

**District 1 Report to the NAR Board - July, 2011**

This marks our current leadership team's last meeting on the NAR Board. It has been a privilege to serve with each of you! Thanks for a wonderful 3 years!

*Much love from the outgoing District 1 Leadership Team:*



*DLC: Sue ♥ Steve Rufe*



*DCC: Ed ♥ Emily Kast*



*DPCC: Billie ♥ Charles Roach*

**Please warmly welcome our new District 1 Leadership Team:**

District Clergy Contacts, Ted ♥ Jane Guthrie and District Lay Contacts, Don ♥ Judy Christiansen.  
(District Presenting Couple Coordinator TBD)

*Incoming District 1 Leadership Team:*



*Jane ♥ Ted Guthrie  
DCCC*



*Judy ♥ Don Christiansen  
DLCC*

Many thanks to District 1 Finance Couple, Duffy ♥ Nan Guthrie, who will be retiring from the D1FC position when a new DFC is appointed/trained; and to outgoing District 1 Secretary Couple, Chris ♥ Jeanette Ryman; and finally, to District 1 Webmasters, Kevin ♥ Raye Guynn. All of these couples have selflessly served the ministry and will be greatly missed on the District 1 Board!



*DFC: Nan ♥ Duffy Guthrie*



*D1 Sec'y: Jeanette ♥ Chris Ryman*



*D1 Webmaster: Kevin ♥ Raye Guynn*

## FEBRUARY 19, 2011 DISTRICT 1 LEADERSHIP MEETING:

### ENRICHMENT SESSION: Dr. Gary Chapman's "LOVE LANGUAGES"

Although quite a few of the leaders in District 1 were familiar with Dr. Gary Chapman's "Love Languages" as a tool for couple's enrichment, in this workshop couples were asked to look at love languages not only as a tool for enriching their own marriage relationship, but also *as a tool for better encouraging and giving recognition to the loving helpers they serve*. Short introductions/presentations preceded each of eight couples' exercises. Dialogue questions, couple take-home commitments, large group discussions, and small group brainstorming sessions rounded out the enrichment.

### ENCOURAGEMENT SESSION: PHOTO CARDS

Included throughout this report are copies of the fronts of the photo cards that were used for the focus of our ENCOURAGEMENT session during the Feb. 19, 2011 D1 Meeting. A photo card was made for each of the members of the District 1 Board prior to the meeting. During a 30-minute meeting session, each card was passed around the tables for board members to share a brief note of encouragement, recognition, appreciation, gratitude, etc. to the other board members. After all in attendance shared their thoughts in each of the cards, the cards were then given to, or mailed (if a board member was absent) to each of the board members filled with love from our Board.

We also made/sent cards filled with encouragement and loving wishes to each of the writing couples in District 1 and to the Finnish Board.

### DISTRICT 1 WEEKENDS & MAJOR EVENTS SCHEDULED IN 2011:

	DATE	AREA	CITY	FACILITY
1	2/11 - 2/13/11	Michigan	Birch Run, MI	Comfort Inn
2	2/25 - 2/27/11	Carolinas	Myrtle Beach, SC	Sea Mist
3	3/11 - 3/13/11	Ohio (Deaf Interpreters Available)	Port Clinton, OH	Our Guest Inn & Suites
	3/18 - 3/20/11	Ohio Retreat	North Olmsted, OH	Radisson Cleveland-Airport
4	3/25 - 3/27/11	Pennsylvania	State College, PA	Toftrees Golf Resort
5	4/1 - 4/3/11	Ontario	Stratford, ON, CA	Arden Park Hotel
6	4/8 - 4/10/11	New England	Meriden, CT	Four Points Sheraton
7	4/29 - 5/1/11	Ohio (Deaf Interpreters Available)	Solon, OH	SpringHill Suites Marriott
8	4/29 - 5/1/11	Pennsylvania	White Haven, PA	Mountain Laurel Resort & Spa
9	5/20 - 5/22/11	Michigan	Auburn Hills, MI	Wingate by Wyndham
	7/8 - 7/10/11	OH Family Campout	Louisville, OH	Cutty's Sunset Camping Resort
10	9/2 - 9/4-11	Carolinas	Black Mountain, NC	Christmount Christian Assembly
11	9/16 - 9/18/11	Pennsylvania	Ludlow, PA	Olmsted Manor
12	10/14 - 10/16/11	Michigan	Portage, MI	Country Inn & Suites
13	10/21 - 10/23/11	Carolinas 25th Anniv.	Raleigh, NC	TBD
	11/4 - 11/6/11	MI Veterans Renewal		
14	11/4 - 11/6/11	Pennsylvania	West Middlesex, PA	Radisson Hotel
15	11/11 - 11/13/11	Ohio	Hudson, OH	Clarion Inn & Suites
16	11/11 - 11/13/11	New England	Meriden, CT	Four Points Sheraton

### DISTRICT 1 WEEKENDS & MAJOR EVENTS SCHEDULED IN 2012:

DATE	AREA	CITY	FACILITY
3/9 - 3/11/12	Ohio Retreat "Hands to Work, Hearts to God"	North Olmsted, OH	Radisson Cleveland-Airport
3/16-18/12	Pennsylvania	State College, PA	Toftrees Golf Resort
3/23 - 3/25/12	Ohio (Deaf Interpreters Available)	Port Clinton, OH	Our Guest Inn & Suites
4/13 - 15/12	Ontario	Stratford, ON, CA	Arden Park Hotel
4/20-4/22/12	Pennsylvania	West Middlesex, PA	Park Inn/Radisson
7/13-7/15/12	Ohio Family "Games" Campout	Louisville, OH	Cutty's Sunset Camping Resort
9/14-16/12	Pennsylvania	Ludlow, PA	Olmsted Manor
10/12 - 10-14/12	Ohio	Mansfield, OH	Camp Mowana
10/19-21/12	Pennsylvania	White Haven, PA	Mountain Laurel Resort & Spa

### MISCELLANEOUS

Recent CCLI audit period has been completed for the District 1 use of licensed contemporary Christian music . In accordance with licensing terms, CCLI will re-audit our District 1 song usage in approximately two years.

### CURRENT DISTRICT 1 LEADERSHIP AND AREA STAFF ROSTERS

(Submitted as separate documents)

#### D1 LEADERSHIP REPORT RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Stephen ♥ Sue Rufe, DLC

Ed ♥ Emily Kast, DCC

Charles ♥ Billie Roach, DPCC

### DISTRICT 1 FINANCIALS/WEEKEND STATISTICS: January, 2011 through June, 2011:

Weekends held: **8**

Weekends Cancelled: **1**

Total Couples Encountered: **95**

Average number of couples per Weekend: **13.6**

Number of Lutherans: **143**

Lutheran Clergy Couples: **6**

Non-Lutheran Clergy Couples: **0**

Total Donations: **\$35,966.00**

Average Donation per Couple: **\$378.59**

Total Facility Costs: **\$31,022.98**

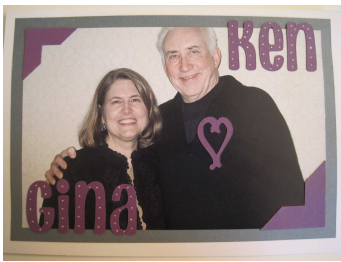
Average per couple facility cost: **\$326.56**

Total Travel/Pulpit Costs: **\$343.12**

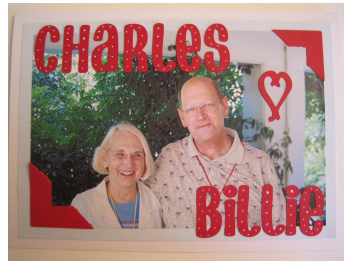
**DISTRICT 1 FINANCIAL/STATISTICAL INFO SUBMITTED BY: Duffy ♥ Nan Guthrie, DFC**

DISTRICT 1 AREA REPORTS FOR JULY, 2011 NAR MEETING

AREA: Carolinas



CO-ALC: Gina ♥ Ken Schiess



CO-ALC: Billie ♥ Charles Roach



ACC/APCC: Robin ♥ Tom Cogan

**AREA PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Prayers for a new facility for the Carolinas in the S.C. area that will help us continue in that area of the state.

Growth in our presenting team.

**2011 AREA'S GREATEST CHALLENGES:**

More couples to attend the weekends

Help with the setting up of the weekend.

**AREA & FINLAND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:**

We have had no recent contact with the Finland area.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Charles ♥ Billie Roach

AREA: Florida

The Florida Area remains temporarily in a "non-active" status. Inquiries re: Weekends should be directed to the Carolinas Area. Other inquiries should be directed to the District 1 Lay Contacts. Please keep this Area in your prayers.

AREA: Michigan



ALC: Brian ♥ Donna Zelter



ACC: Bill ♥ Janis Hessler



APCC: Judy ♥ Don Christiansen

**AREA PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Bob Cain - Recovering from knee surgery

Kim, daughter of Larry & Liz Grupe - Undergoing surgery for possible ovarian cancer

Linda Steinke - Continued prayers for loss of husband, Bob.

Continued prayers for couples who are writing their talks.

**AREA: Michigan (continued)**

**2011 AREA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Held our first Annual Michigan LME Picnic

**New Loving Tasks:**

Sam & Sabrina Smallcombe started the Michigan LME Facebook account

Richard & Vicki Lewis - "Weekend Name Button" Coordinators

Dave & Diana Mattlin - Prayer Chain Coordinators

Bryan & Jenanne Voss - Holland Area Contacts and Love Circle Coordinators

Gerry & Linda Drews - Weekend Jewelry Couple, replacing Bob & Linda Steinke

**2011 AREA'S GREATEST CHALLENGES:**

Revitalizing Love Circles for Port Huron & Lansing areas

**AREA & FINLAND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:**

Our Finland weekend was canceled in the spring and they hope to have a fall weekend.

**2011-2012 AREA ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED:**

Veterans Renewal - November 2011

Michigan LME Picnic - July 2012

**CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INPUT/INFORMATION:**

We are trying to break down loving tasks and encourage couples to join in the ownership of LME, not only in the Board but also in Love Circles.

Would it be possible to make up a list of e-mails & phone #'s for the Jewelry/Gift Couples in District 1 so they could communicate ideas back and forth regarding new products for sale, how to market items, what works/what doesn't, etc.?

Can we start listing Facebook Contacts on Staff Roster and on ILME Website?

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Brian ♥ Donna Zelner

**AREA: National Capital**

The National Capital Area is currently in a "non-active" status. Inquiries re: Weekends should be directed to the Pennsylvania Area. Other inquiries should be directed to the District 1 Lay Contacts. Please keep this Area in your prayers.

**AREA: New England**



ALC/APCC: Karen ♥ Jeff Jackson



ACC: Linda ♥ Bob McGurn

(No Report Submitted)

## AREA: Ohio



ALC: Sue ♥ Stephen Rufe



ACC: Jon ♥ Bonnie Bell



APCC: Bob ♥ Darlene Kail

### AREA PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kevin & Raye Guynn's grand-daughter, Maerin, for health issues due to her premature birth

Bonnie (♥ Jon) Bell on the death of Bonnie's Mom

Nadyne Rufe (Steve's Mom) for health issues and repeated hospitalizations

### RECENT AREA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Thanks to our colleagues from the Baptist faith expression in Ohio, we have been able to offer deaf interpreters on our Spring Weekends and KYRAP events this year. Ron ♥ Mary Jo Mohlmaster, Baptist Clergy Presenters, have graciously offered their time and talents to facilitate these wonderful opportunities! Three deaf couples were encountered on our two Spring 2011 Weekends. Each post-weekend event since then has had participation from the deaf community as well. We plan to continue to offer deaf interpreters on one weekend each year and at as many post-weekend events as possible.

March 18-20, 2011 - **22 Couples** attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Ohio Area Retreat in North Olmsted, OH. This year's theme was "One in Christ, One in Love."

April 2, 2011 - **14 Couples** (including 1 pre-encountered couple) attended the KYRAP Workshop "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Session 1" in North Royalton, OH. Deaf interpreters allowed for participation by the hearing impaired.

May 21, 2011 - **17 couples** (including 1 pre-encountered couple) attended the KYRAP Workshop "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Session 2" in Solon, OH. Deaf interpreters and closed captioning allowed for full participation by the hearing impaired.

July 8-10, 2011 - **20 families** (95 people) attended the "Storybook Adventures" Themed Family Campout in Louisville, OH. Three newly encountered families attended.

### 2011 AREA'S GREATEST CHALLENGES:

Despite massive I & P mailing/emailing to over 500 churches in Ohio several times per year, area inviting 'challenges', personal invites, and temple talks, we continue to struggle to fill Weekends in the Ohio Area.

### AREA & FINLAND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

No recent activity.

**AREA: Ohio (continued)**

**CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INPUT/INFORMATION:**

At the last NAR Board Meeting, we offered to share the results of our Weekend Friday Night Surveys. Results from the past four years of Friday Weekend Surveys from Ohio Area Weekends are attached under separate cover. These survey results show attendance figures (arranged by The Four Generations, One Church age groups), statistics on when couples 1<sup>st</sup> heard about M.E. to when they attended a Weekend, how they heard about M.E. Weekends, inviting video viewing, and what finally convinced them to attend a Weekend.

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Steve ♥ Sue Rufe and Jon ♥ Bonnie Bell

**AREA: Ontario**



ALC/APCC: Pauline ♥ Keith Mueller



CO-ALC: Maryann ♥ Norm Yost



ACC: Linda ♥ Richard Holm

**AREA PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Pray for Charlie/ Nan VanSickle, whose son drowned recently

Pray for couples to fill loving tasks

Pray for inviting in Ontario for our next weekend - April 13 - 15, 2012

**2011 AREA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Held a successful weekend on April 1 - 3 with 11 couples completing their weekend

**2011 AREA'S GREATEST CHALLENGES:**

Keeping enthusiasm for ME alive and well in the community

**AREA & FINLAND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:**

Have not corresponded with, nor heard from, Espoo weekend since Christmas.

**2011-2012 AREA ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED:**

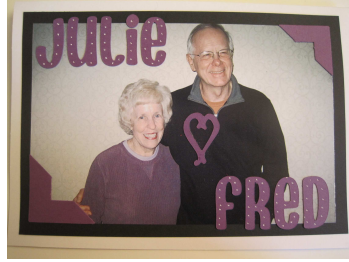
A renewal day on February 11th, 2012. We will use the "5 Love Languages" presentation from our last District 1 meeting.

**CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INPUT/INFORMATION:**

How do we finance our area if funds run low?

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Keith ♥ Pauline Mueller Ontario Co-Lay Contact/ APCC

AREA: Pennsylvania



ALC/APCC: Fred & Julie Schamber  
ACC: (Position Open)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Continuing prayers are requested for one of our presenters, Lisa Yothers, who is struggling with what may be Myasthenia Gravis. She and Glenn are currently writing 2<sup>nd</sup> Set. Prayers also for our 3 writing Clergy Couples and our other Lay Couple writing.

**2011 AREA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Had 2 full spring Weekends. Have 2 more Weekends scheduled for this fall. We attempted to cover all 7 PA ELCA Synodical Meetings with packet inserts and whenever possible, display tables.

**2011 AREA'S GREATEST CHALLENGES:** Our biggest challenge is getting our writing couples finished with their writing and plugged into presenting and taking on some of the responsibilities.

**AREA & FINLAND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:**

We're continuing to send our encountered couples newsletter to the Finland leadership couples Leena & Asko Peltola and Arja & Jukka Karppinen. They provide us with information as to who the prayer couple coordinators for their Weekends in Valkeakoski (the weekend location we are partnered with) are, and we email a Caring Note to be printed out for all attending couples.

**2011-2012 AREA ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED:** (*i.e. Inviting Events, Retreats, Campouts, KYRAP events, etc.*) We are very privileged to be allowed to invite our couples to Ohio's M.E. Retreat, Camp-out and KYRAP activities. We have a group working on the possibility of having a one-day event or retreat in PA.

**CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INPUT/INFORMATION:**

Continuing concerns are: rising costs of facilities in this area making it difficult to cover expenses, and difficulty in getting our writing couples finished with their writing with no support/workshoppers living close to them.

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Fred ♥ Julie Schamber