



for Webmasters

Ask the Webmaster

The Web Site Task Force has received a number of inquiries regarding the definition of, uses for, and options for acquiring



alias or vanity e-mails. Watch for an article dedicated to this important topic in the next issue of *Cyber Scoop*. And keep those questions coming!

Shop LWML

Bible studies, devotions, clothing, jewelry, and much more can be found online at <http://shop.lwml.org/>. Whether you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift or for a Bible study to start the New Year with, Shop LWML will provide you with numerous ideas and resources.

You can place your order online in our secure shopping cart, or you can contact the LWML Office and place your order over the phone (1-800-252-5965). Orders submitted to the LWML Office by December 18, 2008, will reach you in time for Christmas.

Geekette Joy!

The Web Site Task Force is overjoyed to announce that, as of November 1, 2008, all of the LWML Districts have a Web site! Quick access to each District Web site is available via the national LWML Web site Contact Us page (http://www.lwml.org/about_us/lutheran-women-in-mission-contact-us.htm). Way to go, District Webmasters!

Geekette Meet & Greet

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Romans 12:4-5).

My best friend and I have never spent more than three weeks in the same town; in fact, the majority of our friendship has been spent thousands of miles (and sometimes continents) apart! We e-mail and phone one another regularly, but the brief times spent in one another's physical presence is what binds us together. It's as though she brings a piece of me with her on her visits, and then takes it home with her when she leaves.

In October, approximately 200 women from across our nation gathered in St. Louis for the quadrennial Assembly of Leaders. In two days' time, we learned much about our Lord and about how we might participate in sharing His Gospel through our vocations. The various talents gathered in that conference room illustrated

Christ's Body, made of myriad members with diverse gifts functioning together because of His grace for the furthering of His Kingdom.

A highlight of the event for us Web Site Task Force members was getting to meet some of our district counterparts! In the brief encounter that we shared, a flurry of ideas, questions, and comments passed among us; evidence of the commonalities and interests we share. You all were an encouragement and inspiration to us — thank you! It is our hope that we might be an encouragement to you, as well. In this and subsequent issues of *Cyber Scoop*, we will address the topics that you brought to our attention during our Geekette Meet and Greet session. We welcome your continued feedback, and encourage you to share both your successes and failures with us so that we all might learn together.

Our members are many, and they are scattered across the nation, but they form one body with one function; to share God's Gospel.

Ring in the New Year on Your Site

It is hard to believe that we are at the close of another year. As you watch the ball fall in Times Square or enjoy the Bowl Game series, be reminded to update your Web site to reflect the New Year. For example, references such as "Next year's National Convention" should be changed to read "This year's National Convention." And, speaking of National Convention, we encourage you to feature

the 2009 LWML National Convention in Portland, Oregon, on your Web site's home page. Please provide your District visitors with a link to all the convention information on the national LWML Web site (<http://www.lwml.org/conventions/index.htm>). Online registration will also be available via the convention Web site in early 2009.



How to Delete Auto-fill Entries

With the Christmas season upon us, more of us will be utilizing the Internet to research and purchase gifts. If you are like me, your fingers get sore from retyping your personal information into mailing and billing forms at Internet shopping cart checkouts. Web browsers utilize **auto-fill** technology to address this inconvenience. As you begin to type in your name or address, the browser recognizes that you have typed this information before, and offers you a drop-down box with full text options for you to select that will automatically fill the text field. For those of us that

search the Internet frequently, or make most of our purchases online, this feature saves a lot of time. However, there are a number of times when I have misspelled my name or transposed numbers in my address; auto-fill also remembers these, and will include them in the dropdown menu. To remove these unwanted auto-fill entries and reduce the likelihood of entering wrong information into a text field, follow these steps:

In Internet Explorer:

1. Double-click in the text field so the drop-down box of auto-fill options

appears

2. Hold your mouse over the option that you want to remove from auto-fill so that it's highlighted. Don't click on it.

3. Press your delete key. The option should be deleted from your auto-fill.

In Firefox:

Follow the same steps, except hold down the shift key while pressing delete in step 3.

Information for this article taken from <http://contests.about.com/od/sweepstakes101/qt/clearautofill.htm>

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Choosing Web Design Software

Creating and maintaining a Web site requires specialized software. There are a number of options on the market, and determining which one is best for you can be both overwhelming and confusing. Before you dive into your search for the perfect software, consider the following:

1. What operating system do you use? Some Web design software functions better with particular operating systems than with others, so you will want to be sure to choose software that will work well with your computer.

2. How much experience designing and/or maintaining Web sites do you have? Web design software for all experiential levels is available; to minimize frustration, choose one that matches your skill level.

3. Will you create your own style sheet, edit your own graphics, link to a database, or use editing language other than HTML? All of these answers factor into the type of software that will best fit you. For the novice, software exists that essentially does all the work for you; more experienced designers do not like the confines of such software, so choose

to use software that allows for more individual creativity and programming.

4. How much do you want to spend? Your budget is just as important as your skill level. There is no sense spending too much for software that does not meet your needs, so be aware of how many 'bells and whistles' you need and can afford.

To narrow down your software search, you may wish to utilize an online software questionnaire, such as 'Web Design Software: Which is Right for You?' by Jennifer Kyrnin of About.com. To access the questionnaire, go to <http://www.about.com> and enter 'web design software' into the search box. After you have completed the brief questionnaire, you will receive a list of software programs that meet your criteria. From this condensed list, you can further research which program best suits you.

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