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CDA Happenings

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Greetings from Your Regent

Happy New Year! This is the first newsletter of 2021, and let us hope that this year is so much better than 2020.

So many people make resolutions for January 1 each year – gonna lose weight, quit smoking, drink less, stop swearing, etc. I know myself well enough to know that one week after Christmas there are still too many temptations in the house, so many of the regular resolutions are out the window. I usually look to Ash Wednesday to begin the new-and-improved version of me. I actually look forward to the beginning of Lent each year as an opportunity to slow down and focus on my faith and listen to what God is telling me. Throughout the year I am faithful and devoted, but Lent brings me spiritually closer. As children we always dreaded the “what are you **giving up** for Lent?” question, but as adults I will ask you “what is the **extra thing** you’re going to do for Lent?”

In Unity & Charity,

Diane



National News

(catholicdaughters.org)

National is planning 3 retreats for the Fall:

Faithful Women Set The World On Fire!

Three fall retreats: September, October, November in three locations: Hickory, NC; Mesilla Park, NM; Benet Lake, WI

Be inspired by the stories of women who lived out God's will in their life and brought love and hope to the world around them. See the website for more information.

National CDA Pilgrimage

Join National Regent Sherry Nilles and many other National Board Members July 26-August 6 on a pilgrimage to Poland and Eastern Europe. See the website for more information.

State News

(cdanys.org)

The New York State Board is proceeding with plans for its Biennial Convention in Saratoga Springs April 7-11. We have received the Call to Convention with registration information. Court Delegates must register by March 12. Keep praying that the COVID numbers are low enough to allow this convention to take place.

NYS CDA Pilgrimage

Join the NYS CDA Board on its pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe October 18-23. See State Regent Heather Rave or go to the website for more information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 10

7:00 P.M.

Father Tetreau Hall

Monthly Court Meeting

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 10

7:00

Monthly Court Meeting

Hopefully, one day soon, we will be able to fill this column with dates. It still isn't possible to plan anything, but hopefully in the not-too-distant future we will be able to schedule some exciting events.



Court Happenings

Wow! Our **Blizzard of Fun** fundraiser for the month of January was awesome! We sold more tickets than ever (which translates to many winners!). We only had 4 days without winners, and 3 of those days the winning tickets had been mailed to court members who didn't return their tickets - was it you?! Congratulations to all of the winners.

\$50 Winners:

Joe Briccio, Carol Racca, Addison Miller, David Heintz, Bill Temple

\$25 Winners:

Kevin Briccio, Linda Manchester, Patsy Gavin, Sean Shea, Elizabeth Dobbins, Jenny Mirecki, Pam Ryan, Mary Peppiatt, Mae Daly, Fran Longo, Theresa Ortiz, Geri Sherman, Mary Ann Hogan, Bessie Dacey, Maureen Burns, Brent Ericson, Dan Crowe, Kelly Preston, Janet Heidemann, Janet Allen, Marycay Doolittle, Carol Anne Shepard

Early tabulations looks like we earned \$3205. Thank you for your support. Hope you had fun!

Keep in Your Prayers:

Thelma Fetchik
Bob and Grace Alcaro
Bob Kaiser
Carmen Bruckner and her daughter
Christine McCartney
Lynn Eismont's mother and brother Robert
Dorothy Kincade
Joann Heberling
Geri Sherman's daughter Ann Hughes
Father Jeffrey Maurer
Our Parish Priests, Deacons and Seminarians
All of our healthcare providers, first responders and teachers,
and all who have requested our prayers.

Happy News

We are happy to share the good news of the engagement of **Maureen Burns'** granddaughter Kayleigh Creeden. A July 2022 wedding is being planned. Congratulations!



Circle of Love

At each meeting we report on activities of the Circle of Love. What do you really know about it? This is what the National Catholic Daughters website says:

“By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest - LOVE.

“The small heart in the center is taken from the logo of the HEART SPEAKS TO HEART program. By utilizing this portion of the logo and part of the Heart Speaks to Heart program that is compatible with the Circle of Love, a smooth transition occurs.

“The Cross and Crown in the center of the heart is the national symbol of the Order- the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

“The seven points selected indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters. The program itemizes these needs with suggestions on how Catholic Daughters can effectively serve.

“The "CIRCLE OF LOVE" program are gathered to assist Catholic Daughters in working with the Church and community. We are indeed very aware of the needs in society that are deeply affecting today's generation, the elderly and human life. To be effective in promoting good works, we must reach out and make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering, whether it be through their own fault or the circumstances in which they find themselves. If we are to be "Jesus hands and feet" as is pledged in the Act of Consecration during the Installation Ceremony, then we must use the talents He gave us, become educated in new fields, volunteer our services and financial assistance where needed.”

As Court Vice Regent, **Christine Frisbee** chairs the Circle of Love. Each of the 7 branches has a chairman, or, in some cases, co-chairmen. This is how our court participates in the Circle of Love:

Family: “Courts should continue to strengthen family relations by interacting with one another in service and work of the family community. Families praying together, working together and playing together will fully encompass the Circle of Love Program.” Court Chairman is **Marion Schrader**. Marion is our liason for Newburgh’s Habitat for Humanity. Our court has participated in Habitat builds and fundraisers. Marion has also organized our Family Movie night.

Education: “It has often been said that education literally means “a drawing out” of a person’s talent as well as a “putting in” of knowledge or instruction. Education is a key ingredient which significantly impacts the long term success of our organization. Education helps bring us to fulfillment and helps improve attitudes. Education should include programs or activities that assist members to learn about CDA, its history, its charitable projects and charities, as well as the programs on the spokes of the Circle of Love. This could include topics of a spiritual nature, safety concerns and medical issues. Education may lead to higher participation in a whole range of activities. The CDA scholarships and Education Contests are a part of the education spoke.” Our court co-chairmen are **Lynn Eismont** and **Christine Frisbee**. Lynn and Christine oversee the National Education Contest for our court as well as the high school scholarships.

Youth: “Tomorrow’s promise lives in today’s youth. In responding to their needs today, we shape a better future for all. Every Catholic Daughters of the Americas court can fulfill the goals of the Youth Program by committing itself to sponsor, participate in, and/or support at least one youth activity. This can be accomplished by working collaboratively with existing community and parish youth groups such as the youth ministry, social action groups, local schools, or by

sponsoring a Junior CDA Court. The selection and scope of the activity should be determined by the needs and/or interests of the youth in the community. It is the mission of the Youth Program to nurture personal and spiritual growth; to promote service to others and to foster an awareness and appreciation of diversity through a variety of suggested activities and experiences.” **Karen Sheboy** is our Youth Chairman and works collaboratively with St. Mary’s Youth Ministers.

Legislation: “Our obligation is to become better informed on public issues, addressing the morals and human dimension, while supporting church teaching on human life, human rights, justice and peace. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas **DO NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES NOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY!** Operation Morning Star is a program of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to Our Lady under her title Morning Star, to encourage Catholic women to speak out in the legislative arena.” The Legislation spoke of the Circle of Love for our court is chaired by **Nanette Murray**.

Leadership: “Dedicated and inspired leadership over the last 100 years in the Catholic Daughters has kept CDA the largest Catholic women's organization in the world. You, as a member of CDA, have the opportunity to learn the skills and techniques of leadership and implement your talents as a future leader. Consider becoming a leader in CDA!” Our court chairman is **Jane Hosford**. Several years ago our court created the Summer Lunch Program, which developed into Food for Kids, an independent non-profit that provides breakfast and lunch to children in our school community throughout the year. Jane continues her volunteerism with Food for Kids, and through here participation, has provided our court with new members.

Quality of Life: “Quality of Life (Social Awareness) - issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all peoples. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness.” **Linda Jurain** and **Grace Alcaro** are our court co-chairmen. Linda and Grace work closely with several organizations, most recently with Catholic Charities. Through Catholic Charities, our court adopts a needy family for Christmas and Easter and we provide clothing, toys and family goods. We are hoping to help Faith House, a local home for unwed mothers, once they become established.

Spiritual Enhancement: “The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is primarily a service organization; however, service for the sake of service can become burdensome and more of an obligation than a joy. That is why the Spiritual Enhancement component of the Circle of Love is so important. Through the spiritual program in each local and state court, we help our members to nourish and develop their relationships with God. Out of those developing relationships comes the realization of God's love and everlasting mercy, and because of that realization, the desire to serve Him by serving His people grows. Our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God's love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness. In the Spiritual Enhancement section of the Circle of Love, you will find ways to provide opportunities for your members to spend time with God. You will find ideas for enhancing personal sanctification as well as suggestions for involving your members in the spiritual life of their parishes and communities. It is important that your court's Spiritual Enhancement Program helps your members to understand that they are truly a sisterhood and that they need to be church to one another before they can be church to others.” Our Court’s chairman is **Cheryl Curran**. When we aren’t able to have clergy available for our meetings, Cheryl prepares an opening prayer service. Cheryl also organized last year’s Lenten Retreat. It was such a success, we hope to make this an annual event.

February 14 is Saint Valentine’s Day. “St. Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People all on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and traveling. As you might expect, he’s also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.”* **Happy St. Valentine’s Day!**

* www.history.com

Birthdays

February

Snooky Kelly (2/4)
Gladys Panet (2/4)
Mary Peppiatt (2/6)
Pam Ferrara (2/8)
Laura Descafano (2/9)
Linda Jurain (2/18)
Anne Page (2/18)
Karen Sheboy (2/22)
Rosalina Torres (2/23)
Marianne Devitt (2/27)

March

Ofelia Ramm (3/2)
Theresa Schaefer (3/4)
Angie Bartlett (3/8)
Ericka Payne (3/13)
Jane Fobert (3/15)
Kathryn Foley (3/15)
Betty Anne Bancroft (3/16)
Marilyn Cardone (3/19)
Susan Witte (3/29)
Bernadette Mullady (3/31)
Andrea McCullough (3/31)



Court Finances

(As of January 31, 2021)

Checking Balance: \$5777.24
Convention Fund: \$3889.42
Reserve Fund: \$3698.48

Ongoing Happenings

Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meetings. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.

Computer ink cartridges – recycling them offsets office supply purchases.

Bring **Food Pantry and/or Food for Kids donations** to the meeting. Any and all non-perishable food items are always in need.

Now That I'm Older

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

I love approaching 90, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I got up and searched with him.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older ... this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember ... Don't sing!

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



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“In God We Trust”

Mission Statement

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.”

