

Women's Ministry



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Stay In SHAPE!

Many of you have been sharing with me some of your plans for this year. I am so excited to know of all your creative ideas! I would like to thank Paulette, from the Glendale S.D.A. Church for giving me permission to share some of their women's ministries ideas:

The Glendale S.D.A. Church Women's Ministry is all about serving others. We are very active and love operating outside the box. We just recently completed the "Let's Keep Them Warm" Campaign. An outreach WM took on the challenge of obtaining blankets, sleeping bags, throws, and bedding for the homeless veterans in Indianapolis. The donations were FANTASTIC, by God's grace. We even provided them Vet Center the large tote we kept these items in, which was over-flowing. Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

We also completed this session of the "Heart for My Sister" an inspirational event for the ladies of the church. We are perched and anticipate God's hand moving us forward in 2014. We want to embark on additional outreach ministries in 2014, but we will see how the Lord leads us.

Our monthly outreach to the women and children of the abuse shelter is coming up. The students enrolled in our school annually prepare special Valentine's Day Cards that remind the children of the shelter of God's love for them, no matter what. This will be our 3rd year of blessing the children through this event. While the children prepare cards of encouragement and of God's love to the children, some 50 plus, of the mothers utilizing the Abuse Shelter, the Women's Ministry also provides a letter on special stationery to the mothers reminding them of the greatest love of all, God's, and how He cares for them and is everything they will ever need. (You know we cannot leave the mothers out of this important activity). Since we were talking about Valentine's Day, by God's grace, I always try to do something different for the children/church to remind them

all, He who loves them best, loved them first"!

Paulette is doing the right thing to stay in SHAPE. That is, spiritual SHAPE. She is keeping active her women's ministries. Not only is she staying in SHAPE but also those involved. Great job, Paulette! May God continue to give you the strength to stay in SHAPE!

Here are some other ways you and your group can stay in spiritual SHAPE:

S = Spend time in prayer and Bible Study. It is so important to take time aside to pray and study God's Word alone, with a partner or in a group setting.

H = Have activities that will promote the ladies within your group to use their God-given gifts and talents for outreach events. This is a great way for each of the ladies to share and get to know each other better.

A = Ask for power and strength! Ask for the fuel of the Holy Spirit to help you continue in this ministry.

P = Provide plenty of encouragement and motivation. The ladies within your group will need to know that they are needed and valued.

E = Expect God to reward your hard work of staying in spiritual SHAPE! God desires to bless your efforts not only while here on earth but when the time on earth has ended. Imagine Him saying to you: "*Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*" (Matthew 25:23)

IDEAS:

The following are some activities you can incorporate with the above when helping your group stay in SHAPE:

- **S = Spend time in prayer and Bible Study.** - For a prayer activity, using the word PRAYER as an acronym, discuss what is prayer. For example, the letter P can stand for Petition, R can stand for Rest in His Promises, etc. Find Bible verses to support each definition. For Bible Study, I have created simple [Creative Bible Study](#) sheets you can do alone or in a group setting. [[CLICK HERE TO SEE LIST](#)]
- **H = Have activities that will promote the ladies within your group to use their God-given gifts and talents for outreach events.** - Conduct a Spiritual Gift seminar. Have a Talent Show by having the ladies display something they do well and enjoy doing. For example, someone may enjoy writing so they bring in and read a poem, another may enjoy playing an instrument so they will play a piece of music, etc. Have each of the ladies also share how their talent can be useful in sharing the love of Jesus with others.
- **A = Ask for power and strength.** - Not only is it important to stay in spiritual shape, but also in physical shape. Conduct a Health Seminar. Have someone demonstrate how to stay physically fit (exercise). Present cooking classes.
- **P = Provide plenty of encouragement and motivation.** - As women's ministry leader, take out time to write encouraging notes to your ladies. Include Bible verses that will lift and cheer their soul.
- **E = Expect God to reward you!** - You and your ladies can write Thank You notes to those who support your ministry such as your Pastor, Church Board members, Conference leaders, etc. Be sure to include the Bible verse found in Matthew 25:23.

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Hugs and Blessings!

~ *Diana*

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