



International convention of the International LLL encourages attendees to 'Live by the Spirit'

At the recent international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL) in Lexington, Ky., Lone Star members were among the more than 1,000 people in attendance. The 91st annual convention, under the theme "Live by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16), provided attendees with a fitting goal as they share the Gospel message around the world and in their own communities. "When we 'Live by the Spirit,' we have the best example to uplift us and encourage us in our daily lives," said outgoing Int'l LLL President Jack Kidwell.

"The Holy Spirit propels us into the mission of seeking the lost for Christ," said Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. "One thing I deeply appreciate about the Int'l LLL is its focus on mission and outreach. Thank you for your continued efforts in producing resources for use by congregations and individuals for the purpose of Gospel outreach and for your dedicated partnership in the *Ablaze!* movement."

Pastor Ken Klaus, speaker of "**The Lutheran Hour**," offered powerful and inspiring messages during the general session, The Hoffmann Society reception, a mini-retreat for men, and "**The Lutheran Hour**" rally. "Being a Christian is not a spectator sport ... The Lord has entrusted us with the salvation story, and the International Lutheran Laymen's League's role is to bring Christ to the nations one person at a time. It's time we take a stand and say, 'Thus far, no farther' to those suppressing Christianity."

HALL OF FAME JOCKEY ADDRESSED CONVENTION ATTENDEES

Leg endary jockey Pat Day, who has ridden the winners of U.S. Triple Crown horses nine times, served as the keynote speaker during Friday's sold-out fellowship luncheon. Day offered insights about how the Holy Spirit works through imperfect people like himself and how his life was turned around from a pattern of drug and alcohol abuse by God's grace through hearing the Gospel message and realizing his need for the Savior. "Everything in my life now is about having a personal, ongoing relationship with

the Lord," said Day. "There can be no true joy apart from the will of God."

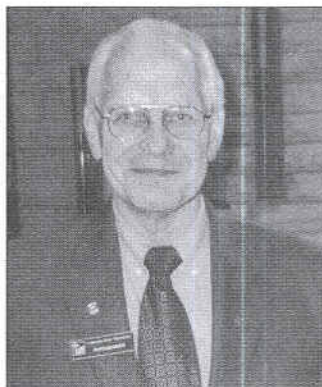
"LOVE YOUR SHOES" WAS THE MESSAGE OF THE LADIES' LUNCHEON

"How beautiful are the feet ..." (Is. 52:7) is a popular Scripture verse that is most fitting for those who proclaim the Good News of God's grace, especially in Christ Jesus. Terry Kieschnick, first lady of the LCMS, shared her ideas about that concept during the Ladies' Luncheon. "God is our shoemaker. He designed us, He made us, and He bought us ... Each of us has specially chosen gifts and abilities" to help us serve Him, she noted.

NEW OFFICERS, GOVERNORS ELECTED

Michael "Mick" Onnen of Davenport, Neb., was elected to a two-year term as president of the Int'l LLL, and Mark Dunlop of Des Peres, Mo., was elected financial secretary.

Other convention activities included stirring presentations from international directors, a re-introduction of the "Woman to Woman" radio program by Phyliss Wallace, a preliminary introduction to the new men's network, a new outreach track for younger adults, the annual reception for members of The Hoffmann Society, and a special recognition ceremony to honor LHM's Outstanding Ambassadors.



FAITHFUL SERVICE—
Gary Rohloff of Fort Worth was elected governor of Region 10. Gary recently fulfilled the Region 10 governorship, which was vacant.