

UIW Mission Newsletter

Happy Christmas

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Eleven Faculty Members Participate in Mission Leadership Retreat in Gruene

Special points of interest:

- **Holy Land Study Tour and Pilgrimage**, "Ancient Women of Bible Lands and Contemporary Women Working for Peace," is scheduled for May 18-June 2, 2007. Co-sponsored by Women's Global Connection, this pilgrimage will be led by S. Martha Ann Kirk.
- **Embroidery from the Holy Land**: Rolla Alaydi, Ph.D. student is offering four sessions in Palestinian Embroidery. This is sponsored by the Institute of World Cultures at the ICC.
- The **Alan Dreeben Research Center**, an extension of the Dreeben School of Education, is now located in the Frost Collection Room in the Mabee Library. The focus of the Center is to increase understanding in the areas of lifelong learning and leadership.
- The CCVI web address is www.amormeus.org.
- An Express-News reporter and photographer have just returned from **Mongu**, Zambia, so look for a **major story** on the outreach of many San Antonio religious congregations and UIW in the diocese of Mongu.
- **Mission Mexico**: Applications are now available for the **alternative spring break** in Monterrey, Mexico. Call 829-3128.

A group of faculty members will enjoy some "Sabbath" time during the annual **Mission Leadership Retreat**. Held in Gruene, Texas, immediately after finals, this retreat provides an opportunity for reflection on Mission, for sharing across disciplines, and for much needed "prayer and play time."

The group will discuss themes from **Parker Palmer's "Leading**

from Within." Saying that, "a leader is a person who has an unusual degree of power to project onto other people his or her shadow, or his or her light," Parker describes the "shadow side" of leadership, which can create

harm within classrooms, families, or wherever the "leader" functions. He concludes with reflections on how essential it is for leaders to make the inner journey and to help others on this same path. "**Great leadership,**" he says, "comes from people who have made that . . . Journey, who have touched the deep place where we are in community with each other, and who can help take the rest of us to that place."



The Gruene Apple, on the Guadalupe, provides ample "Sabbath" opportunities for faculty retreat.

Crowds Gather to See Campus Light Up

For the 21st time, UIW turned on the lights to begin "lighting the way" to Christmas. The ceremonies began with Mass at which Archbishop Jose Gomez presided, assisted by Msgr. Mur-

phy from St. Peter's whose parishioners joined the UIW community. After Mass, Msgr. Murphy blessed the Bell Family Garden, created to honor long-time employee, Phil Bell who brought the community

together each year in that spot to help prepare the strings of light bulbs.

The crowd then moved to the packed Convocation Center for the lighting ceremony.

ROA Basket Sale Scheduled at SAMA

Women's Global Connection will hold its annual basket sale at San Antonio Museum of Art's Bazaar Sabado on December 9th. Featuring beautiful handmade baskets, the sale will benefit the women who make them in the remote villages of Zambia and Tanzania.

The women have organized home business coopera-

tives to generate income for their children's education, to fight hunger and to help ease the ravages of HIV/AIDS. All the proceeds from the sale go back to these women who are grateful for UIW's effort to make a



difference in the lives of their families.

Christmas Novena begins December 17th in Chapel of the Incarnate Word

In celebration of the Centennial Year of the Chapel, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word invite the community to join them in the traditional sung version of the Christmas Novena each evening at 5:30 p.m.

Seven Approaches that Make a College Catholic

- We must teach our students that life is messy.
- We must teach students to distinguish one voice from another.
- We must be active in guiding students through the study of scripture.
- We must stress the importance of the sacraments.
- We must teach our students church history.
- We must instruct students in and promote the practice of Catholic social teaching.
- We must be for our students the very person of Jesus.

—From the National Catholic Reporter, November 3, 2006

Spaghetti Dinner Draws Crowd to Prepare, Serve and Enjoy Community Event

Dr. Agnese's traditional spaghetti dinner, held this year on November 28th, began with faculty and staff rolling meatballs and arranging the dining room. Dr. Agnese's forte, cooking up the special Italian sauce recipe, takes all morning. Employees served the students and their families while Santa made a quick visit and the music faculty entertained the guests.

McNair Scholars Program Bids Farewell to December Class

The UIW McNair Scholars Program held its Fall Recognition Luncheon on November 17 in the IWRC Garden Room. Moises Torrescano, Director of the Program, welcomed the research scholars and their mentors who were honored with a "Shining Star" certificate in grati-



Professor Waller visits with music industry major, Christina Mendez during Fall Recognition Luncheon.

tude for their guidance of student projects.

Special graduation medals were given to the December 2006 graduates: Tande Babb, David DeRouen, Desarae Davila, Christina Mendez, Daniela Oliveira, Melissa Pabon, and Erin Reed.

UIW Students Win First and Second Places in Ethics Match

Students Sam Sanders, Samantha Jacoby, Jennifer Velez and Andrew Degeer won first place in the "East Division" of the Ethics Match held in Fort Worth, November 17th. This win placed them in the championship round where they won second place and

brought home two trophies and \$750 to invest in furthering business ethics education at UIW.

Drs. Paul Lewis and Doug Gilmour accompanied the students and expressed great pride in their success. The match is sponsored by

the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas to test competency in analyzing ethical, legal and moral conflicts and proposing solutions. Judges award winning rank to teams on the basis of comprehension, clarity, subtlety, and ingenuity.