**Treasurer – Fall 2016 Newsletter**

I love the energy that is generated in the fall by the kids going back to school and so many activities starting up again. It compels us to get active again after some lazy, hot summer days spent relaxing and vacationing.

I am happy to announce that after some discussion, an agreement with the Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College to establish the fund for the Doreen Melton Scholarship was finalized and signed off by President Mary Hunt and Archbishop Smith. The fund now resides with the Foundation where it can be invested and earn higher investment income than before. We are currently doing some research to add to the information we have about the contributions Doreen Melton made in our Diocese and to compile a list of the winners of the scholarship since 1979. If you knew Doreen Melton or have information that you would like to contribute, please contact me. This information will enable both us and the Foundation to tell the story about the scholarship and the person who inspired it.

Several Treasurers have requested help in finding programs to help manage their Council financial records. For most Councils, using an Excel spreadsheet is probably the easiest especially if it can be based on one that another Council is using. If you are using Excel for your Council and would be willing to share what you do, please send me an example of your template.

Many councils will be making decisions in the next few months to support various charities or programs. Please keep in mind those that Diocesan, Provincial and National CWL levels are suggesting. If you do support any of them, please complete the appropriate form and send your cheque to the applicable level.

Diocesan: Sign of Hope (Catholic Social Services)

The Wilberforce Project (Alberta Pro-life)

Provincial: Nickels for the North

National: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

 Catholic Missions in Canada

 Catholic Near East Welfare Association

 Coady International Institute Fund

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|  Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (until August 18, 2020) |
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| May the fall season find you energized to continue in all you do for God and for Canada through the CWL. |

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