

# Lutheran Braille Workers

*Helping People Touch the  
Promises of Jesus*

## Work Center Memo

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### From the Braille Dept.

*“Ask and it will be given to you: seek and you will find...” (Matt 7:7)*

*“Don’t be afraid to ask...” as my Grandson likes to say; “you’ll never get what you want if you don’t ask.” This is exactly what Work Center 201 Leader, Helen Bleekman did; for years she was afraid to ask her volunteers for financial support for their center. This past year she gained enough courage to ask her church council and the volunteers for their support. Now the center is thriving financially and productively. As Helen states; “You never know what a little nudging can do, or as farmers like to say ‘prodding.’”*

Thank You Work Center 201 and all volunteers who financially support this ministry so it too may continue to thrive!

Rose Jaimes - Braille Administrator

### Did You Know That...

If your center is behind on production, you shouldn’t be afraid to contact the Home Office? We will gladly place a hold on your monthly labels until you catch up.

We are also in the process of sending out letters asking for one of each braille book that you produce? This is so we can complete our annual audit. Please send those as soon as you can so that we can keep current and not overwhelm our auditor. This only applies to Work Centers that produce Braille books.

Thank You!



### “LAY A ROSE”

We will miss Jan North from Work Center #34 in Tampa, FL, as she had been the Leader beginning in 2005. Jan quit serving as Leader in January 2012 because of a serious illness, and passed away the next month in February of 2012. God keep her in His glory!



*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

*~ Matthew 5:16*

## FUND-RAISING IDEAS

*"We are so happy to send \$500 for the mission from Work Center #3 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. We held a wonderful Dining in the Dark for 60 people. They all had a great time and there was a lot of very good comments about the night. Their comments were on what they learned about themselves when not knowing what they were eating nor being able to see as they ate. It was a lot of fun to do!*



*We are fortunate to have a member of our Braille group who enjoys cooking as he did all of the cooking for us. We are also very thankful for the well written instructions and easy to follow plan for the dinner.*

*Thanks for the idea and all the information provided by your people. It is worth the time for other centers to try it once and help get the word out on what we are all about. Hopefully we are able to open some peoples' eyes on our purpose of the work center."*

*Yours In Christ - Sharon & Paul*

## Large Print Readers Write In

We recently received two very nice letters (re-printed below) illustrating how Lutheran Braille Workers is enriching the lives of our readers who have visually disabilities. Without the generosity and participation of our Work Center volunteers, this would not be possible.

*Dear Friends,*

*I received my New Testament today in the mail, and wanted to thank you all for your fine product, and for sharing the word of our Lord. I applaud your efforts! God Bless you each and ALL!*

Barkley B.  
USAF Retired  
Desert Storm Veteran  
Beebe, AR

(Note: A donation was also received from Barkley).

*Thank you very much for having the large print Bibles. I have problems with reading the small print and I don't read my Bible as often as I should because it hurts my eyes. God bless you and I can not say thank you enough.*

Connie P.  
Bellefontaine, OH

Roy Fisher - Large Print Administrator

## In Production

We are very busy in the Braille department taking orders that all of you are so diligently producing and filling. I have been surprised at how quickly our orders are being processed and closed. All of you are doing an outstanding job. Our volunteers truly are the backbone of our ministry here at Lutheran Braille Workers. Often I get letters telling us how a life has been touched and a soul has found salvation with Christian materials that you produce. A letter from Kala in South India recently received with an order stated;

*“Thank you very much for your good spiritual materials which you have sent to me, what wonderful Braille materials were in that package. All the materials you have sent to us are a great help to our work here. Many people are saved and have accepted*



Work Center #52 in Texas City, TX working hard to produce the Grade 2 NIV 1st & 2nd Corinthians and St. Mark in Estonian Braille

*Jesus as their personal Savior, many youth are tasting the love of Jesus, praise the Lord, and still many more are receiving the Good News through this ministry.”*

On another note, this is our busy time for conventions and often we ask for your help to represent Lutheran Braille Workers at conventions. Some of you have been asked and thank you to all who were able to help us.

Joanna Ervin - Production Coordinator



Some of our dedicated volunteers at Work Center #1 packing Large Print and Braille books.

**Please prayerfully consider Lutheran Braille Workers in your Estate Planning.**

## Lutheran Braille Workers 70th Anniversary

In 1943 Helene Loewe Koehler started a ministry that brought the Gospel of Jesus to at least a million people throughout the world. Although it is impossible to know for sure how many people know Jesus as a result of this ministry, an estimated 17.5 million Christian books and pamphlets have been placed into the hands of people with visual impairment. Next year will be the 70th anniversary of this profound and effective ministry.

To celebrate and commemorate this anniversary Lutheran Braille Workers would like to do something exciting and meaningful. We ask for your prayers, wisdom and insight as we discuss ways to celebrate and thank God for this wonderful ministry.

The current proposal is to invite representatives from every Work Center to meet together for a 70th Anniversary Celebration over a two-day period in October of 2013. The Celebration will offer fellowship, sharing, workshops, and worship for all those who attend. Video will be taken of certain sessions to be shared with others at the local Work Centers.

To help make this event a success and to allow maximum participation of Work Centers, we would encourage Work Center “coffee can money” to be collected so that every Work Center can send a representative to the Anniversary Celebration. The money would be used for transportation and accommodation costs. It is hoped that some of the larger Work Centers might help support the costs of representatives from some of the smaller Work Centers, all, of course, given as a free-will offering.

The level of commitment of this idea is fairly high; the average monthly offering would be about \$50 per Work Center for the next 18 months. However, the benefits of an Anniversary Convention such as this are many:

- Meeting with representatives from all the other Work Centers of LBW.
- Sharing of ideas, procedures, joys and challenges.
- Inspirational stories of how your Work Center changes lives of people throughout the world.
- Developing a network of support both locally and nationally.

**What do you think?** Is this a good idea or should we be thinking along different lines? Is this something you and your Work Center would support? What other ideas would you like to contribute?

Please email, write, or call Jan Fisher at the Home Office. Jan’s email address is: [jan@lbwinc.org](mailto:jan@lbwinc.org). Jan will tally your responses and we will keep you informed on what people are saying in our next Work Center Memo.

May God continue to richly bless each of you abundantly, in Christ!

Rev. Dr. Phil Pledger