

Willow Creek Stake Relief Society History – 2015

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January 8th – We had a fireside to kick off ward conferences. Sister Sharon Eubank head of the Welfare Department came and spoke to the men and women of the stake. It was very interesting. She shared with us ways we can help people in our own community. We served refreshments after. It was an enjoyable evening. Sister Sarah Weaver of the 6th Ward and the editor of the Church News invited Sister Eubanks to address us. Thank you Sister Weaver.

January-February – Ward conferences were held. As a presidency we were able to go into all the wards and share the message of how glorious women are and how individual talents help in hastening the work of our Heavenly Father. We spoke of how we are part of a grand symphony in which each of us plan an important part. We shared the song “Glorious” from the movie “Meet the Mormons.” We passed out Symphony candy bars at the end of each meeting.

March – Each Ward held a birthday celebration to mark the beginning of Relief Society as an organization. As a presidency we were able to attend and mingle with the sisters of the stake.

March 28th – the General Woman’s Meeting was aired at the stake and many of our sisters attended this broadcast. It’s always nice to hear from our General Board leaders.

May 17th – We hosted an activity to welcome the Young Women of the Stake to Relief Society. We, along with the Stake Young Women leaders, were assigned to pick up all the graduating Laurels and then we assembled in the three hour block meeting at the single young adult ward. We met with Bishop Smart during the Sunday School time and all were encourage to attend the various YSA meetings. This was the first time we did this in and we expect to continue this tradition. Then the Relief Society served a light lunch and presented each Laurel with a copy of “Daughters in my Kingdom” and “The Holy Temples” booklet.

June 11th – Stake Relief society leadership training was held. We had a wonderful opportunity to hear from Jan Lynn and from Debra Bentley. Sister Lynn is the welfare specialist for Willow Creek Stake. She shared ways she is available to help our stake member who are in need. Debra Bentley of the 9th Ward is a therapist. She helped us understand postpartum depression and gave us information as to how we can recognize the signs and symptoms. In addition she shared information on how to get help for all kinds of problems. It was very informative.

July – As a presidency we took dinner to the Young Women and their leaders who were attending girl’s camp. We served Sloppy Joes, chips, watermelon and cookies. It is always fun to be with the leaders and the young sisters of our stake.

September 10th – Stake Relief Society Temple Day was held at the Jordan River Temple. We had an amazing turnout. It is so nice to gather as sisters in the temple. We met in the cafeteria after a session for lunch where we enjoyed socializing and building new friendships.

September 20th – We held a Stake Fireside where Terryl and Fiona Given spoke. Steven Sharp Nelson, from the Piano Guys, played his cello after which we enjoyed refreshments in the cultural hall.

September 26th – We attended the General Conference Women’s meeting broadcast in the stake center with the sisters of the stake.

November 25th – As a presidency we served lunch to 35 missionaries from the South Salt Lake Mission. It is always a treat to feed and spend time with these young elders and sisters. They are so appreciative.

December 3rd – We held our annual appreciation luncheon for the Ward Relief Society presidents including: 1st Ward, Teresa Curtis; 2nd Ward, Deanna Lambson; 3rd Ward, Ashley Hesterman; 4th Ward Suzanne Seal; 6th Ward, Sherry Wasden; 7th Ward, Jody Done; 9th Ward, Monica Cassell and from Wentworth Branch, Bonnie Morgan. This is always a wonderful time to show how much we appreciate the love and support the Relief Society Presidents give the women of their wards. We really enjoyed visiting, sharing and learning from one another.