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CDA Happenings

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Greetings from Your Regent

Phew, I'm exhausted! Our court members have been on a merry-go-round for the past few weeks (see page 5!), and now some of us are headed to NYS convention for 4 very busy days. When we return, we will dash right into our annual supper where we get to kick back, break bread and visit with one another. I always look forward to this annual event, and after this very busy time it's nice to sit and be with friends and enjoy food someone else cooked.

For many of us the next two months will continue to be very busy with graduations and weddings (and ordinations!). We look forward to Deacon Zach and Deacon Collins Ashu celebrating Mass with us here at St. Mary's.

During the month of May we celebrate and remember our own mothers, whether here on Earth or in Heaven. It is truly fitting that in May, when so many flowers are blooming every day, that we celebrate Jesus' mother Mary, our Heavenly Mother. Find time each day to pray to Mary for special intercessions or just to thank her for all that she has done for us.

In Unity & Charity,
Diane



National News

(catholicdaughters.org)

Our National Officers and National Directors have been very busy traveling all around the country to attend State conventions. National Regent Emily Guilherme is our National Supervisor, and she will be at the NYS Convention, along with National Chaplain Shenan Boquet.

State News

(cdanys.org)

We're off to NYS Convention!

Nine court members are headed to Saratoga Springs for the biennial convention. We will spend 4 days attending workshops, business meetings, hearing reports, attending Masses, networking with other Catholic Daughters from throughout the state, and spending some time enjoying Cinco de Mayo and the Installation Banquet.

When we return we will share with you things we learned. Please pray for a successful convention and safe travels for all of us.

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COURT FUNCTIONS

Wednesday, May 10

6:00 P.M.

Weathervane Clubhouse
25 Weathervane Drive
Washingtonville
**Annual Supper
and Monthly Meeting**

Monday, May 29

10:00 A.M.

Memorial Day Parade

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 P.M.

Father Tetreau Hall
**Education Contest Awards
Scholarship Presentation
Ice Cream Social**
(all are welcome to attend)

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 P.M.

Father Tetreau Hall
Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 P.M.

Father Tetreau Hall
**Monthly Meeting and
Red/White/Blue Bag Grab**

Travel Prayer

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Guide these wheels we ride upon.

Bless the driver and the driven.

Don't let us see an accident.

Don't let us cause an accident.

Don't let us be in an accident.

And keep all those crazies away!

Amen.

Keep in Your Prayers:

Marianne Devitt, Cindy Heintz, and members of our court who, because of poor health, are no longer able to participate in court functions

Bob Alcaro, Bob Kaiser, Tom Murray and Jim Burns
Lynn Eismont's mother

Our Parish Priests, Deacons and Seminarians
All of our healthcare providers, first responders and teachers, and all who have requested our prayers.

Next Meeting:

Greeter:	Kathy Dryden
50/50:	Nanette Murray
Milk:	Nanette Murray
Clean Up:	Pat Cooney

Bountiful Baskets Recap

Bountiful Baskets 2023 was a great success! The final numbers aren't in yet, but if you were there, you would agree that it was an incredible night.

If it wasn't a sell-out, it nearly was. Among the 500 chairs, there weren't too many that were empty. We had 20 business baskets that were jam-packed with prizes, and we had 103 of what we call "little baskets" but even those were very full.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for helping to make this very important event so successful. What we generate from Bountiful Baskets funds most of our charitable giving for the year.

Special thanks to Gail Erickson for chairing this event and keeping track of thousands of details. Thank you to the many members who donated baskets, assembled baskets, set up the room, helped at the event, and then helped clean up the room. Please support the Knights of Columbus who have been very generous in loaning us the room for 3 days each year so that Bountiful Baskets has a home.

Litany of Thanks

It's so important to say thank-you, and sometimes we get caught up in the busy-ness of our lives that we don't stop to properly acknowledge the people who need to be thanked.

We need to shine a light on **Karen and Heather Rave** for taking on the job of collecting empty recyclable bottles and cans and bringing them in for redemption. From April 2022 through March 2023, they added **over \$300** to our convention fund! It's not a pleasant job, but they are so diligent about it, and it certainly adds up. Of course, we need to thank all of our members who faithfully bring their empties to the meetings. Thank you, thank you. Pennies add up to dollars!

Charitable Giving Opportunities

As often as possible we like to share with you charitable giving *opportunities*. No one is expected to give every time an idea is suggested. And no one knows what charities are supported by our members outside of Catholic Daughters. Please do not feel pressured to participate, but we like to offer opportunities to which you may wish to avail yourself.

At this month's meeting we are highlighting **microwaveable mac-and-cheese cups** for donation to the Food for Kids program. Each week they send home almost 200 of these cups to students of this school district who reside in food-insecure households. If you would like to donate this item, please bring it to the May meeting.

Be on the lookout for more information about **Christmas in July** for Beacon of Light maternity home and **Socktober** for the soup kitchen in Newburgh.

Birthdays

May

Louise Grix (5/5)
Carolina Aiosa (5/8)
Roseann Horgan (5/9)
Susan Wilson (5/11)
Kaite Wilson (5/14)
Angela Beuchert (5/18)
Carol Anderson (5/19)
Margaret Allen (5/21)
Julie Morel (5/24)
Lauren Santos (5/24)
Bernadette Silvestri (5/26)

June

Helene Shepard (6/1)
Jane Hosford (6/6)
Joan Oram (6/7)
Rose Ann DuBartell (6/11)
LouAnn Sindaco (6/11)
Helene Spear (6/21)
Janet Heidemann (6/24)
Diane Mack (6/28)
Pat Johnson (6/29)



Court Finances

(As of April 30, 2023)

Checking Balance: \$10,011.02
Convention Fund: \$7,876.29
Reserve Fund: \$3,767.42

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.

We Need a Good Laugh

Pat Cooney, Humor Editor

A town decided to form a clergy group to have Catholics, Jews, Protestants and Muslims gather to talk about various issues facing their places of worship.

The rabbi went first and said they were having a terrible issue with squirrels. He said they were hanging around outside of church and aggressively begging for food. He said they were scaring their kids.

The preacher said they were having the same issue. In fact, a few of the squirrels had actually gotten inside of the church and had done some damage to the roof.

The Imam agreed saying that in fact one of the squirrels had bitten a few people at the mosque.

The priest then spoke up and said they used to have the same issue but had solved it. He said they took all of their squirrels, baptized them, confirmed them, and now they only come around on Christmas and Easter.

PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE!

Our May supper and meeting has been moved to

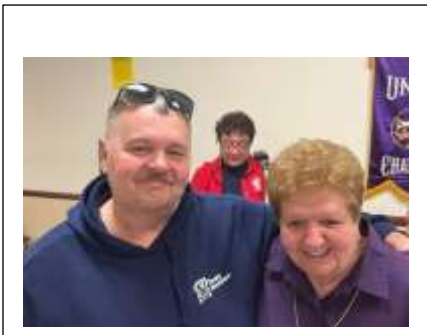
**the Weathervane Clubhouse
25 Weathervane Drive,
Washingtonville
(behind Chase Bank)
(enter from Weathervane Drive)**

A Week in the Life of Our Court



**Friday Night:
Bountiful Baskets**

**The 50/50
winner**



Saturday – pack bags for seminarians

Monday- at Douglaston

Thursday – at Dunwoodie



Sunday – tea in Goshen and

walking for Habitat for Humanity

dinner for Beacon of Light





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6:00 at
Weathervane Clubhouse**

“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.”*



*May the wings of the butterfly
kiss the sun
and find your shoulder to light
upon.*

*To bring you luck, happiness and
riches,
Today, Tomorrow and Beyond.*

- Irish Blessing