

THE EMMA AWARDS

A male and female Master of Ceremonies, and a sister who will depict Emma. She will appear in the frame at the beginning of every series of awards.

Setting: A Podium for the Master of Ceremonies. A life-size picture frame which each sister will come to the stage and step into as her name is called. The sister will then step down stairs that lead from the stage to the floor and return to her seat.

MC MALE: The Relief Society Birthday social is proud to present A NIGHT AT THE EMMAS. We are so glad you came. We are here to honor women. We know that you will rejoice with us in the excitement of this evening's awards.

MC FEMALE: Emma Hale Smith was the wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith. In her life she demonstrated the qualities of womanhood that we can emulate. Every sister, no matter what her calling, is a member of Relief Society, the Lord's organization for women.

MC M: On the subject of woman...

MC F: Sheri Dew has said, "I've never been able to find the words to adequately articulate the depth and breathe of a righteous woman's reach. It is simply not possible to measure or limit the influence a righteous woman has on her husband and children and extended family members, as well as on others who feel like family."

MC M: Elder Neal A. Maxwell put it this way: "When the real history of mankind is fully disclosed, will it feature the echoes of gunfire or the shaping sound of lullabies? The great armistices made by military men or the peacemaking of women in homes and in neighborhoods? Will what happened in cradles and kitchens proved to be more controlling than what happened in congresses?"

MC F: Early in the Restoration, the Lord gave a revelation to Emma that depicts the characteristics he desires in his daughters as they participate in his latter-day kingdom. The Lord called her "An elect lady, who I have called." And further states, "And verily... I say unto you, that this is my voice unto all." The Lord presented a pattern for women who would be "Elect ladies." Emma Smith was exemplary in many ways. We have chosen just a few of these qualities to highlight tonight.

MCM: We have discovered that the sisters in our Relief Society are equally exemplary. So tonight our EMMA awards go to you! Our first award will be a Woman of Music. Speaking of music...What do you get if Bach dies and comes back as twins.

MCF: What?

MCM: Rebachs.

MCF: OK! How many tenors does it take to screw in a light bulb?

MCM: How many?

MCF: Five. One to screw it in...and 4 to say it's too high.

MC F: Emma a Woman of Music. (She steps into the frame with hymn book or and holds her arm up as if leading music.) She was asked of the Lord to compile sacred songs to be sung by the saints. The music we enjoy in our meetings had it's origin from her willingness to keep this commandment of the Lord. We still continue to be blessed with this music in our lives.

MC F: Tonight the EMMA award for Woman of Music goes to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MC F: Receiving the awards for Women of Music are...

(Sisters have been put at special tables according to their awards and then are lead to the stage to await their turn to stand in the frame.

MCM: Did you hear that last year all of Bach's original manuscripts began disappearing!

MCF: No. What happened?

MCM: They thought maybe it was the occult that was to blame, so researchers dug up his grave.

MCF: What did they find?

(Emma moves into the frame and stands with a broom and acts like she is dancing with it.)

MCM: That reminds me of a joke.

MCF: Ok, let's hear it.

MCM: A man is walking down the beach and comes across an old bottle. Picking it up, he pulls out the cork. Sure enough, out pops a huge, blue genie. The genie says, "Thank you for freeing me from my prison. In return, I will grant you three wishes." The man says "Perfect...I always dreamed of this, and I know exactly what I want. First, I want 1 billion dollars in a Swiss bank account." Suddenly, there is a flash of light and a detailed list with Swiss Bank account numbers appears in his hand. He continues, "Next, I want a brand new red Ferrari right here." There is another flash of light and a bright red Ferrari appears right next to him. He continues, "Finally, I want to be irresistible to women." A final blaze of light and he turns into a box of chocolates!

MCF: You know Emma was a Woman of Humor and good cheer. She brought happiness into the life of the Prophet when things became difficult for him. While he was in Liberty jail Joseph wrote letters to Emma in which his comments help us to get an insight into her personality. The Prophet Joseph Smith's mind was filled with the events of the present... and distressing thoughts of the future... and fears of what it might hold. It is interesting that that which he needed ... came apparently from... his wife, Emma. The Prophet Joseph Smith says he read and reread her letters which were filled with love, kindness, and hope; and then the Prophet said: . . . (Quote)"We received some letters last evening-one from Emma...all breathing a kind and consoling spirit. We were much gratified with their contents. We had been a long time without information; and when we read those letters they were to our soul as the gentle air is refreshing" Assisted by reading those kind, loving, encouraging letters, the Prophet Joseph Smith became mentally and spiritually receptive to the promptings of the Holy Ghost;

MCM: Tonight the EMMA award for Women of Humor goes to...

MCF: The Envelope please...

MCM: Receiving the awards for Women of Humor are...

MCF: And now to pay tribute to women in their own special way in song, (enumerate singer's names) tell us Why it Takes a woman. They will be accompanied by (name the accompanist).

SONG: It Takes a Woman (music from Hello Dolly)

It takes a woman all powdered and pink
To joyously clean out the drain in the sink
And it takes an angel with long golden lashes
And soft Dresden fingers
For breaking up clashes.
Yes, it takes a woman
A dainty woman
A sweetheart, a female, a wife.

All: Oh yes, it takes a woman
A fragile women
To bring you the sweet things in life.

Solo: The frail young maiden who's constantly there
For washing and ironing and cutting my hair
And it takes a woman for setting the table
And washing the dishes
And fixing the cable!

All Oh yes it takes a woman
 A dainty woman
 A sweetheart, a female, a wife.
 Oh yes, it takes a woman
 A fragile women
 To bring you the sweet things in life.

 And so she'll work until infinity.
 Three cheers for femininity...

Solo: And in the winter, she'll shovel the ice
 And lovely set out the traps for the mice.
 She's a joy and treasure, for practically speaking
 To whom can you turn when the plumbing is leaking...?

All: To that dainty woman
 That fragile women
 That sweetheart, that female, that wife.
 That womanly wife.

 Oh yes it takes a woman

Solo: A husky woman

All: To bring you the sweet things in life!
 Oh yes, it takes a women,
 A dainty woman
 A sweet, a mistress, a wife
 Oh yes it takes a woman
 A fragile women
 To bring you the sweet things in life.

MC M: Emma was a Woman of Faith. (She steps into the frame with her scriptures)
Unlike the typical frontier town, Nauvoo was settled by families, and the community was dependent on women for its remarkably rapid development. They were committed to building up the kingdom, having committed themselves at conversion. The hardships they encountered did not deter them. Like so many others, Mary Field Garner, who lost a husband and two children after reaching Nauvoo, entertained no thought of abandoning her resolve. "We were too thankful," she wrote, "to be at Nauvoo with the other Saints of God, and to be associated with our Prophet and leader, Joseph Smith, and to listen to his teachings ... to complain about our problems". Emma had this kind of Faith.

MC F: The EMMA award for Women of Faith goes to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MC F: Receiving the awards for Women of Faith are... (each woman steps into the frame as her name is called.)

MCM: Now we will be spotlighting Women of Patience. To see if you have patience, pretend that you are taking a small child for a walk. Get ready to go out. Wait outside the toilet for half an hour. Go out the front door. Come in again. Go out. Come back in. Go out again. Walk down the front path. Walk back up it. Walk down it again. Walk very slowly down the road for 5 minutes. Stop to inspect minutely every scrap of paper and piece of used chewing gum, dirty tissue and dead insect along the way. Retrace your steps. Insist that you've had as much as you can stand, and give up and go back into the house. If you can do this, you probably have Patience.

MCF: Or try this...Always repeat everything you say at least five times. If you can manage this...you have patience.

MCM: Emma was a woman of Patience. (Emma steps into the picture frame with a basket of clothing.) She has to learn very early in her marriage about patience. She had endured tumultuous experiences since her marriage to Joseph. The attempts by gold-seekers to wrest the plates from Joseph, the harassment during their translation, the mobs that followed them, the unwarranted arrest of Joseph, as well as the alienation from her parents, the loss of home and roots, and the death of her first child. All these gave Emma a harsh introduction to the life of a prophet's wife. An early lesson from these experiences was that only patience and trust in God's wisdom and often inscrutable purposes would sustain her through the difficult times

MC F: The EMMA award for the Women of Patience goes to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MC F: Receiving the awards for Women of Patience are...

MCM: Next, we would like to talk about the Women of Service.

MCF: I know about service...

MCM: You do.?

MCF: Yes, the other day, I went with my husband to the doctor's office for a check up. After the checkup the doctor called me into his office alone. He said:

MCM: (Change your voice, put on stethoscope.) Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die. Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant, and make sure he is in a good mood. For lunch, make him a nutritious meal he can take to work. And for dinner, prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores, as this could further his stress. Don't discuss your problems with him; it will only make his stress worse. Try to relax your husband in the evening by playing soft music and giving him backrubs. Encourage him to watch some type of team sporting event on TV. And most importantly, listen to him and satisfy his every whim. If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health.

MCF: So, I come out of the office and while I'm driving home my husband asks me, "What did the doctor say?" I told him..... "You're going to die."

MCM: Fortunately, Emma was a Woman of Service (She steps out with a basin and a rag.)When many of the saints were sick and the Prophet went out to administer blessings for their recovery, Emma accompanied him to give physical relief whenever possible. She aided her husband in the work of translation, and served the sisters in many ways through compassionate service.

MC F: The EMMA Award for Service go to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MC F: Receiving the awards for Women of Service are...

MCM: Sisters, (announce singers) will sing My Hnads accompanied by

SONG: My Hands

My hands are the Lord's hands
Without me how can His work be done?
I reach where He would reach,
Loving kindness in my touch
I'll be His healing hands to ev'ry one.

My feet are the Lord's feet
Without me how can He walk with the poor?
I will go where He would go,
Blessing others as I do.
For Him I'll walk where I've never walked before.

Help me, Lord, let me give to my neighbor
What you would give if your were here.
Help me, Lord let me live so my neighbor
Will know that you are always there.

My mouth is the Lord's mouth
Without me how can His voice be heard?
I will say what He would say,
Speaking love and life each day.
And ev'ryone who's near will hear my word.

MC M: Emma was a Woman of Testimony. (She steps into the frame and acts as if she is talking; perhaps her hand is out as if explaining a principle) She had a consummate testimony of the work. She was privilege to be a first hand witness to the translation and was permitted to see the plates. She was by her husband side and saw and heard and bore witness of the truth of the gospel.

MCM: The Emma award for Women of Testimony goes to...

MCF: The Envelope please...

MCM: Receiving the awards for Women of Testimony are...

MCF: You know women are very busy these days.

MCM: You're right!

MCF: So busy, in fact, that sometimes woman's purses look like suitcases.

MCM: What do women keep in those purses?

MCF: I can't tell you for sure, but I heard about this juvenile delinquent that stole a woman's purse last week in New York's Central Park?

MCM: Really. What happened?

MCF: He got twenty seven dollars, and a hernia.

MCM: Serves him right!

MCF: Women have important work to do, they need to be ready. Women of Leadership are always ready to serve where they are called.

MC M: Emma Smith was a Woman of Leadership. (She steps into the frame with writing materials.) She was made President of the Relief Society. Joseph states, "I will organize the sisters under the priesthood after the pattern of the priesthood," and later adds, "[the] Church was never perfectly organized until the women were thus organized."

MC F: The EMMA awards for Women of Leadership go to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MCF: Receiving the awards for Women of Leadership are...
(women step into the frame and receive the award)

MCF: You know the other day a student made the teacher quite surprised. He tapped her on the shoulder and said, I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades, somebody is going to get a spanking."

MCM: Sounds like he understood the importance of education.

MCF: Yes, just like the Women of Education.

MCM: Emma was a woman of Education. (Steps in the frame with an armful of books.) She understood the Lords directive that the Glory of God is intelligence. She strove to educate herself, and to educate the woman around her. This pattern continues in the church today.

MCF: The EMMA award for Women of Education awards goes to...

MCM: The Envelope please...

MCF: Receiving the awards for The Women of Education are...

MCM: Reflecting how we can personally teach and reach others just by the lives we live, Sister ... will sing, I Want to be a Window To His Love, accompanied by

MCF: My friend Lyndsey was telling me the other day that her kids were giving her a headache.

MCM: Oh, I'm sorry.

MCF: Well, she said she was fine, she just followed the directions on the bottle of aspirin.

MCM: Did she take a lot of aspirins?

MCF: No, She just followed the directions on the bottle. It says "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN."

MCM: Emma was a Woman of Family (Emma steps in with a baby in her arms.) Her family was her highest priority, starting with her husband. She bore and lost children and raised other women's children, and settled her life around their care and keeping.

MCF: The Emma award for Women of Family goes to...

MCM: The Envelope please...

MCF: Receiving the awards for Women of Family are....

MCM: I know I'm not going to ever fully understand women.

MCF: Why not?

MCM: I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your legs, and rip the hair out by the roots, and still be afraid of a spider.

MCF: Well it takes courage! Emma was a Woman of Courage. (She steps into the frame and has her arms folded across her chest and a firm look on her face.) Here is an example from one of the histories: "On Sunday they dammed up the river to baptize over a dozen people, but a mob gathered and tore the dam down, threatening persecution and harm. Early Monday morning the Saints dammed up the river again and baptized thirteen people, including Emma Smith. A mob of 50 surrounded them and watched. Joseph wrote of Emma," How glorious were my feelings...when I took by the hand...my beloved Emma. When I contemplated for a moment the many scenes we had been called to pass through, the fatigues and the toils and sorrows and sufferings...from time to time. Oh what a commingling of thought filled my mind, she is here, even in the seventh hour, trouble-undaunted, firm and unwavering-unchangeable, affectionate, Emma."

MC F: The EMMA award for Woman of Courage goes to...

MC M: The Envelope please...

MC F: Receiving the awards for Women of Courage are...

MC M: We believe that the Lord loves to honor and bless the sisters of his church. Tonight He delights to honor the woman of our ward. You have been Women of Service, Leadership, Courage, and Patience as we have passed through many trials. We know that all of you possess many gifts and talents above the single one you have received tonight. You could receive multiple awards. As sisters in Zion the Lord has been generous in his blessings to us. We want to honor all of you at this time. Would you all please stand. We award you all with the EMMA AWARD for OVERALL Achievement as Sisters in Zion We acknowledge your exemplary lives and the way you share your many talents to build up the Lord's kingdom in this part of his vineyard. Please join us in singing As Sister in Zion.

SONG: As Sisters in Zion

As sisters in Zion, we'll all work together
The blessings of God on our labors we'll seek

We'll build up his kingdom with earnest endeavor;
We'll comfort the weary and strengthen the weak

The errand of angels is given to woman
And this is a gift that, as sisters we claim:
To do whatsoever is gentle and human,
To cheer and to bless in humanity's name.

How vast is our purpose, how broad is our mission
If we but fulfill it in spirit and deed.
Oh, naught but the Spirits divinest tuition
Can give us the wisdom to truly succeed.

Closing prayer

MUSIC

*KRISIN BAKER:

Kristin has a beautiful voice and enjoys singing. She is a huge asset to the Klein choir soprano section.

*MARIANGEL WILKINSON:

Mariangel is a singer. She plays the violin. She can play the pianist. She is a chorister and a teacher. She has a beautiful soprano voice.

SHERI HULME:

Sheri has loved and continues to love, music with a deep passion. She grew up in a home with a family that loved and appreciated music and made music together frequently. Music brought her and her husband together and continues to serve as a cementing bond that keeps us bound to each other.

KRYSTAL BROWN:

Krystal is a talented pianist, vocalist and song writer/composer. She has accompanied many groups and individuals in Sacrament meetings and other functions. She is always willing to help regardless of the need. She has written and co-written several songs and composed others. Krystal takes joy in all forms of music.

LAURIE MCINTOSH:

Laurie is the backbone of the Klein ward music. We see her every Sunday playing the organ and she can be ready in a moment to play the organ or piano to accompany others. She teaches music to her children and others which continues to bring the blessing of music to many.

EVELINE CARSTENS (Nana)

Eveline has sung in her church choir as long as Brother Carsten's can remember. She also plays the ukelele and participates in a local musical group singing and playing for senior citizens and other groups. She loves and appreciates the power it has to lift the soul.

KANDI JAMES:

Kandi James not only has a beautiful singing voice but has great pitch. She has led a choir on several occasions but we think she has the most fun when she is working with the youth in preparing them for special programs. She seems to be able to get the best out of them without losing her patience. We love to hear her sing.

HUMOR

KELLY WAITE

Kelly is a woman of adventure. She will try anything once. There are a few exceptions, of course. But we know she has a good sense of humor because she puts up with her wife and crazy husband. She is well known for her talent in decorating and her adventurous spirit is a part of the reason.

*ANN SPECKHARD

Ann is always the right in the middle of a group of people. She has so much enthusiasm and makes friends easily. She likes doing things for her friends like making them posters.

ALISA KLEINMAN

Alisa is fun to be around. She is always doing something to keep the family and her friends happy. She has 3 boys, a dog, and a cat and seems to hold it all together and still keep a smile on her face. And here comes boy # 4!

ROBERTA CHILDS

Roberta finds joy in every day life. She finds the humor in every challenge and difficulty. She manages to see the best in everyone. She keeps her personality upbeat by never saying a disparaging thing about others.

GAIL JOHNSEN

She wanted to be awarded the woman of family because she has 7 wonderful children and she wouldn't trade them for the world. Drown them maybe, but not trade them!

KRISTIN MCQUAY

When you are in her company, you're never far from a good laugh. Whether she is with the young women at church, or at girl's camp, or with a group of Relief Society sisters her sense of humor is always appreciated.

LINDA LUDLOW

If you were able to hear Linda's last lesson in Relief Society, you know that she can make you laugh without even trying. She can make us laugh one minute and then tear up the next. She pokes fun at herself which makes us all feel more comfortable around her.

NETTIE PETERSON

She is so funny. One example is her dance. She has adopted the Elaine dance from Seinfeld, even though she has a strong background in ballet. At one of her sister's weddings she got her whole family to try "the dance" and got it all on video.

FAITH

BRENDA SHUMAN

Brenda has shown her faith very early when she trusted in the Lord when she had to choose between remaining active in the church or living at home. In her daily life, she frequently demonstrates faith by simple things such as praying for help in finding something she has misplaced. She has had health problems that have required great faith.

LESLIE NORDEEN

Leslie has been faithful since her youth. Leslie has a believing heart. She trusts in the Lord and his purposes and will. She may not like the trials He guides her through but she grows and learns and trusts his will. She qualifies herself for the Spirit's guidance through consistent personal prayer and scripture study.

AMY MCCLOUD

Amy is always willing to follow the promptings given to both her and her family. When she was prompted to sell her home, have her husband resign from his successful career, and move to another un-seen city and state without another job or home lined up, she quickly set things in motion. And within a few months accomplished all she was asked to do without seeing the end.

ROCIO CORDOVA

When Rocio's family moved to Houston she decided to stay back in Mexico in order to finish her career. These were difficult times for her family, but more difficult for her. She was a young woman living in an apartment in a place where the church wasn't very strong. It was her faith in Heavenly Father that helped her to overcome her challenges.

JENNY CHILDS

Jenny is humble, teachable and has a Christ-centered life. She honors the Savior in thought and action and has been blessed with great wisdom and insight into the challenges of life.

NIKKI BLACKHAM

Nikki is a woman of faith. She shows her faith by being a constant disciple of Jesus Christ. She keeps the commandments and her covenants without question or doubt. This is just who she is. She is naturally inclined to goodness, purity, virtue and love

VICTORIA ARMENDARIS

The main reason Victoria's family converted to the church was her faith. She has kept that same faith through all the years. This faith has helped each one of the children in her family to get where they are now.

MEG HIGHLAND

Meg not only has faith but has demonstrated to her family. They would take long car trip without Art and sometimes have car trouble. The children soon learned to connect prayer with help arriving. Meg demonstrates her faith in her every day life.

PATIENCE

STEPHANIE SELLERS

Stephanie knows just what we are talking about when it comes to children. She has been a nanny for children for a long time. She loves kids and has a special gift in working with them. She is attending BYU-Idaho and is thinking of going into social work which means she continue to need her patience as she makes “people” her life work.

KATHY PAGANO

Being a Scout Committee Chairperson in Kleinwood ward, Kathy spent many hours making sure all the young men who were trying to get their Eagle Scout award ready. She would work late into the night making sure a Young man who would turn 18 the next day, would be qualified to receive his Eagle. Thanks from all those mother’s of those procrastinating teenagers.

KATHY HELLEWELL

Kathy has followed her husband through thick and thin on every new adventure, including the move to Houston. Each place they have lived her strength has blessed her family. Even when she has been sick, she has patiently sent her husband on his way so he could faithfully fulfill his callings.

SHAR AVERY

Shar has four children and now that they are grown has served a mission. Just when she was trying to get ready for another mission, she developed knee problems. Before she could get that fixed she was hit by two truck at one time. She keeps patiently smiling and moving along. What patience!

RACHEL WHITE

Rachel is extremely compassionate and forgiving of others. She is a fine nurse who demonstrates her patience to those who are healing. She is the oldest child in her family and was able to develop patience while leading her little brothers and sisters.

ANGELA GARRETT

Angie is a mother of five children and also a nurse. She has to keep up with her education and her skills. She shows a high level of patience to put with so much going on in her life and her profession.

MARCI VIDINHA

Marci’s life has require huge amounts of patience as she has learned to live with a chronic illness for the past 17 years. Despite this handicap that has placed on her life, she

has patiently raised her children and seen them grown into wonderful, faithful people. She is just about ready to send her son on a mission.

SERVICE

CRISTI EVANS

Cristi has given service to women all over the world, wherever she has live. She has searched for opportunities to help, both within and without the church. She has made and donated dozens of quilts in several countries, both to single mothers and the homeless. Cristi uses her talents to ser talents to serve the Lord and her fellow man.

DIANNE PETERSON

Dianne is always looking for ways to serve. Recently Dianne did an excellent job on a assignment on a where she helped out Florence Buchanan who was out of town for a month Florence is on the single adult committee and when Diance helped out, she went the extra mile by making numerous phone, and was instrument in getting several single adults out to activities that they had never before attend.

JANEEN BROWNING

Janeen is so compassionate and is more than willing to help out anyone, any time or any place. She exemplifies Christ-like service in all that she does.

AMYSUE CHRISTIANSEN

Because of AmySue's compassion and her unconditional love for others she is a woman of service. She can always be trusted to come to the rescue of those who are in need.

LAURIE BREWSTER

Laurie is a woman of service. She is always thinking about the church and about others. She spent many hours during the hurricane season at Nam helping with the sorting of clothes.

SUSAN MONSON

Susan is a woman of service because of her example of charity. She relates to people of all ages in ways that convince them that she loves them. She works more than she talks. She does more than she says. She embraces more than she instructs. She smiles as she enters a gathering of people and her smiling cheerful presence brightens the space.

CHERYL KUNKLE

Cheryl is always serving. You will find her in the nursery, or preparing for it. Or in seminary which is a demanding calling. She spends many hours preparing for this. She goes to camp and has been serving in callings in Young Woman for many years. She recently started substituting for the Klein District in an effort to expand her circle of service.

DEBBIE SMITH

Debbie has been doing service for so many years and she always tries to go unnoticed without calling attention to herself. Her service and faith held the family together while her husband had to deal with an illness. She serves faithfully in her callings.

TESTIMONY

ANN CLOVER

Ann is a woman of testimony. Whether she is fulfilling church assignments, following the Prophet's counsel or studying the scriptures, she always goes the extra mile to be obedient to righteous living. She has a strong commitment to keep the commandments. When her children were small she taught them this old phrase. "When I obey, I'll be happy all day!"

KELLY PETERSON

Kelly has always been a strong and faithful member of the church. She has never wavered in her testimony and has always had complete faith and trust in our Father in Heaven, and His Son. She has never shown a moment of doubt or concern. You can really feel that when she teaches.

FLORENCE BUCHANAN

Florence has a strong testimony of the Gospel. Her testimony is displayed more in her actions than expressed in spoken word. Florence is consistent in church and temple attendance, service projects, callings and family support. Florence shows great respect to Church leaders and honors the priesthood.

EMILY SHUMAN

Emily has expressed her love for the Lord to her friends and shared with them her testimony of the gospel. One of her friends has been interested in the Gospel because of Emily's example over the past two years. She recently has the opportunity to bear her testimony as she served as a companion to a sister missionary.

DEBBIE HUDSON

Debbie has an amazing testimony and wants to make sure that her children gain one of their own. She has always tried to be an example for them and has shown them how important it is to choose the right.

SAMATHA VALDEZ

Samatha was raised in a strong Latter day Saint home. Her father was a Bishop. She has encountered challenges in her life, but she has always kept her testimony and it has been a blessing in her life. She is a radiant example of how a testimony can bless a life.+

LINDA MICKLE

Linda is a great example of constant study and application of gospel principles. She is always striving to improve her love of the Savior.

BECKY BLACK

When Becky shares her testimony it becomes extremely clear that she is a woman of rock solid testimony. Her testimony is simple but clear. She will stand and bears her testimony she makes the simple truths become powerful declarations. Her testimony was the first thing that attracted her husband to her.

FAMILY

ANNETTE OTTESON

Annette is always willing to help others in need. She often drops her personal needs to assist with a family. She recently returned from helping her daughter with the birth of a child. She was instrumental in nurturing and caring for her husband as he went through 2 years of medical problems.

*LINDA LAMB

Four times Linda gave birth by Caesarian, twice after being told by her doctor she should not have any more children. She nearly died in one birth but insisted on having another child.

LYNN GEDDIE

Lyn is the strength and backbone of her family. She keeps everything running, She has 6 children and 3 of them have significant health issues. She has to make a lot of doctors appointments and keep them. Recently she returned from helping her mother while she had knee replacement.

VICKI CLOUD

Vicki has spent countless hours serving her family. She spent many sleepless nights while her son was attached to his apnea monitor after he was diagnosed with SIDS. She has nursed her family through chicken pox, measles, the flu and assorted injuries. Vicki refused to sleep until she felt her children were out of danger.

PATRICIA SNYDER

Pat is a brilliant woman with many fine attributes and skill. She is hard working and strives to be self sufficient. She has focused all these things for the benefit of her family. Failure is not an option. She is a comfort and a good example to her family.

LIZ HENDERSON

Liz is a wonderful person. She was working in California when her mother had cancer. She gave up her job to come back to Texas to care for her mother until her death. She was a kind and caring source of support to both of her parents. She was thoughtful and a wonderful daughter. She truly has honored her father and her mother.

MARIA CORDOVA

Maria has a great love for her family. She has always been the source of strength and potential to walk the extra mile. She is always there to lift her family when they face the storms of life even though these storms strike her as well. She puts aside her limitations to lose herself in service to her families happiness.

NANCY HECKER

LEADERSHIP

SUSAN ROSENLUND

Susan is a reluctant leader, not loving to be in the limelight, but the Lord knows her capacity and her heart. She has a constancy about her that helps to propagate the values and principles that she has instilled in her family. No matter what the winds of change may bring, she demonstrates unfailingly her love and commitment to the Lord and others follow.

SHO OSCARSON

Sho is not afraid to try new things. She has served a mission and graduated from college. Right after that she left everything, family and friends in Hawaii to come to live in the United States with Spencer.

ERIN ROLFSON

Erin is a natural leader and has served as Relief Society President three times before the age of 27. She touched many lives. She is a hard charging soldier of service Her constant frame of mind is focused on others and how to serve them. Erin is a licensed therapist and leads others back to normalcy in their lives.

MARILYN SCOTT

Marilyn is a leader in building the kingdom. She served a mission at 19 while her father was a Mission President. She magnifies her callings and is always anxiously engaged in a good cause. Whatever she does and wherever she goes, she leaves things better than she found them.

SHERYL HRNCIRIK

In the past 8 years, Sheryl has served 7 of them as a Relief Society President. Sheryl is the most selfish person we know. We have all been blessed by her dedication, her kind and caring attitude and her patience in caring for the Sisters in the Klein ward.

*SHELLY TURPIN

Shelly has served in a leadership position in Young Woman for the last 10 years. The girls always say how much they love Shelly and this is why she is such a great leader. She radiates love and kindness and the people around her just naturally want to follow her.

ANDI COOK

Andi is not only a leader at church but in her home. She has had as many as 100 people which have lived with her family. At one time, she had 12 other living in the home for about 6 months. Whether it is feeding 50 for Thanksgiving or 500 for a luau-no task is too daunting. She has righteously influenced hundred to strive to be better people through her own example.

EDUCATION

*GLORIA HOWARD

Gloria Howard is an example of education. While she was raising her family, she went back to school and through very hard work and dedication she received her degree and then went back and started teaching.

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Carolyn teaches her family new things each day. She answers her families questions and makes sure they understand. She teaches her family the value of love through example, and how to be responsible. She teaches them daily living skills that they need to carry on their lives. She is an educator.

*VICKY ARMENDARIZ

Vicky is a woman of artist education. She is a very talented photographer and also works with images and renders the pictures on a very unique and beautiful manner. She is also a computer whiz.

JENNIFER BECKSTEAD

Jennifer continues to improve her mind. She is a voracious reader and is always reading a good book. She also works with our children on their learning and she even homeschoold them for a while. She likes to learn new skills and hobbies and expands her education in this manner as well.

JULIE CLUFF

Julie has home schooled her children for over 10 years. The growth her children have made under tutoring has been incredible. She is very passionate about educating her children. She is able to create an environment of learning in a loving home and teaches not only the importance of education, but Eternal principles every day.

*JOAN GINN

Joan loves to read, to learn and spends many hours studying the gospel She likes to read about places, things history and events.

*MARCIA KEECH

Marcia continues to educate herself. She continues to learn and works hard at it. She hold licenses in several types of insurance, securities and real estate.

NAIDINE ROLFSON- might not be there.

COURAGE

SANDY RODENBURG

Sandy was told that she would not be able to deliver her son, but after a Priesthood blessing she was able to deliver a healthy baby. She was a single mom for 20 years Sandy has demonstrated throughout her life of trial and tribulation that she is a woman of courage.

FAY TANG

Her husband passed away leaving her with 3 young children and one on the way. She has reared them all to full activity and fellowship in the church as well as all are college graduates or soon will be. Her only son served an honorable mission. As a single head of a household still learning English-it took courage

FAY CARSTENS

Fay almost died giving birth to one of her children. She had pre-eclampsia and toxemia. She had to be flown to a hospital in Phoenix where her blood pressure went to 213 over 200. They thought they were going to lose her and had to take the baby by C-section 12 weeks early. Fay was constantly stalwart throughout the entire ordeal.

SHASTA HOWARD

When Shasta wanted to join the church but her parents wouldn't let her. They restricted her activity so completely that finally one day she left home with just the clothes on her back. She gave up all that she had to join the church. Many of the things she left behind at home were destroyed. Shasta had the courage of her testimony of the gospel

JUNE LEE

June has courage born of her commitment to the gospel. She is very dedicated and when she sees a need she tries to fill it. She takes every call that comes to her and sometimes this is scary for all of. It take courage.

JENNIFER MOWRER

Jennifer is an incredible lady. She has the courage to raise he daughter, work and continue to be faithful to her beliefs and he callings in the church.

MARGARITA MENDEZ

Margaita isa woman of courage because she raised her daughter on her own. She had the courage to join the church with her daughter. She had the courage to emigrate to the United States. She has done several things that require courage.

BLANCA GREEN

Blanca came to the United States many years ago and has raise her daughter in a foreign land and a foreign language. She makes all these challenges look easy.

LINDA HERRINGTON

Linda has shown tremendous courage by overcoming many obstacles in her life. She has chose to do what is right even when she had to go it alone. She is an example of courage to all of us.

My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife said. Our daughter bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A blurb from Rolley and Wells column, SL Trib:

Two Mormon missionaries in dark suits on bikes recently were left motionless and speechless when two scantily clad female joggers passed them at Seago Lilly Lane and 1300 East in Sandy.

In fact, they didn't notice a Sandy City police car behind them, until the officer advised over his loudspeaker, "Think of a hymn, elders."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

A true story: It was a hot afternoon when the air conditioning went out in the Tabernacle during General Conference. President Hinckley stood up to address the sweating congregation and said, "It's warm. We're sorry. But it's not as warm as it's going to get if you don't repent!"

Contributed by President Gordon B. Hinckley

-If all your dishes have your name written on them with masking tape... You might be a Mormon.

--If you postdate your checks while shopping on Sunday... You might be a Mormon.

--If you believe Heck is the place for people who do not believe in gosh... You might be a Mormon.

--If your Mom was pregnant at your sister's wedding reception... You might be a Mormon.

--If you pray that your food might "nourish and strengthen your body" before eating doughnuts... You might be a Mormon

--If you think Jell-O is one of the basic food groups... You might be a Mormon

--If at least one of your salad bowls is at a neighbor's house... You might be a Mormon.

--If you've ever written a "Dear-John" to more than two missionaries on the same day.... You might be a Mormon.

--If you were frustrated when your son "only" got accepted to Harvard... You might be a Mormon.

--If you have one kid in diapers and one on a mission... You might be a Mormon.

--If you have never arrived at a meeting on time... You might be a Mormon.

--If you have more wheat stored in your basement than most third world countries... You might be a Mormon.

--If you've already got your order in for volume 50 of "The Work and The Glory"... You might be a Mormon.

--If you think it is all right to watch football on Sundays as long as a direct descendant of Brigham Young is playing... you might be a Mormon.

--If you have to guess more than five times the name of the child you're disciplining... You might be Mormon.

--If you automatically assume that BYOB means, Bring Your Own burgers... You might be Mormon.

--If you go to a party and someone spikes the punch with Pepsi... You might be a Mormon.

--If you arrive to an activity an hour late and are the first person there... You might be a Mormon.

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you?

They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

An LDS child needed to bring an old shirt from home for a school project about drug prevention. The mother was busy and handed her child an old T-shirt without examining it. Later, she was appalled to see her child wearing the T-shirt through the mall. On the front it said, "A Family is Forever." On the back: "Be Smart, Don't Start."