



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

DEPUTY GRAM FOR DISTRICT AND INSTITUTE DEPUTIES

We just had our Spring Board meeting March 1, 2025. It was a wonderful meeting with lots of information that was shared and reviewed. June McJunkin went over the fact that we had dropped below the constitution trigger of \$40,000. So we have to increase our membership dues to \$31.00 for beneficial members and \$25.00 for associates. They may also need to go up again next year. We need new members. On a sad note we have paid to date \$176,400 to member beneficiaries.

Make sure Quarterly Reports ending December 31, 2024 need to be completed and sent by the end of March as it is the end of our fiscal year.

Audit committees, please be sure and get the audits done in a timely manner.

Our 2025 convention is just around the corner with co-chairmen Jeannette Borges and Terri Ward hard at work with District 8 and District 19 working to keep to our theme Sing the Praises of YLGI.

If you have never attended one of our conventions, now is a great time to be a part of the celebration.

Our committee is hunting for a new location for Convention 2026. It is working hard. Right now, there are three hotels that are being looked at. The Double Tree in Fresno, CA, the Wyndham in Visalia, CA, and the Crown Plaza in Union City, CA. I think that Wyndham is looking good.

There is a lot to consider when looking for a location for us, meeting rooms, restaurants on the premises, room rates, other amenities.

We did have some good news, we had not received any applications for Disaster Relief, amid the raging fires and flooding in Southern California. Thank God.

Committee chairmen have been asked to update their guidelines that are very helpful to the Grand President and the First Vice President.

YLGI does have an Institute Support Committee, if help is needed by an institute for encouragement for recruiting new members, officer training and publicity. As our organization is a well-kept secret.

This is the time for institute by-laws to be updated, if they have not have your president pick a committee to do so. You might want to include the new fees for dues \$31.00 for beneficial and \$25.00 for Associates.

This is also a year to propose changes to the meeting procedure manual. Forms have been sent for the proposed changes by the Grand Secretary.

Membership, we initiated and reinstated 151 new members from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

Unfortunately, there were 46 resignations, suspensions are at 68, deaths were 136. That is a total of 250 that have left YLGI.

The YLGI Panama Cruise for YLGI is Jan. 8, 2026 to Jan. 24, 2026. It sounds like it is a wonderful sixteen days.

The Voice of YLGI is a wonderful way to learn about other institutes, what they do for fundraisers, how they recruit new members. We can always learn something. Be sure and tell your new members about this wonderful newsletter.

As with everything else going up, we also have to raise our fees. Registration fees are now \$60.00 for delegates, connectivity fees will be \$40.00, Procedural manuals will be \$15.00, Visitors packets will be \$20.00, \$2.00 for a Visitors badge.

District and institute deputies, a note to remind you that our institutes always need help.

We need to be aware of each individual institute, get to know their members, check on them to be sure they are doing well, offer help especially when doing the Quarterly Reports. They may not always feel they should ask for help.

Keep in mind that the Convention will be here soon, consider being a delegate or to just come as a visitor to see what it is all about and the fun and love that is given by your YLGI sisters.

With Sisterly Love,

Cece Artherholt, Chairman