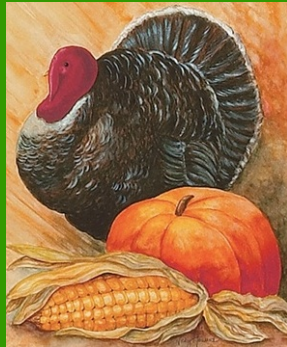


HBC News: Gratitude



Homemakers By Choice
The Choice That Really Matters



Winter 2009

Notes from Donna

An Annual Reminder to Be Grateful

What event takes place on the fourth Thursday in November? It's 'day', right? Or 'football for the family day?' Navy/Army game? 'Pe day before shopping day?' No, it's Thanksgiving. It's a season to s thanks. We stop and are grateful. More amazing is the concept tha not a season. It's a way of life. Here is how we approach gratitude:

There is a flagstone leaning upright near our family's front door. It embossed on the face of the stone. The words express our hearts t come to our home.

"Welcome to the House of Gratitude"

We put the stone there as a reminder to us and to our guests about gratefulness for all we have received. Sometimes you just have to b especially important things like being grateful. The danger in life is think that you alone accomplished things, when in fact, it's not so.

I work at being grateful. One exercise in gratitude that I use on my children and teenagers who complain a lot, is the 'Give Me Ten' rou 'Ten'? It's a modification of the Army push-up order that the serge Give Me Ten (push-ups). Only here, you are the sergeant and the 'te push-ups, but items the person is grateful for. Give Me Ten items y Me Ten! It's amazing that when you or your child stops and lists thi grateful for, how attitudes change from whining (poor me) to pleasur this important part of your life? Are you grateful? Are you gratefu manifold blessings? How do you express gratitude at your house? A Give Me Ten! Philippians 4:8-9.

We are grateful at Homemakers By Choice for so many things. Ten is

- We are grateful for you. You are engaged in the ministry to y as a woman at home. You stand up and seek to be upstanding, challenging times. We are grateful for you.
- We are grateful for the privilege of encouraging you. It is a p with many worthy groups and yet you connect with us. We see

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Our Mission

To inspire courage and hope in women, wives, mothers and keepers of the home to live a counter-culture lifestyle by providing Bible-based teaching, worship, homemaking techniques and friendship opportunities.

An Important Message from the Chairman of the Board

We have immediate financial needs. It is our goal to raise \$40,000 by year-end.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting us with a tax-deductible year-end contribution?

[Click HERE to donate today](#)

Thank you for your continual friendship and support and thank you for helping us reach families, one woman at a time.



Give Thanks for our Troops!

- We are grateful for the faithfulness of the many women who sacrificially of their time and money to make this ministry happen. The volunteer time we received from Homemakers by Choice women is a blessing!
- I am personally grateful for the staff. You may know them by the name of a woman committed to advancing the work of this ministry. We are a gift!
- I am grateful for the call that God has given me personally over the years to women on subjects calling them to a closer and vital relationship with their families. When I am tired I remember to include this in my list of what I am called to do.
- Finally, I am grateful for the fact that I ,too, am a wife, woman, and mother that I have walked this path ahead of you, hopefully to clear the way for you.

Stand Strong in Jesus this Season,
Donna

P.S. Don't forget that Thanksgiving helps us set our hearts to Yearning for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Advent Book

Limited Quantities Available!

Created by Jack & Kathy Stockman, The Advent Book was designed to be a treasured heirloom and the centerpiece of an annual Christmas tradition. Gilt edged, debossed gold stamping, double sided ribbon and a matte finish make this an elegant edition to your Christmas celebrations.

The large, full-color book features 25 unique doors, each opening to a new scene and segment of the Christmas story. The story is told in simple, colorful words that even young children can be included in this Advent tradition.

A new door is opened each day from December 1st through Christmas Eve. A daily calendar. Because the doors are reopened and added to every day, the anticipation of remembering or revealing what is behind each door adds to the joy of the heart.

A Limited Quantity is Available!

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A Grateful Home

Pat Mersiowsky



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During these uncertain times it is important to be grateful for the b vs. wants' talks occurring around our kitchen tables are a healthy par opportunities with our children. As a family, embrace getting back t truly matters. This can be done with your home, within your schedul giving.

Create order at home by simplifying and getting creative. Now is th clearing out the clutter. It's invigorating and liberating to turn stor space. Get creative with what you already have rather than purchas old TV armoire can be turned into a great gift-wrapping center, with ribbons, tape and tags.

Creating more space in your home will also generate more time in you belongings means less to organize, clean, and put away - giving you m important.

During this holiday season, set expectations up front and within your with extended family and friends, draw names rather than buying fo the dollar cap per gift, instruct everybody that the creativity level b the annual Christmas card may have to be sent out to fewer people o year. Be grateful for the extra time you now have!

Saving money, time and energy in these areas of your life will allow y down, create memories, appreciate all that you have been blessed wi of Jesus this holiday season.



Pewter Advent Wreath

An explanation of the Four Weeks of Advent is inscribed around the candles on this unique pewter 7-inch Advent Wreath.

4 Candles included.

\$27.00
plus shipping and handling.

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Scottsdale Study Group

Celebrating the Fall Season and the start of a new semester at HBC

We are delighted about the change the new semester offers our stu new small groups, and we are hearing exciting stories of how God is u newcomers. Here at Homemakers By Choice our motto is 'changing f is happening - come and see what we are all about!

Do you live in the Phoenix metro area? Come visit - we gather every hot cup of coffee, a room of warm, welcoming women and a safe plac other women who have chosen to be at-home wives and mothers. Ou encouragement through relevant biblical teaching, support and frien community.

Thursday Mornings
9:00AM to 11:30AM

Scottsdale Bible Church, Room E-1
7601 E. Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ

Childcare is available- please go to our website at www.homemakersbychoice.org for children or contact our office at 480-368-0873 or homemakers87@homemakersbychoice.org provide full or partial scholarships for registration or childcare fees

Our group also offers outside opportunities of fun activities for you fellowship, and service in our community. [Check out our upcoming events](#)

If you live outside of the Phoenix metro area, get connected with our group to www.homemakersbychoice.org and click on 'Podcasting'. Our website has free helpful resources for encouragement and support in your roles as a homemaker - check it out!



Please visit our website at www.homemakersbychoice.org.
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