



a recent gathering of past national presidents [see photo]. “But I didn’t really ‘get it’ until it was explained to me face to face. I can do this!”

And she did, along with Linda Reiser. The irrevocable contract may not be for everyone, but many LWML women could enjoy the benefits of increased income and tax advantages. Rates depend upon the donor’s age and can reach as high as 10.3% for 90 year olds. Significant benefits are realized especially through stock transfers.

“We need to educate our women about gift annuities,” former President Reiser relates. “Many of our women could serve themselves *and* LWML through a gift annuity. They just need to know how. Plus, it’s so easy to do.”

That’s what Gifts of Love is all about — helping LWML women (and their spouses) understand how easy charitable planning can be to return a portion of the many blessings God has first given us.

To learn more about gift annuities, go to www.lwmlgiftplan.org. Click on “Illustrate Your Gift Plan” and follow the instructions to illustrate your own personal gift annuity, or call Pat Bilow, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, at 1 (888) 482-8425 for a personal illustration.

*Gift annuities are funded with cash or appreciated stock. Donors receive increased income guaranteed for life based on their age and the gift amount as well as an income tax deduction. Part of their payment is tax-free until life expectancy — another tax benefit. When the donor is called to her heavenly home, the remainder is distributed to LWML National, an LWML District, and/or other ministries of LCMS, according to the donor’s wishes.)



Leading the Way with Gifts of Love

*LWML Presidents
Mall, Wendorf,
Reiser, Edwards,
Gienapp, Von Seggern,
and Duda.*

Like most leaders, LWML national presidents give 110% to their positions. But after four years of being on the run, do former presidents drop out of sight? Hardly!

When the LWML established Gifts of Love, the planned giving initiative — thanks, in part, to the leadership of Presidents Von Seggern and Reiser — Gloria Edwards and Linda Reiser led the way by entering into their own gift annuity contracts with LCMS Foundation. (The Foundation acts as the administrator of gift annuities for most LCMS ministries.)

“I get information on gift annuities* all the time,” former President Edwards commented at



News! News! News!

Call for news items for the Summer 2009 LWQ

“Courageous, Dangerous...Christian!” is the theme for the Summer 2009 *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*. How do you live your life as a courageous Christian? Can you be courageous and loving at the same time? Do the media, your school, the workplace, or friends tempt you or your family to go astray? How, specifically, do you stay grounded in the face of opposition?

How are you a bold and dangerous witness for the Lord? Does your journey of faith stay on a straight track? If so, how do you accomplish that? If not, how do you get back on track?

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