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Special Constituency Session

Sunday, March 9, 2008 will be a historic day for the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. During the constituency session last October, the membership was instructed that we would convene a special constituency session within one year of the sale of the current Conference Office property. In keeping with the voted action, we will be conducting a special constituency session to address the dormitory situation at Wisconsin Academy.

“What situation?” you might ask. Well, the dormitories were constructed several decades ago. Many of you may remember attending WA yourselves. In fact, you can still picture what your dorm room used to look like. The rooms *still* look like that.

The windows are getting older and less energy efficient. The exterior shows signs of aging. Mortar needs to be replaced in spots and the stone façade on the entrances could use a good cleaning. Time has been less than gentle on the dormitory buildings.

Because of the major funding that was going to become available (due to the sale of the conference office), a Dormitory Feasibility Committee was created to explore what potential options there might be. The committee was comprised of conference officers, academy administration, dormitory deans, academy maintenance personnel, and several lay persons. Over the last year the committee has met many times and discussed the subject of dormitories from multiple angles. The committee has done a great job compiling a lot of data which will be presented at the special session.

The special session will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at the Wisconsin Academy chapel beginning at 10:00 AM. Delegate registration will take place from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM on the day of the session.

Delegates who served at the last session are eligible to serve for this special session. Many of the churches have discovered they had delegates who served at the

October 2006 session who cannot attend this special session. Those churches have already submitted voted delegate changes to the conference office. All locally voted delegate changes need to be submitted to the conference office on or before February 28, 2008.

In preparation for the session, there will be six Town Hall meetings conducted in various churches throughout the conference. Go to the new conference web site: <http://wisc.netadventist.org>, to locate the meeting closest to you. Click on the Town Hall Meeting button on the left side of the Home page. Delegates and other interested members should attend a Town Hall meeting.

At each of the Town Hall meetings, we will be sharing the same information concerning the Academy dormitories compiled by the Dormitory Feasibility Committee. Shared information will include, but may not be limited to, floor plans for renovating both dorms, floor plans for building new dorms, and the costs associated with either choice.

If you are a delegate, please plan now to attend this very important session. May the Lord bless our gathering as we make decisions that will enhance the future of our very own Wisconsin Academy!

Roger Driver

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President's Message



Don Corkum

On January 12 the Milwaukee area Adventist churches gathered for their annual convocation. It was a day of great fellowship and inspiration. This year Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate, was the speaker.

Chaplain Black is an exceptional person with great communication skills and the ability to

deliver powerful Biblical messages. However he exemplified something else that is important to our work in the conference right now - how to overcome huge obstacles.

In his early life, Barry Black's family experienced a lot of poverty - many times his family did not know where the next meal was coming from. To go from these difficult beginnings to such an esteemed position today is amazing. To be chosen as the first African-American Chaplain of the U.S. Senate as well as the first Seventh-day Adventist to hold this position is also overcoming large barriers.

As we begin 2008, there are great opportunities before us as well as many obstacles and challenges. The ShareHim Rallies with Elder Robert Folkenberg are a part of the many opportunities that exist for the advancement of the work. However, we begin the year with many financial challenges in families, schools, churches and in the conference as well.

Do we shrink back because of the challenges or move forward? We know we have to be responsible financially. We also know we must give God priority in our stewardship responsibilities. However, God has promised that if we are faithful to Him, He will "open the windows of Heaven that there shall not be room to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Many Bible accounts and stories from everyday life show that when we acknowledge our absolute dependence on God, He will do through us what was never imagined. We can then stand before the challenges unafraid. Our Lord is waiting to empower His people by His Spirit as He did at Pentecost. We need our upper room experiences to pray for the Spirit and get our hearts ready to receive it.

Let's make 2008 a year of complete dependence on God so He can do a marvelous work through us.

Then we will know that it was not our power or strength that accomplished the results but His. This is the experience He needs in order to complete His work through us.

Occasion of Praise

It is important that we take time to celebrate God's leading at key moments in our church's experience. On December 31 we reached 7,000 members in the Wisconsin conference. We have prayed for and worked toward this milestone for many years.

A DVD was sent to churches with a congratulatory message from Walter Wright, President of the Lake Union and a psalm of praise prepared by Don Corkum. There was also a handout to accompany the DVD presentation for the congregation's involvement. In Bible times, high points were celebrated with Psalms of Praise to God. We will do the same through this occasion of praise.

Prayer Conference

On March 8, the day before the conference session, there will be a day of prayer and worship at Wakonda. We hope many of our new members can attend. This will be a time to learn more about prayer and also to experience its power. Established members of the church are also welcome. We limit the numbers to about 200.

This special day will be provided free of charge. Bulletin inserts will be made available in churches for purposes of advertisement and registration. This event is being organized by Greg and Lesa Budd, Prayer Coordinators of the conference. Pastor Paul Goia will be the main presenter.

For more information or to book your reservation call Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235 or e-mail at: kcrary@wi.adventist.org.

You will be blessed by this special day.

A Few Words from the Secretary - Treasurer

Update on the New Conference Office



Roger Driver

Many of you may have heard about our unfortunate mishap at the construction site for the new office. The installation of the trusses was interrupted on the morning of November 27, 2007 when a very strong wind blew down forty-four of the trusses which had already been put into place. If you log onto the conference web site: <http://wisc.netadventist.org>, you can click on the "Coming Soon" sign in the upper left

corner of the home page and view a photo album

installed. By the time you read this, the lower level window installation should be completed as well as the east end of the upper level. Interior walls are being



Windows on the southside of building

insulated and the drywall will be applied the week of February 11. Mudding and taping of the walls will be tackled after temporary heat is available in the building. Progress continues daily as Floyd Brock does his best to keep the project on schedule. The various trade personnel are working even in the very cold, stormy weather. We appreciate their diligence and hard work (and Floyd's) in completing the new building which will house our Conference Office and the Adventist Book Center. Please join us on Sunday, May 25, 2008 to help us celebrate our Grand Opening!

Roger Driver



Fallen trusses looking to the west end of building.

which includes a picture of the downed trusses. The last page of the photo album will contain the most recent pictures.

Most of the windows in the upper level have been

Men's Ministries

Men's Conference at Camp Wakonda

Over 120 men attended the annual Men's Conference held at Camp Wakonda, January 18-20. Elder Richard O'Ffill kept the atmosphere both light and warm even though morning temperatures reached as low as 18° below zero. The sun shone brightly on the snow and the mood of all was positive as they shared in a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Elder O'Ffill's message challenged the men to be the priests of the family and spiritual leaders in the church. They are to be "doers of the Word" and by their example show others what happens in men's lives when they put Jesus Christ first.

I am certain that those who attended left with a desire to make a difference in their homes, on the job and in their churches. It was also obvious from the smiles on their faces during the weekend that this had been a lot of fun and a wonderful spiritual blessing to all.

Mark your calendar to join us next year, January 16-18, 2009 when our guest speaker will be David Smith, president of Union College. He has been with us in the past and provided us with a rich blessing.

Ken Kirkham
Men's Ministries Director

Membership Reaches 7,000



James Fox

At the beginning of 2007, the Wisconsin Conference leadership team accepted a two-fold goal for the year: by God's grace, the Conference would grow to 7,000 members and add 300 new members by baptism and profession of faith.

Goals such as these are not met by simply stating them! It requires faith, persevering effort, earnest prayer and the blessing of God. The pastors,

teachers, professional and lay evangelists, and the office staff of the Conference took these goals to heart and applied themselves diligently to the task. Over 50 public evangelistic meetings were held during 2007. Countless Bible studies were patiently given in people's homes by dedicated Christians.

Phyllis Corkum, Conference Clerk, carefully tabulated the baptismal and clerks reports for 2007. On January 23, 2008, she announced that there had been 301 baptisms in the Conference and that as of January 1, 2008, our membership was exactly 7,000! The Conference Office staff gathered at center court of the Sun Prairie office for a time of praise and prayer to Jesus.

We do not count ourselves to have obtained all the blessings that God wants to give to us. The 2006 Constituency Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference voted a number of goals including growth to 7,600 members by the year 2010. The Conference Executive Committee has voted 2008 as the Year of Family Life with outreach to our communities through family ministries. We have set a faith goal of 700 baptisms for 2009, the Year of Evangelism for the North American Division. This represents exactly 10% of our current membership. We can only reach these goals as we pray fervently and labor faithfully.

We have conceived strategies whereby we hope to meet these goals:

1. We are holding ShareHim Rallies throughout the Conference with Elder Robert Folkenberg to mobilize, train and equip our lay members for winning souls.
2. We are training Lay Pastors to be effective ministers in the Church and fruitful evangelists in their community.
3. We are providing our pastors with quality training, support and the latest in digital materials to support them in their work of winning souls.

4. We are continuing to use the services of professional evangelists (including our own Pastor Ric Swaningson) to assist our churches in their mission of reaching the lost.

God has blessed us abundantly in 2007 and we look forward in joyful anticipation to his continued blessings in the next two years.

Lay Pastor's Training

On February 1, 2008, twenty-one lay pastor candidates and graduates arrived on the campus of Wisconsin Academy for the winter intensive. They spent over 15 contact hours with Lyle and Runette Litzenberger and Eric Brown learning Christian Coaching skills.



Eric Brown

Christian Coaching is the skill of listening carefully to parishioners and interests, prayerfully relating and reflecting on people's comments and questions, and a sincere dedication to helping people reach God's high ideals by coaching them in Jesus. Each participant received a certificate of

completion for the training event.

Lay Pastors are dedicated Christian laypeople. They are hand-picked and recommended by their pastors for their spirituality and aptitude to serve. They must then be approved by Conference officials as well in order to be admitted to the program. They pay their own motel and travel expenses and even have to purchase the books to satisfy the course requirements. They are volunteers with no remuneration or stipend when they finish the course. They are called to be servants of the Lord, the Church and the communities they serve.

If you feel that God is calling you to this wonderful fellowship, speak to your pastor and ask if he or she would consider recommending you for the training. The work is hard and the course is rigorous. There is no pay but the fellowship with Christ and fellow workers is out of this world. Our next intensive begins during camp meeting (we meet Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in Fireside Lodge.) Pray and seek the Lord to discern if He is calling you to this sweet service for Him.

James Fox

Wisconsin Academy

Some may be asking, "What exciting events have been happening at Wisconsin Academy since Christmas break?" Well, let me share. It didn't take students long to find solace in the school routine; but



Troy Fitzgerald

shortly thereafter, on January 24th, the students and faculty headed to Camp Wakonda for a spiritual retreat organized by the Student Association (SA). Jasmine O'Brien, SA President, shares with us their experience...

"Troy Fitzgerald was an amazing speaker! He is the Youth Pastor for Walla Walla College Church and was not at all what I expected, but in a very good way. His stories weren't the life changing stories that you hear at other retreats; they were simple, but the way he told them made you feel like you were there with him. He has a way with talking to young people; you can't help but laugh when he talks. He gave us four principles to live by:

1. Don't let what you don't know confuse you about what you do know.
2. Don't let future aspirations distract you from what you need to do today.
3. Don't let what you can't see obscure what has already been revealed.
4. Don't let the cost of following Christ underestimate its worth.

And when he was with the students, you could tell that he loved working with youth. Many speakers that I have seen and listened to interact with the students for a while, but then they spend the rest of it with the adults and faculty. Troy ate with the students, and during rec times, he played board games and Uno with the students. You just get this feeling that he loves what he does and he never wants to leave his job. If you need a speaker for something, I recommend Troy a hundred times over."

Once the students returned from their weekend at Wakonda, Student Week of Prayer began. This was organized by Lacy Swaningson, SA Pastor. Sarah Rekawik, Jasmine O'Brien, Carmen Schultz, Jake Spurbeck, Mindy Rogge, and Roger Durbin were some of the students who



WA Students at Camp Wakonda

shared personal testimonies on how God is working in their lives. Friday night wrapped up this special week with a skit and personal testimonies from Allison Hanaway, Katie Bass, and Steven Bass. Mr. McKenzie closed the evening by leading the students in communion.

I was able to attend their Friday night *Student Week of Prayer*. It was touching to hear their testimonies and see them partake in communion like they did. What a remarkable thing for them to be able to share this publicly with

others at their school. Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit surrounds each child at WA and works on their hearts in a special way for His service!

Teresa Harrison, WA Parent



Praise Team leads out in song service

CAMP WAKONDA 2008

On your mark - Get set - Go for a summer of excitement as you swim, ski, build model rockets, make your own cosmetics, explore nature, ride horses, make new friends, and grow close to Jesus, all among the pines of beautiful Camp Wakonda.

Families - Because of its growing popularity, we've planned two weeks for Family Camp.

For more information
www.wakonda.org
 608-241-5235

- ★ JUNIOR CAMP Ages 8-10
July 6-13
- ★ TWEEN CAMP Ages 10-12
July 13-20
- ★ TEEN CAMP Ages 13-18
July 20-27
- ★ FAMILY CAMP I All ages
July 27-Aug 3
- ★ FAMILY CAMP II All ages
Aug 3-10

Green Bay and 3 ABN Team Up for Soul Winning Effort

Pastor Delmar Austin is a committed Pastor Evangelist. He has held meetings in his district and has invited the assistance of professional evangelists in reaching Green Bay with the Adventist Gospel message. As we considered what the plan should be for 2008, Elder Austin wanted “. . . something big, something that would capture the imagination of the church and the community.”



New baptized members of the Green Bay SDA Church and Pastor Delmar Austin

With these words, Pastor Austin set in motion the planning for the return of the Adventures in Prophecy team with Pastor Ric Swaningson to Green Bay. AIP had ministered in Green Bay just 3 years ago but now they were coming back with a special mission - 3ABN wanted to video the meetings for broadcast. Pastor Jim Gilley, 3ABN Director, would welcome the network's viewing audience on opening night. Cameras and studio lights, sound and production crew, and a whole truckload of production equipment would make for an exciting and fulfilling outreach on a huge scale.

Now it was time for the evangelist to apply himself to the task. The work of a professional public evangelist can be daunting:

- Meeting new people for Jesus every six weeks
- Sharing the Gospel clearly

and persuasively in the public forum

- Maintaining high faith and high energy while moving from place to place.

Elder Ric Swaningson has been effectively meeting these challenges for the last six years in Wisconsin as Pastor and Conference Evangelist. He undertook a new level of complexity in this work when 3ABN came to Green Bay. "I always seek to be careful of my words when working for Jesus. When meetings are being recorded for broadcast, however, there is a whole new sense of awareness," reported Pastor Ric.

The Green Bay Church hosted the meetings and adapted quickly to the presence of bright lights, camera crews, producers and directors. Interested people and church members supported the meetings well from night to night.

When asked about his feelings about the process, Pastor Ric responded, "The production crew was great to work with. They were spiritual and flexible. It was troubling



Ric Swaningson, Conference Evangelist

to be preaching with a huge digital clock in a prominent location counting down the number of minutes

remaining for the meeting. I was glad that the attendees could not see this countdown as I did."

Even with all this technology, the work of soul-winning is still that of hearts touching hearts with the Holy Spirit's blessing. After much prayer and visitation, eighteen precious souls were added to the Church in baptism and profession of faith with a dozen more in preparation for baptism.

3ABN is performing post-production work of the meetings with the intent of beginning their broadcast in March of 2008. Check 3ABN's website for times and dates.

James Fox



Month of March at the ABC

The ABC will be open for business in the Administration Building at Wisconsin Academy on March 9 (Constituency Meeting) from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to buy. Preorders for this event would help guarantee we have the products you want.

In preparation for the move to our new store, we will be offering **FREE SHIPPING** from March 17 until March 31 and April 7 until April 11. Food will be shipped Monday thru Wednesday **ONLY**. This promotion will be in place of our normal spring Bookmobile schedule.

The Bookmobile will return to normal operation again in the fall.

2009 Year of Evangelism

A challenge was laid before the approximately 300 members of the North American Division Committee last November at Silver Springs, Maryland. The challenge is to launch the greatest evangelistic thrust ever experienced in North America.

Ron Clouzet, the new Ministerial Director of the North American Division was the one presenting the challenge. He along with other leaders of the Division set a goal of 100,000 baptisms in 2009 and similar goals in the years to follow. This would be several times what we are presently experiencing in the Division. What does that mean for Wisconsin? It would mean baptizing 700 new members in one year—about double what we have ever experienced.

Every pastor is asked to conduct or be directly involved in two outreaches that year. Conference workers are also to conduct evangelism. There is also a need to have every church member involved in direct soul-winning.

Elder Clouzet realizes that this goes way beyond our comfort zone. We can only do this through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. He also challenges each person to take a “fast” from anything that would detract from the power of God being operative in their lives.

At a recent pastors’ meeting in Wisconsin, the challenge of the Division was presented and pastors accepted the challenge. However, this commitment will need to be accepted in each church. Prayer, Revival and Reformation in our lives will be the only foundation for this great undertaking. By God’s grace let’s launch the most amazing outreach for God that Wisconsin has ever witnessed. The times we are living in demand this kind of emphasis for God. Let’s bring joy to His heart.

Don Corkum

2008—THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The Year 2008 has been dedicated to “families reaching families.” Lay pastors, leaders and members are called to join the pastors of the Wisconsin Conference to do Family Evangelism. There are three different ways a local church can engage in doing family evangelism:

(1) Small Group Family Evangelism. Gary Smalley’s “The DNA of Relationships” small group DVD series is an excellent resource that appeals to both married and singles. Dr. Gary Chapman’s “A Growing Marriage” DVD series can be used for doing couples small group evangelism.

(2) Marriage & Family Seminar Evangelism. Offering parenting seminars, marriage enrichment seminars, singles’ events, teen relationship seminars, divorce care groups and retirement seminars is another way to do family evangelism.

(3) Family Life Evangelistic Campaign. Our conference has provided two tools for pastors and lay pastors to conduct family life evangelistic series. One is the *Happy Family Evangelism Manual*, which is a comprehensive handbook of ten units containing everything one needs for an evangelistic campaign. Accompanying the manual is the *Happy Family CD* containing 24 Power Point presentations with multiethnic graphics. All presentations are in two languages: English and Spanish. Second, is Drs. John and Millie Youngberg’s *WIN! Wellness CD*, which is a unique evangelistic ministry that gives equal emphasis to Family and Spiritual Transformation. It contains 21 exciting lectures.

May the Spirit of Christ empower our churches to be more effective in bringing whole families to Jesus.

For more information contact Aileen King at 608-241-5235 or e-mail: akking@wi.adventist.org

*Abraham Swamidass
Family Ministries*

New Companies are Formed



Wisconsin Korean SDA Company in Racine.



Everlasting Gospel SDA Spanish Company in Stevens Point.

Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Financial Highlights
December 31, 2007

	2007	2006	Difference	% Change
Tithe - Month-to-Date	995,698.52	951,267.48	44,431.04	4.67%
Tithe - Year-to-Date	6,598,927.69	6,807,600.64	-208,672.95	-3.07%
Wisconsin Budget - MTD	31,280.56	29,104.63	2,175.93	6.96%
Wisconsin Budget - YTD	220,855.78	225,648.95	-4,793.17	-2.17%
Cash				
Checking	72,454.60	49,926.25	22,528.35	31.09%
Money Market Certificates	273,246.43	460,656.10	-187,409.67	-68.59%
Securitates & Investments	1,697,823.96	1,776,227.85	-78,403.89	-4.62%
Total Cash and Investments	2,043,524.99	2,286,810.20	-243,285.21	-11.91%
Accounts Receivable				
Churches	26,869.01	26,485.42	383.59	1.43%
Schools (Including WA)	603,546.75	394,698.76	208,847.99	34.60%
WA (Separately)	384,353.38	220,998.93	163,354.45	42.50%
Current Ratio (Note 1)	3.76:1	4.19:1	N/A	N/A
Evangelism - Unrestricted Fund Bal	88,700.64	60,388.30	28,312.34	31.92%
Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal	1,083.25	-300.00	1,383.25	127.69%
	<u>Actual - 2007</u>	<u>Budget - 2007</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Fav/(Unfav)</u>	<u>Actual - 2006</u>
Income	7,728,634.00	7,309,575.00	419,059.00	7,906,420.00
Expenses	7,747,577.00	7,480,808.00	-266,769.00	7,712,478.00
Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers	-18,943.00	-171,233.00	152,290.00	193,942.00
Fund/Funct Transfers	-72,926.00	-71,094.00	-1,832.00	-111,722.00
Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers	-91,869.00	-242,327.00	150,458.00	82,220.00
Net Assets - Beginning	3,041,353.00	3,041,339.00	14.00	2,963,574.00
Net Assets - Ending	2,949,484.00	2,799,012.00	150,472.00	3,045,794.00
Expense (Selected Functions)				
Pastors	2,089,225.43	2,069,935.00	-19,290.43	2,080,536.53
Evangelism	187,728.01	244,333.00	56,604.99	312,876.56
Church School Oper	1,702,864.31	1,637,041.00	-65,823.31	1,544,642.75
Academy Operation	539,861.06	461,504.00	-78,357.06	585,094.42
Group Medical Plan	-26,118.96	21,460.00	47,578.96	7,947.70
General & Admin	402,037.30	312,514.00	-89,523.30	389,112.70

Note 1 - The Current Ratio is the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities.

Meet the New Members of our Team



Sharon Wooten is the new cook for Wisconsin Academy. She comes to us from Broadview Academy and was their cook for 16 years.



Rowell Puedivan was born in Canada but spent many years in the Philippines where he met and married his wife, Eldinh. Pastor and Eldinh have come from Saskatchewan, Canada, to pastor the Wausau District.



Pastor Titus, Rozina and Sebastian Naftanaila have come from the Illinois Conference to the Superior District

2007 WISCONSIN BUDGET

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations and special thanks to the following churches for exceeding or reaching at least 90% of their goal. Conference evangelism, Camp Wakonda and Wisconsin Academy are the major beneficiaries of this offering. Praise God for the faithfulness of His people!

- 266% Sturgeon Bay
- 264% Fish Creek
- 235% Watertown Spanish
- 166% Wisconsin Rapids
- 150% Reedsburg
- 148% Frederic
- 133% Evansville
- 125% Almond
- 123% Hudson
- 123% Oxford
- 108% The Shepherd's House
- 108% Beaver Dam
- 106% Rhinelander
- 99% Waukesha Spanish
- 97% Clearwater Lake
- 94% Oakland
- 94% Wisconsin Academy
- 92% Rice Lake
- 90% Christ's Community
- 90% Tomahawk

Do You Have a Second Home?

Perhaps it's a vacation home or a winter home. Even though housing prices are down in a number of areas it may still be worth more than you paid for it. Perhaps you're not using it as much as you have in the past. Perhaps it has occurred to you that it is costing you quite a bit in taxes and insurance and up keep as well as having the money tied up in the property.

	OWN	SELL
Taxes	\$1,500	From Sale \$100,000
Insurances	\$350	Income \$5,000
Repair	\$400	Savings from not owning
Maintenance	\$200	
Utilities	\$600	
Cost of Owning	\$3050	Income from Sale \$5,000

One way to benefit the Lord's work as well as yourself is to donate the property to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. It can be sold by the charity. You get an up front charitable deduction depending on your age. The charity invests the money and you get a stream of income paid quarterly.

Instead of yearly expenses of \$3,050 you now have income of \$5,000 (or more). That's a saving of \$8,050 or \$670 a month more in your pocket than before.

Richard Habenicht

Women's Ministries Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for two special weekends sponsored by the Conference Women's Ministry Department. The **Fourth Annual Empowerment Weekend** held at Camp Wakonda is April 11-13, 2008. This year's speaker is DeAnn Judson. DeAnn is from Wisconsin and recently moved to Michigan with her husband to help start a new ministry, Total Health International. DeAnn's goal at Total Health is not only to teach health principles, but also to lead people into the arms of Jesus, our loving Savior. DeAnn's talks throughout the weekend will focus on identity issues that ALL women face at some time in their lives. DeAnn's personal testimony is life-changing and will most assuredly speak to your heart and give everyone who attends a "Glimmer of Hope". Your church should have already received the registration forms for this important weekend. You can also receive registration forms by contacting the Conference Women's Ministries Department or Susan Boon. Hurry! The registration deadline is March 28, 2008.

You do **NOT** want to miss the **20th Anniversary Women's Retreat** to be held November 7-9, 2008 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The retreat committee is planning an unforgettable and inspiring weekend, featuring a dynamic main speaker, wonderful breakaway speakers, inspirational testimonies and music, special attractions and events, and a great time to draw closer to the Lord. We are expecting many friends to join us from past retreats, including Dr. Becky Cheng and many others. Norka Richards is our main speaker and will inspire you in your love and praise to our Savior. Please contact Susan Boon if you have a life-changing testimony you would like to share at the retreat regarding how the retreats have affected your life. Registration forms will be available in late June; however, **NOW** is the time to start planning to attend. Please contact Susan Boon via email (boon@toast.net) or phone (262-878-5931) with any questions and/or your willingness to be part of our program.

S.N.O.W. Day



Shelly Quinn

The date was Sunday, February 25, 2007 and the weather decided not to cooperate with the Green Bay Women's Ministry's annual SNOW Day by having a full blown blizzard causing all area churches to cancel services. But that didn't stop 90 year old Violet DuChateau from wading through knee high snow to attend the ongoing program at the Green Bay church.

The Seventh Annual SNOW Day (Spiritual Needs of Women) is once again counting on women like Vi to attend and be enriched by this year's speaker Shelley Quinn on Sunday, February 24, 2008. Shelley hosts Exalting His Word and a variety of other programs on 3ABN's television and radio networks, with a strong focus on the transforming power of God's Word and His Spirit. Her message of "Rejoice My Daughters" will encourage us to look up and sing with joy for our Heavenly Father bids us to boldly approach His throne and receive the incomparable riches of His grace. Expect to walk away knowing you are changed for eternity.

If you would still like to attend just email Linda Sopp at

le_sopp@yahoo.com or call her at 920-866-9810. More information can be found under "Special Events" at www.greenbaysda.org.



VBS WORKSHOP 2008

The Review and Herald in cooperation with the North American Division is excited to announce the new VBS program, **Castle and Crowns: A Royal Adventure**. Candy DeVore, Children's Religious Education Resource Coordinator from the Review and Herald will be here to present this new program at our **VBS Workshop, April 13**. Plan now to attend. The fun starts at 9:30 a.m. here at the Conference Office. To reserve your spot, please contact Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235, ext.102 or kcrary@wi.adventist.org.



Teachers and Helpers Needed

Camp Meeting is around the corner and we need teachers and helpers for Beginners and Kindergarten at Camp Meeting. If you are interested, please contact Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235, ext. 102 or kcrary@wi.adventist.org

CAMP MEETING REMINDERS

Balance due by April 1 on all sites.

Cancellation Policy:

Full deposit transferred to 2009 until May 5;
50% transferred from May 5-26.

No deposit transferred after May 26.

Subletting is done through the conference.

“Private” subletting counts as one of the two years you are allowed to have first right to re-rent your site. In the event you cannot attend Camp Meeting this year call 608-241-5235 ext 104 to make arrangements to sublet your site (enabling your deposit to be transferred to 2009).

Come join us for the
Wisconsin Educational Fair

March 30, 2008



**Held at Wisconsin Academy
in Columbus, Wisconsin**



Kitchen Workers Needed

We are looking for people who are interested in helping with the food service during camp meeting. If you are at least 16 years old and would like to help either with food preparation, serving, or helping in the dish room, please contact Roger Driver at the Conference Office by calling 608-241-5235.

International Food Fair

March 30 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm in the Wisconsin Academy Commons Room there will be a International Food Fair.

Come have a good time and experience other cultures at a reasonable price.

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Mark Your Calendar

March

- 1 Wisconsin Academy Junior Benefit. For more information call Steve Brown at 920-623-3300.
- 8 Conference Pathfinder Bible Achievement at Wisconsin Academy. For more information call Aileen King at 608-241-5235 ext. 104.
- 9 Constituency Meeting to discuss the dormitories at Wisconsin Academy.
- 30 Educational Fair at Wisconsin Academy. For more information call Carol Driver at 608-241-5235 ext. 103.
International Food Fair at Wisconsin Academy.

April

- 11-13 Women's Ministries Empowerment Weekend at Camp Wakonda. Call Susan Boon at 262-878-5931.
- 25-27 WA Alumni Weekend. For more information contact WA at 920-623-3300.

May

- 2-3 WA Youth Rally
- 16-18 Pathfinder Fair at Camp Wakonda
- 18-19 Work Bee at Camp Wakonda. For more information contact Jim Johnson at 608-296-1553 or Mike Edge at 608-296-1842.
- 23-25 WA Graduation Weekend
- 25 Open House for the New Conference Office located in Columbus, WI.

June

- 20-28 Camp Meeting at Camp Wakonda. For reservations contact Aileen King at 608-241-5235 ext. 104 or akking@wi.adventist.org.

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