesterol and is a great energy drink. And it's all natural. . . you can't beat that .

Did you know that organic apple cider will balance the acids in your system and turn it into an alkaline system? Cancer cannot live in an alkaline system!

If you think you can't stand the taste, put a little honey or Stevia in it to help.



For good health, check it out!

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An Inspirational Retreat! By Sherry McBroom

I hope each of you are looking forward to the MIWAC retreat as much as I am.

Once again, our retreat will be held in Perrysburg, Ohio at the Holiday Inn French Quarters. The date is Friday and Saturday, September 17 & 18. If you decide to go on Thursday, there will be prayer room at 9:00 PM in the "Club Car Room" if you would like to attend. We hope you will because it has proven to be a great start to a well planned retreat.

This year the theme will be "**Balancing Life.**" The theme verse is: II Corinthians 9:8 – *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.*

We are excited to have Dianne Worthington as our guest speaker. Dianne is well known to many of us because of her past work in the state of Michigan. Her husband, Dr. Milton Worthington, was the Pastor at Central FWB for many years, and Dianne was active in her local, district and the MIWAC. She is also Rebekah Seymour's mother, and I know they are both looking forward to spending this time together at the retreat. Dianne will make you laugh and will present messages from God that may also bring tears to your eyes. You will not want to miss her!

The seminars for Friday morning are: **Balancing Finance** by Rose Evers; **Balancing Time** by Sherry McBroom; and **Balancing Family** by Stephanie Conner.

Of course, you can look forward to a skit or two from some of the local WAC auxiliaries.

The following prayer rooms will be held on Friday evening after the banquet: Stressed Out, Perfect Peace, Steady as She Goes, Life's Interruptions, Making Lemonade, Power of Prayer, A Lifeline, How About Me?, Pastor's Wives, and Teen Scene.

An invitation has been extended to all teenage young ladies. We have things planned for them! Please indicate on the application the age of any teenagers attending. It is important to know so we can plan for them accordingly.

Applications are due to Pauline Penix by August 10th. Remember there is a minimum deposit of \$35.00 per person to be sent with the application. If you can afford to do so, send the whole amount in and you will not have to be concerned with it when you register. Please do your best to get your application in on time. If for some reason you are unable to get it to Pauline by the due date, please call her. She has a lot of work to do to get ready for the retreat, and it just increases her load if she has to wait and continue to book rooms right up to the last minute. Your cooperation in this area is certainly appreciated.

The used book table will be set up during the retreat so plan to shop! If you have any books you would like to share, please bring them. Sometimes unsaved family or friends will offer to contribute books. That's great providing you have

read them and are sure they are appropriate for sale.

If you need an application and there are not available at your church, please let me know and I will e-mail one to you. Also, if you have questions, please ask one of the Board members. We will try to get the answer if we don't have it!

Prayerfully looking forward to the retreat and the time we will get to share with each other!

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## Attention Board Members

At our Executive Board meeting in January we voted to have each board member responsible for bringing three (3) door prizes valued at \$5.00 to the retreat. This will relieve the burden of just one or two people providing them. You do not have to buy them all yourself. . you may want to request assistance from your local WAC.

If you will not be able attend the retreat, will you please send them with someone from your church who will be attending. They can either be wrapped in tissue paper or placed in gift bags. The "dollar stores" are great for this!





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### Happy Father's Day!

#### A Cup of Tea!



One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me.

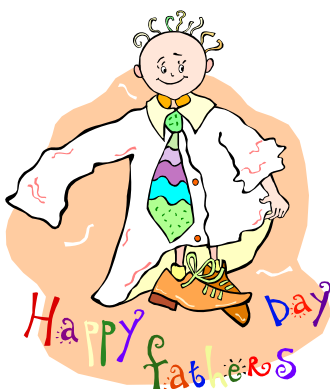
I was maybe 2 1/2 years old. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My Mom waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says (as only a mother would know): 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach water is the toilet?'

Dads don't think like Moms do!



### MIFWB State Meeting in Frankenmuth! By Sherry McBroom

Even after some cancellations, 41 rooms were booked at the Bavarian Inn Lodge for the MIFWB State meeting which was held Friday and Saturday, May 14 & 15th. I was blessed to be able to attend. It was great to see parents and children present.

I was also privileged to give the MIWAC and WNAC reports on Friday morning. This is actually the first State meeting I have been to since they began having it in a "family vacation" setting.

Frankenmuth was a lovely setting and the attendance increased so it appears it may be a "set location".

I enjoyed hearing the reports from the Board, and the National Office Representatives. It was very informative. And, I believe I made some new friends as a result of attending this meeting.

Of course, while the entire week-end was a blessing, the absolute best was hearing Dr. Milton Worthington preach. He delivered great messages from God and touched all of us! It was so good to hear him again. He preached four messages including the Pastor and wives banquet.

Unfortunately for some, the golf tournament that was scheduled for Thursday was rained out. But, there was so much else to do that it really didn't matter.

I am posting a few pictures I took. Sometimes I forgot that I wanted to take pictures because I got so "caught up" in what was going on.



## Independence Day!



Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no say in what went on. As the unrest grew in the colonies, King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion. In 1774 the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia Pennsylvania to form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775 as the King's troops advanced on Concord Massachusetts Paul Revere would sound the alarm that "The British are coming, the British are coming" as he rode his horse through the late night streets.

The battle of Concord and its "shot heard round the world" would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies war for Independence.

The following May the colonies again sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress. For almost a year the congress tried to work out its differences with England, again without formally declaring war.

By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included John Adams, Ben-

jamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration, 2 - Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No, Delaware undecided and New York abstained.

To make it official John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles!."

The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776. On July 8th the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square. Twice that day the Declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells. Even the bell in Independence Hall was rung. The "Province Bell" would later be renamed "Liberty Bell" after its inscription - ***Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof***

And although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4 1777. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday. And although fireworks have been banned in most places because of their danger, most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.



## Jesus & the 4th of July!

We gather 'round to celebrate  
On Independence Day,  
Pay homage to our country  
As the children run and play

With barbeques and picnics  
And fireworks in the air,  
The flag we own is proudly flown  
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom,  
She waves upon the breeze  
While bursts of colors can be seen  
Above the towering trees.



This is all quite wonderful,  
We revel in delight  
But God above in divine love  
Has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty,  
A touch of His great hand  
He gave democracy to us  
And helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag  
Were touched by His sweet grace,  
Each star of whit that shines so bright  
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag  
For battles that were fought,  
Be filled with pride for those who died  
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One  
Who gives the bright display  
The reason why we paint the sky  
On Independence Day.

Have a blessed  
and safe  
Fourth of July!