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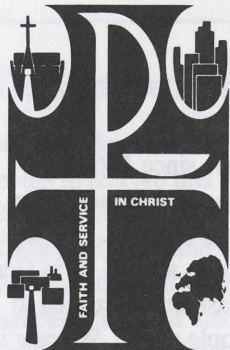
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Members of the Class of '71 (from left) Deaconesses Judy Hoshek, Dorothy Prybylski, Gwen Saylor, Jan Janzow, Vanette Kashmer, and Anita Grunow celebrate their 25th anniversary.

A named endowed scholarship is a way to remember or honor a loved one, celebrate a special event, or give thanks for God's blessings, and provide financial aid for deaconess students now and in the future.

Class of '71 sets the pace Endows scholarship in honor of parents

As anniversary celebrations go, this one was unusual.

The class of '71 marked its 25th anniversary during the annual Lutheran Deaconess Conference in July.

As is customary, members of the class received gifts in honor of 25 years of consecration. And, as is customary, they said "thank you"—but they did so in a most extraordinary way.

"... we continue to give thanks for the education and formation process that enabled all of us to respond to God's call to serve the church," said Jan

Janzow, a member of the class.

"On this our 25th anniversary, our class would like to ensure the education and formation of future deaconesses through our participation in the LDA's endowed scholarship program. Over the next few years the class of '71 will establish a \$10,000 scholarship fund for deaconess students.

"Twenty-five years ago we were fortunate to have our moms and dads financially assist or support our education. Since that time all of us have lost at least one parent. So,

both in gratitude for and in memory of our moms and dads, we are proudly naming our fund *The Class of '71's Parents Scholarship Fund.*"

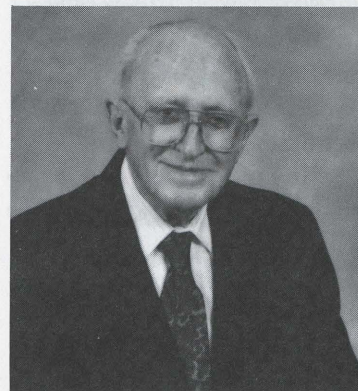
Two more memorial scholarships named

Two special friends of the LDA are being remembered by their families and friends with named endowed scholarships.

■ Pastor Edgar Albers, a former member and past president of the LDA's Board of Directors, died last March.

As a tribute to his life and ministry, Albers' daughters, Carolyn, Deaconess Elaine, Ellen, and Lois, and their families and friends, are establishing the **Edgar Henry Albers Memorial Scholarship Fund**. They are being joined in their effort by several of the congregations once served by Albers.

(see *Endowed Scholarships*, page 2)



Pastor Edgar Albers

From my perspective . . .

"Who would have imagined that this could happen!" I had walked in on a conversation between a German deaconess and the hotel manager. "Who would have ever thought that this hotel built by the Communists in East Germany would become a place of prayer, a place for Christians to gather?" Sister Hannah asked.

That's exactly what happened for eight days in July at the Berg Hotel at Friedrichroda in the eastern part of the now unified Germany. Over 670 people from around the world gathered for the World Assembly of DIAKONIA, the World

Federation of Diaconal Associations and Communities.

Among the participants were 29 deaconesses, family members, and friends from the Lutheran Deaconess Association. It was a rich experience for us all.

Bridges of Reconciliation — Hope and Mission was the theme of this 50th Anniversary gathering. Fifty years ago deaconesses in Europe built bridges across the fears and hatreds that followed World War II to begin DIAKONIA. We celebrated fifty years of reconciliation among deaconesses, deacons, and diaconal workers. The LDA has been a member of

DIAKONIA since 1969.

Bridges of Reconciliation — Hope and Mission. We saw it in action — around us in Germany as east and west tried to be one people again. We saw it in action — in the conference as people struggled to communicate and understand in spite of the differences of language and culture. We saw it in action — in the ministries the participants described, the ministries to which they had dedicated their lives.

Bridges of Reconciliation — Hope and Mission. Reconciliation is God's gift to us in Christ. To share that promise and hope is our mission. One of the ways the church pursues that mission is through the ministry of deaconesses. We of the LDA are honored to be part of this rich tradition. We eagerly look for new ways to carry on Christ's ministry of reconciliation in the world today. And we thank God for people like you who share our hope and support our mission.

Sharing Christ's service,

Louise Williams
Louise Williams
Executive Director



Deaconesses Louise Williams and Debra Graf (third and fourth from left), members of the LDA delegation, and deaconesses from Iceland (left) and Fiji (right) were among those attending the World Assembly of DIAKONIA in Germany this summer.

(Endowed Scholarships, continued)

■ Lois Hoepfner served the LDA as a part-time bookkeeper for sixteen years until her death in June 1994.

In Lois' memory and in recognition of her dedication to the ministry of the LDA, her husband, Del, and their children, Barbara, Brian, and Greg, are establishing the **Lois Hoepfner Endowed Scholarship Fund**.

The LDA is grateful to the

Class of '71, and to the families and friends of Edgar Albers and Lois Hoepfner for these gifts which—with their names—will live on in perpetuity.

To learn how you can create a named endowed scholarship, contact Kristi at:
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Lois Hoepfner

Diakonia en Christo award recipient named

Notified that she had been selected to receive this year's *Diakonia en Christo* Award, Rougean Schoenborn wrote, "I am overwhelmed by this honor and can only give thanks to my Lord for the blessings of mental and physical health so I may continue to serve."

Rougean was nominated for the LDA's lay ministry award by Deaconess Judy Gruenhagen, director of the Trinity First Lutheran Child Life Center and School in Minneapolis. Trinity First, located in the inner city, is a program supported in part by a coalition of Lutheran churches from across the metropolitan area.

"Rougean is a retired librarian who has volunteered for the past three years at the Child

Life Center and School," says Deaconess Judy.

"She spent an entire summer cataloging hundreds of donated books. During the school year she comes in every Tuesday to introduce the children to new books, read to them, and change her weekly display.

"Rougean regards the children attending our Christian education programs as her kids, regardless of their ethnic and economical background.

"Though retired, Rougean shows no sign of slowing down. She shares her talents and training as a librarian . . . without any expectation of reward."

The *Diakonia en Christo* Award is intended to praise God for the diaconal service of lay people as they follow Christ's



Rougean Schoenborn

example of care and compassion for those in need in our hurting world.

Rougean will be given the award on November 10 during worship services at Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN, where she is a member. Cross View is a partner church with the Trinity First Child Life Center and School. ■

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In Memoriam

Ethelyne Kristo, a former member of the LDA staff, died on August 29.

Mrs. Kristo served the LDA in various capacities, including administrative assistant, office manager, and dorm director, from 1961 to 1971. During those years her husband, the Reverend Arne Kristo, was Director of Training and then Executive Director of the LDA.

A memorial service for Mrs. Kristo was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach, VA, on September 7. ■

We're getting ready for prime time

If you have access to a video monitor, you will soon have the opportunity to learn more about diaconal ministry.

In one short video tape (under 12 minutes) you will get a close-up look at the work of the Lutheran Deaconess Association through the ministries of four deaconesses. They are:

- April Boyden, hospice chaplain in Houston, TX;
- Cherryll Hoffman, counselor for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa in Sioux City, IA, (and the first woman to be accepted as a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors);
- Ruth Nielsen, full-time deaconess/organist in a congregation served by a part-time pastor in suburban Cleveland;
- Addie Wilkins, coordinator of

social ministry and outreach for the LUTHER Plan (Lutherans United to Teach, Enrich, and Reach) in St. Louis, MO.

The video, which will come complete with a study guide, is ideal for individual viewing. You also may want to consider using the video for a special program, or as the basis for discussion in an adult forum, youth group, or Sunday School class.

Call Mary at 219-464-6925 to reserve your copy in advance. ■

Remember to include the LDA in your will. For sample wording contact Kristi at:

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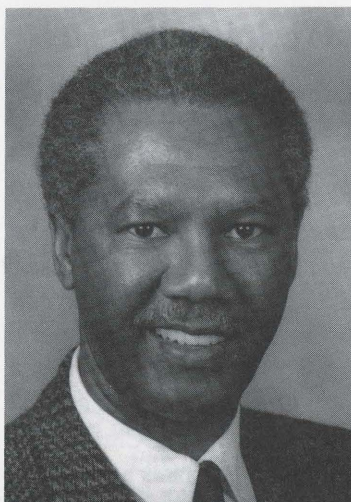
Lilly grant funds planning process

Twenty-five people, including LDA board members and deaconesses selected by their peers, spent Memorial Day weekend in a long-range planning retreat.

The retreat, made possible by a \$7,500 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., followed nearly a year of study. During the study period, volunteers conducted surveys and interviews with hundreds of the LDA's constituents.

Next, the LDA's Board of Directors will develop strategies for implementing the goals which have been developed as a result of the long-range planning process.

We are grateful for Lilly's support of this project. ■



Rev. Kelly Chatman

Meet our newest Board member

"We are very pleased to welcome Kelly Chatman to the LDA's Board of Directors," says Lynn Bahls, board president. "We feel blessed to have a per-

son with his experience and abilities working with us in our common goal of advancing the mission of the LDA."

The Reverend Kelly Chatman is the Director for Youth Ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in the Chicago area.

A graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA, Chatman has served as a teacher, counselor, pastor, and administrator in various settings. Prior to beginning his work with the ELCA, he was Director of Multicultural Relations at Concordia College, St. Paul.

Chatman was elected to the LDA Board for a three-year term which began last April. ■

Among you as one who serves

Name:

Deaconess Brenda Bass

Ministry:

Activities Coordinator, special needs unit, Bethany Lutheran Village, Dayton, Ohio

Responsibilities:

Brenda leads group activities, including worship and exercise sessions, for people in the special needs unit (those diagnosed with dementia) at Bethany.

Quote:

Working with a special group of people, as I do, has made me even more aware of the different

abilities and personalities God has created.

It is really a privilege for me to be part of people's lives as they are completing their journeys here on earth.

God's grace becomes touchable and experiential as I spend my days with people who have some kind of dementia. Each day—and sometimes each hour—is a new beginning. ■

Photo at right: Deaconess Brenda Bass helps a woman do range-of-motion exercises.



The Lutheran Deaconess Association prepares women for a ministry of service to those in need in the church and the world; supports deaconesses in their varied ministries; affirms lay people in their own Christian service; and assists the church in its diaconal mission.