

## ***How an LLL Area or Group Can Produce a Bead***

The 60th Anniversary Committee encourages all Groups and Areas to find someone to make a bead that mothers can purchase to add to their starter milk drop necklace. Groups or Areas can find a local jewelry designer or even a group of local women to design and make beads.

The beads should meet the following dimensions in order to fit the starter kit necklace. **Beads should have a hole size of 5mm or larger in order to easily slide on and off when building the necklace. The focal pendant—the milk drop—is appx 1.25 in/3 cm long. So the beads that go on either side of it should not be larger than this.**

So, here's an example. I live in New Jersey, USA and I say to my fellow Council members---let's produce a bead that represents New Jersey. As New Jersey is known as the Garden State, it might make sense that our bead is in the shape of a blueberry. The Council contacts a local bead maker and asks her to make 20 blueberry beads, fitting the specifications above. She charges us \$5 for each bead so we pay her \$100. The Council decides to charge \$7 for each bead, along with shipping costs. The Council then sends a photo of the blueberry bead, a description, the price and a contact email address to Colleen at the email address below. Colleen then has the information uploaded to either the webpage, the Facebook page or both. The NJ Council then should start receiving orders from mothers and Groups around the world. Once all 20 blueberry beads are sold out, the Council orders more and so on. This can be a fundraiser for Groups but it also makes it fun to have your Group's bead or your Area's bead being worn by women around the world over the next year.

We encourage Groups and Areas to find a bead designer and get their beads made and up for sale soon. You want moms to have time to see what different beads are out there for sale and order them to add to their necklace and post a photo wearing the necklace on October 1, 2016 using the hashtag #LLLLI60.

If you have a bead to sell please email Colleen at [cmbwhite@gmail.com](mailto:cmbwhite@gmail.com) with your description of your bead, contact information for ordering, the price you are charging and a photo. We will place it on our webpage and/or Facebook page so Groups and Areas can order directly from you.

## ***How a Mom Can Build Her Necklace***

A mom might choose to buy every bead that is available. Let's say that 20 different Groups and Areas around the world produce a bead and that mom wants to get every single one. That's terrific! Let's say another mom just wants to have two beads on either side of her milk drop pendant. So she just buys four of the different beads that are available.

When the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year kicks off on October 1, 2016, we encourage all moms to post a photo of themselves wearing their necklace, on social media using the hashtag #LLLLI60. Be sure

to allow time to get your necklace ordered and delivered, along with any beads you might want to get for your necklace.

**#LLL160.**

For any questions about this project or the ordering of these starter kit necklaces, please email Family Tree Glass directly at [LLL160@familytreeglass.com](mailto:LLL160@familytreeglass.com).

*This is what the starter necklaces look like. This is from the Family Tree Glass website. The first one is on the silver chain. The second one is on the black cord.*

<http://www.familytreeglass.com/products/la-leche-league-60-anniversary-mothers-milk-necklace>

