



# The Dogwood Diary

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## In Loving Memory Joan Ruggiero McCumber October 3, 1946 – February 16, 2014



On Monday, February 16, we very suddenly lost our dear friend, Joan McCumber, after a brief illness.

Joan was a longtime member of the ECW Board, initially serving as a Convocation Rep. She, later, was elected to Vice President/President Elect, and then Diocesan President. As Diocesan President, she represented the Diocesan ECW at several Province IV ECW meetings at Kanuga in North Carolina and at a National ECW Triennial Meeting.

After completing her term as president, Joan continued serving on the Board in other capacities, most recently as a representative of the ECW Board on the Camp Mikell Board of Governors.

Joan was born three minutes after her twin sister, Rita, in Nyack, NY. All who knew Joan will miss her NY accent with fast comebacks and repartee delivered with sincere love and a giving heart; her keen sense of humor; her gift of nurturing- whether with a kind word or some of her incredible baked goodies.

She is survived by twin sister Rita Garland of Mazula MT; brother Mark Ruggiero of Palatine, IL; sister Mary Cicaloni of Essex Junction, VT; and loving canine companion Asti Spotmante.

A memorial service will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, March 24, at 2 pm.

The Diocesan ECW Board has reserved one of the new stained glass windows in the Chapel (currently being refurbished) at Camp Mikell as a memorial to Joan. She loved Camp Mikell and loved serving as a member of the Board of Governors.

Contributions will be accepted toward the cost of this window from now through the Spring Retreat. Checks should be made payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta, with "Memorial Window" on the memo line.

Please mail contributions to Wanda Carr, ECW Treasurer, 2093 Lower Union Hill Road, Canton, GA 30115 or bring your contribution to the upcoming Spring Retreat the first weekend in May, at Camp Mikell.

## Rememberances of Joan

"A few years ago Joan started the Cathedral Book Store Book Club. All the members, 5 or 6 of us, worked at the Book Store. That is when I found out that Joan only liked to read non-fiction. It was also when we discussed Joan's online dating. We lived vicariously through her adventures in the dating world. We laughed until we cried." - *Cathy Hutcheson, Diocesan ECW President*

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# Rememberances of Joan...con't.

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"Joan was a true JOY! She was the BEST of friends to all of her friends. We shall treasure memories of the ways her life intersected with our lives forever. She was so REAL, so open, so honest. She came to her decisions seemingly easily, made them clearly, stated them succinctly and made you wonder what was the big deal in struggling to get there yourself whether individually or as a group, a board or whatever entity we were all part of together. She knew how and when to lead and did that well. Joan was a good follower, too. She was FUN, she was faithful. We were fortunate to know her, to serve and to play with her, and to love her. May she rest well deserved in His Peace and rise in His Glory...getting the angels straightened out up there perhaps?! Encouraging them all for sure!" - *Kay Meyer, past Diocesan ECW President, Province President, & National President*

"Joan loved celebrations, fashion and jewelry – and competition. Every Advent, we would compete during various events. One time, when she won, she decided that she wanted and needed a tiara. The tiara was virtual for awhile until one day, Sue Tierney bought us each a tiara. Joan's tiara had a jewel on it, too! And, they came from the most elegant jewelry store – Michael's. Joan strutted around the store that day with the tiara and the large jewel hanging over one ear. Word got out that there was a 'Queen for the Day' at the bookstore. There were lots of laughs and a banner day for sales. Joan's tiara eventually got weighted down with jewels and became too heavy to wear – in this world. Now she wears the real tiara and her light is shining down on us." - *Sue Davy, Cathedral Bookstore*

"I remember being at the Episcopal Annual Council in Rome, GA a couple of years ago. Joan was there with the Book Store and she was wearing a hat made of a plastic martini glass, complete with the green olives, lots of red netting, cutest conversational item the Book Store had going that day. She sold all that they brought with them and had quite a number of backorders for the hat. Joan was the 'Southern Belle of the Book Store' in Rome that day even though she was a transplant from the North. She was lots of fun to be with, a very caring, loving person and a wonderful supporter of the ECW. I shall miss her very much." - *Jeanne Condrey, past Diocesan ECW President*

"I never see a Sock Monkey without thinking of Joan. When she was Diocesan ECW Board president, she used to bring a Sock Monkey in from the Book Store to act as the Parliamentarian during the Board meetings and keep order. He did a pretty good job! She was a good friend and roommate on ECW trips. I will miss her tremendously." - *Alsie Churchman, Camp Mikell Board of Governors*

## Second Jewelry Sale Huge Success

by Lucy Perry - [perry72@aol.com](mailto:perry72@aol.com)

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St. Veronica's Guild of the Cathedral of St. Philip is celebrating their gift of \$42,500 to the SHARE Military Initiative of Atlanta's Shepherd Center. Addressing mild to moderate brain injuries and PTSD in a residential setting, this program helps veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

To raise the money for this project, the members of St. Veronica's collected donated costume jewelry and conducted a huge sale at the Cathedral last September.

Women from 9 Episcopal churches plus untold numbers of individuals donated previously loved costume jewelry which the women of St. Veronica's cleaned, priced, and displayed for sale.

On behalf of St. Veronica's members, I want to particularly thank the women of All Saints, Epiphany, Holy Innocents', St. Anne's, St. Edward's, St. Elizabeth's, St. George's, St. James' and St. Peter and St. Paul's who so generously donated precious items.

# ECW Dogwood Crosses

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James Avery, the original designer/supplier of our Dogwood Crosses no longer does small batch productions. This being the case, we have had to find a new supplier.

We have selected The Goldsmith by Rudi, Ltd. in Hendersonville, NC. This skilled jeweler also produces our Diocesan Past President's Cross and the Province IV Past President's Cross. **There will be no change to the original James Avery design.**

However, due to the current price of silver and our new supplier, there will be a price increase. The new price of the cross which will be a pendant only is \$85.00; the combo Pin/Pendant Cross is \$105.00 and is a special order.

As of March 16, we have four original Pin/Pendant Crosses available at the current price of \$50.00. They are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

To order, contact Treasurer Wanda Carr at [wandakiddcarr@gmail.com](mailto:wandakiddcarr@gmail.com) or call 404-861-5011.

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## About This Year's Retreat Leader

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**Beth-Sarah Wright** is a lifelong Anglican with a Ph.D. in Performance Studies from New York University.

She is a graduate of Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, with a degree in Sociology and Afro-American Studies, and she has a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. She has worked as a college professor, teaching at NYU and serving as the director of the African Diaspora and the World Program at Spelman College.

She is passionate about women's issues, spirituality in the everyday, the power of prayer, writing and performing poetry, and facilitating conversations about experiencing depression.

"Me, Depressed?" is the title of Dr. Wright's memoir about her personal experience with clinical depression. She is currently working on a children's book on adoption and a book of poetry. She is married to the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, bishop, Diocese of Atlanta. They have 5 children.

# 2014 ECW Annual Spring Retreat @ Camp Mikell

Friday, May 02 - Sunday, May 04, 2014

## “Healthy Body and Soul – Saying Yes to God’s Love”

Retreat Leader – Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, Author, Retreat Leader, Event Speaker

For directions, visit [www.campmikell.com](http://www.campmikell.com) | Day Rate includes sessions and lunch on Saturday ONLY.

Full weekend Rates include all meals - Friday dinner through Sunday lunch and two nights lodging. Bed linens, towels and toiletries are NOT furnished in dormitory accommodations. You must bring your own.

Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail registrations together.

Have questions or need scholarship assistance? Contact Phyllis Smith at 404-988-6154 or [teachbio65@gmail.com](mailto:teachbio65@gmail.com).

ECW website [www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org); click Parish Support; click Organizations & Communities; click Episcopal Church Women - ECW

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2014

A Late Fee of \$25.00 will apply to all registrations received after April 15, 2014

### 2014 ECW SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION

Only one person per form, please. Reproduce as needed. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I will attend:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Full Weekend** Rates: Dormitory - \$105 | Cabin - \$160 | Retreat Village - \$170

Lodging Preference: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Private room (additional \$53.00): \_\_\_\_\_

**I will attend:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday ONLY** Rate: Session and lunch - \$35.00

Special Housing, dietary or medical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate/group preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Make checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta.**

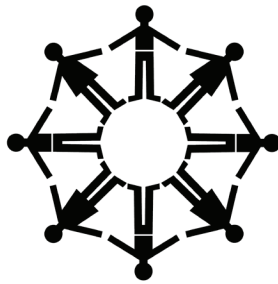
**Friday is T-Shirt day for our afternoon “Sip N Share”. Proudly sport your Parish or ECW Shirt.**

**Please mail registration & check to:**

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**Find the registration form inside!**

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