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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."

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We hope you enjoyed the newsletter.

Please contact Sarah Ebey at 706-799-4415 or Juanita Oppermann at 979-388-3324 with any suggestions, future newsletter items or corrections.

Many thanks to members who contributed articles and photos for the newsletter!

*** All articles are written by Sarah Ebey unless otherwise noted. ***

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National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org

Texas CDA - www.texasda.org



Regent Message



REGENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Hope all had a holy, happy Christmas with family and friends. Now a new year is beginning and it brings with it many opportunities to be of service to our parish, our community, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364.

First, let me thank all of our CDA sisters who gave so much of their time and energy to all the projects of the court last year. Because of your help and devotion our Chicken Spaghetti Dinner, bake sales were successful and enabled us to be of service to our parish, our youth, and our community.

Our Christmas party was a big success. If you were not there, you missed a great time. The entertainment was entertaining and interactive. The games were fun. The food was great, and the camaraderie exhilarating.

Our Christmas Bake Sale was a big success. We made \$1400.00. Thank you so much to Janet Gipson, Karen Koranek, and Sandy Seeley for organizing and decorating for the event. Thank you to all the court members who baked, donated, and worked the bake sale. Without your efforts the bake sale would not have been such a success.

In this coming February we will be having two big projects. We will have our Valentine Bake Sale and our annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner. We have our raffle tickets ready for sale. They can be picked up in January at the coffee and doughnut stand.

Money for the sale of the tickets can be turned in at the January 23rd meeting or to Rachel Warner at any time. We will be having signup for working the various stations on Friday (February 21), Saturday (February 22), and Sunday (February 23) at the January meeting. The Chicken Spaghetti Dinner is our major fundraiser and enables us to continue to give our scholarships, contribute to the various parish activities that support our youth, and give a helping hand in the community. Please set aside time to help with this important endeavor. And, SELL, SELL, SELL or purchase those raffle tickets. We have 3000 tickets to sell. If we sell them all, we can earn \$5000.00.

The year of 2020 is going to be a very important year. Please pray for our country and for our church. Say the rosary often. The Blessed Virgin Mary has promised that saying the rosary can bring about needed change in the culture of our church and our country. Come join with your fellow parishioners on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. and pray for the unborn, our church, our country, and that in the coming election the vast majority of people will choose the culture of life over the culture of death.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 23rd meeting. Please join us as we work to be the hands of God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit here on earth.

By Juanita Oppermann, Regent



National News

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SAVE THE DATE

Membership Retention



Emily Guilherme
First Vice National Regent
National Membership and Court Chairman

In the past few months I've been writing articles on recruiting, but this article is about something just as critical: retaining your current members. Sometimes we place tremendous emphasis on the members we don't have and begin to neglect the members we do have. Let us remember that while this organization is a philanthropic one, it is also a ministry to the sisters we sit next to in court meetings. So, what are we doing to minister to those already involved in CDA? More than ministering to; what are we doing to **engage** with those members?

If your members are getting bored, or dropping out from meetings, it can be discouraging but also indicative of a larger issue. Here are some steps to overcoming some typical issues in engaging with current members:

Be Active

Maybe it's time to introduce a new event to get your members' blood pumping – no, not a recruiting event, but a fellowship event to celebrate sisterhood and maybe fundraise for that charity or special project you've been eyeing. Do you see a need in your city or parish community for action? Form a CDA Task Force and put a few new faces in charge, not just the sisters who are always in charge of something. Women who don't feel their gifts are being utilized frequently lose their passion and start dropping off. So, utilize their gifts!

Be Open

In those planning meetings, do you keep the same ideas rolling around? Don't be afraid to ask your current members for new wisdom. Is there a member who frequently uses the phrase "We've ALWAYS done it this way" and who discourages new ideas from being voiced? Get rid of her? Of course not! As Pope Francis exhorts in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "Pastoral ministry... seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says, 'We have always done it this way.'" Cast that thinking out! If you feel as though your member numbers are dropping off, open wide the doors to Christ and let in His Holy Spirit!

Be Positive

New ideas can present many obstacles, but obstacles were meant to be toppled over. Story time: when I was first getting my start in ministry, I went to a planning meeting with a few other Directors of Religious Education. Every time someone brought up a new idea, one of the directors (we'll call her "Debbie") would scoff and present every kind of obstacle imaginable. Little did Debbie know that each time she did that, one of us would feel defeated before we even started. It was so discouraging that many of us felt stuck; finally, it took one of our newest directors to say "There are obstacles, but so what. We're doing this for the Lord, and we can overcome whatever we need to overcome." That one positive voice changed everything, and it shut Debbie's negativity down. We proceeded to plan some powerful and meaningful activities for our children's ministries. If you have a Debbie Downer on one of your planning teams, perhaps redirect them to another task such as keeping track of budgets or to another way she excels in serving. That way, she still feels like her gifts are being utilized.

Be Bold

Sometimes we forget how big God is, so we limit what we ask from Him. We think "God has bigger fish to fry than this little thing I need." That is putting God in a box, and let me tell you, He is bigger than any box you can imagine. If you need God to intervene in your court, be bold and ASK God boldly for whatever is needed. As Jesus said, "Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish?" (Matt. 7:9-10). God desires us to ASK Him in courage and in faith for the things we need. And your requests are important. We're striving to change the world for Him. Is there anything more important than that? 🙏



Keeping Your Court Alive

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TOP TEN WAYS TO KEEP YOUR COURT ALIVE

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10. Publicize everything your court does.

Bake sales, donations, service, fun; publicize it all and publicize it often in your parish bulletin, local paper, Facebook or wherever you can get free publicity. Tell your story and use pictures.

9. Be present in your church community.

Support and attend parish events. Volunteer as a group for festivals, fundraisers, serving meals, cleaning up and anything else you can do to help your parish. See #10.



8. Be present in your geographical community.

Support and attend community events. Volunteer as a group for rides, walks, fundraisers, help with cleanup days, delivering meals to seniors...wherever help is needed be there. See #10.

7. Wear your purple with pride.

Wear your Catholic Daughter gear to mass, to the gym, to the grocery store, to the cleaners...Get one of those "Ask me About CDA" buttons and wear it. See #10.

6. Worship together.

Attend mass as a group, have a memorial mass, plan a patriotic rosary, lead Stations of the Cross during lent, plan a prayer service. Your visible devotion to our Lord will be noticed.

5. Find your own Calcutta.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said that "You can find Calcutta anywhere, you only need eyes that see". Working together to provide a service builds community like nothing else does. It warms the heart of all who participate and is invaluable to the community. See #10.

4. Recruit always, Recruit all ways.

Every member's job is to recruit. Every woman you meet is a potential member. Talk about Catholic Daughters to everyone. Have your elevator speech ready to explain what makes Catholic Daughters special. See #10.

3. Have Fun.

Do everything with joy and a smile. It is contagious and makes everyone want to join in! Be careful not to over burden your court and stay within your member's abilities. Don't complain, it will scare ladies away. See #10.

2. Attend a convention.

There is no better way to catch the true Catholic Daughter Spirit! Your court will learn, have fun and grow together. Volunteer at a convention to take it a step further. Become a full participant in YOUR state and national organization. See # 10.

And the **Number One** way to keep your court alive...

Pray together, pray for each other, pray for your court, pray for our organization.
Prayer changes everything.

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District 35 Project

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Left to Right: Lisa Schaubroeck, Regent Court 2289; Rachel Warner, District Deputy District 35; Mary Moreno, Military MOMS and Wives; Juanita Oppermann, Regent Court 2364; and Rosanna Tenorio, Vice-Regent Court 2134.

Make A Difference Day District 35 Project

This year District 35 of the Catholic daughters of the Americas chose as their "Make A Difference District Project" to take up a collection for Military Moms and Wives. Each year the Military MOMS and Wives, headed by Mary L. Moreno, sends packages to over 1600 overseas military servicemen. The money collected helps with providing postage for the packages which runs into the thousands of dollars. District 35 collected \$655.00 and some snack items which were delivered to Mary L. Moreno.

**Submitted by
Juanita Oppermann, Regent Court 2364**



Make A Difference Day

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY COURT PROJECT 2019



Left to Right: Juanita Oppermann, Regent; Cindy Burks; and, Rachel Warner, Vice Regent

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE LAKE, COURT #2364 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT 2019

This year for "Make A Difference Day" Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364 chose to take up a collection for the Pregnancy Help Center. Court Member Binnie Bauml spoke with Cindy Burks at the Pregnancy Help Center and asked how we could help. Cindy was delighted we wanted to help in some way. She suggested items for their "Mommy Bags" which included tiny newborn onesies, socks, teething toys, bibs (some have pacifiers on them), pacifiers

(neutral colors) or a monetary donation. The Court chose to collect money and the above listed items at our December 5th meeting. The court collected 2 large bags of baby items and donated \$268.00 to the Pregnancy Help Center.

Below Bunny Swist adds items to the collection of baby items.



Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann



National CDA Day

NATIONAL CDA DAY

National CDA Day for District 35 was hosted this year by Immaculate Mary, Court #2134 in Angleton, TX. There were about 69 Catholic Daughters from the four courts present with 24 members from Our Lady Queen of the Lake in attendance. Also attending was First State Vice Regent, Becky Brown.



Once again, Cathy Bitner was there to sell her wares. A variety of Catholic Daughter clothing items and other items were available for purchase. A delicious breakfast and lunch were served. A good time was had by all as we visited with each other and the members of the other courts of District 35.



Left to Right: Charlene Jones, Toni Sabrsula, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Karen Koranek

The day began with the celebration of the holy Mass officiated by Father Koi Le followed by a light breakfast in the parish hall.

Speaker for the event was Father Koi Le, Pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Angleton.



Father Le discussed his journey to the priesthood and the most influential person in his religious life, his grandmother. Listening to Father Le you realized that it is the little everyday things to which we introduce our children that can lead to them making big decisions in their life. It also brought out the importance of daily prayer life in our home and the role our parents and grandparents play in the development of our children's spiritual lives; and, how important it is that we are strong role models to our children and grandchildren as we truly live our faith.

New members of the district were officially inducted into the Catholic Daughters.



Our new members inducted (Left to Right) were Toni Sabrsula, Caroline Sablatura, and Paula Price. Theresa Greenwell was unable to attend.

A memorial was held for our deceased members since October 2018. The deceased member for Our Lady Queen of the Lake was Jeanette Matzke.



The patriotic rosary was prayed by all attendees. The inspiring day ended with the awarding of the Traveling Angel which went to Angleton who had 27 members in attendance.

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**Written by Regent
Juanita Oppermann**



National CDA Day (cont)

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***Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364 at
National CDA Day, Angleton, TX***



***Left to Right: Jan Denomy, Paula Price, and
Patty Matus***



Left to Right: Caroline and Lillian Sablatura



***Left to Right: Toni Kwan, Lynette Walsh,
Charlene Jones, Toni Sabrsula, and Deanna
Hudgeons***



***District 35 Catholic Daughters of the
Americas in attendance at National CDA Day,
October 19, 2019***



**Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann**



Coffee & Doughnuts

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COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS = BUILDING COMMUNITY

Thanks to the hard work of Dottie Mensik preparing our schedule; Doris Grigar calling to remind the volunteers weekly; and Isabel Respondek keeping all supplies up to date Coffee and Doughnuts has been running smoothly. Thanks to these three individuals and all the volunteers who show up each Sunday, the Catholic Daughters are able to continue building our parish community. Each and every member of the Catholic Daughters

is vital to the life of this parish service.

Just a reminder, when you make a switch, you need to let Dottie Mensik and Doris Grigar know at the numbers and email below. Also, if you are not currently volunteering for Coffee and Doughnuts and would like to be part of this important group, you can contact Dottie at 979-235-0358 or dottie1591@att.net and Doris Grigar at 979-297-5894 or jgrigar@sbcglobal.net.



Left to Right: Binnie Bauml and Janet Gipson 8/4/2019



Enjoying Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass! 9/29/19



Left to Right: Debbie Massey and Grace Hatfield 9/29/19



Left to Right: Betty Jo Jurries and Sharon Ernst 10/13/2019



Betty Jo Jurries converses with Ted Oppermann during Coffee & Doughnuts on 10/13/2019



Left to Right: Lisa Matzke and Peggy Robinson 11/24/19



Left to Right: Juanita Oppermann and Shirley Girouard 11/24/2019

Submitted by
Juanita Oppermann, Regent



October Business Meeting

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SOCIALIZING AND BUSINESS

The October 24, 2019, meeting was held in the Angelina Room at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. The meeting began with a social at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. Twenty-seven members including officers and one guest were present.

During the social, the court celebrated the birthday of Regent Juanita Oppermann with refreshments provided by Bunny Swist, Rachel Warner, Sarah Ebey, Paula Price, and Cynthia Grandjean.



Left to Right: Sarah Ebey and Rachel Warner

During the meeting Chairmen were announced for the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner to be held on February 23, 2020.

Sandy Seeley agreed to be the overall Chairman for the dinner with Rachel Warner agreeing to be in charge of the prizes and raffle. Janet Gipson agreed to assume leadership of the kitchen and Shuria Thompson agreed to take charge of the silent auction.

Plans were also discussed for the Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughter Christmas Party to be held on December 7, 2019.

An inspirational reflection was given by Patty Matus on the meaning of and some history concerning Halloween in the Catholic Church.



Left to Right: Sarah Ebey, Bunny Swist, and Rachel Warner

Becky Brown, First Vice State Regent was present and reported on the updated website, the state habitat build, the "Pray and Play Day" to be held in Alice, TX, and the beginning plans for the National Convention to be held in Dallas, TX July 15-19.

For complete details of the meeting see the minutes for the October meeting.



Left to Right: Rachel Warner, Juanita Oppermann, and guest Christopher Schilling

Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann



Financial Review

REVIEWING THE BOOKS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF CDA

The financial review for October was held October 24, 2019, prior to the monthly meeting. In attendance were Rachel Warner, District Deputy and the following Catholic Daughters of Our Lady of the Lake, Court #2364: Dottie Mensik, Toni Kawn, Binnie Bauml, Lynette Walsh, and Isabel Respondek. The team worked diligently and Rachel Warner gave them an A+. The court financial records passed the financial review.

Thanks go to the team for volunteering to perform this important function.



Left to Right: Isabel Respondek, Lynette Walsh, Toni Kwan, Rachel Warner, Dottie Mensik and Binnie Bauml



Left to Right Front Row: Dottie Mensik, and Binnie Bauml. Second Row: Rachel Warner, Toni Kwan, Lynette Walsh, and Isabel Respondek



Left to Right: Rachel Warner, Toni Kwan, and Lynette Walsh



Business Meeting



MORE THAN JUST A MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 2019



Left to Right: Lillian Sablatura, Janet Spicer, and Deanna Hudgeons. Not pictured Gera Martin.

The December 5th meeting began with a social at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held in Wlecyzk Hall in the Family Life Center. Decorations and refreshments were provided by Deanna Hudgeons, Janet Spicer, Lillian Sablatura, and Gera Martin. An air of Christmas festivity was created by the beautiful Christmas decorations provided under the direction of Deanna Hudgeons.

At the meeting plans were discussed for the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner to be held February 23. Raffle tickets were distributed. A collection of baby items and money were collected to be donated to the Pregnancy Help Center. A total of \$268.00 was collected along with 2 large bags of baby items for the "Mommy Bags" which will be presented to the class participants at the Pregnancy Help Center.

During the December 5th meeting new member Debra Vavra was inducted.

Patty Matus gave an inspiring presentation on Advent and how to make this time before Christmas a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. If you need Raffle Tickets, please contact Rachel Warner at 979-236-7668. We have 3000 tickets to sell by February 23rd. All help is appreciated. More information on the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner at the January 23, 2019 meeting.

See you there.



Left to Right: Elsa Branson, Phyllis Shomette, and Lois Loftus



Left to Right: Sarah Ebey, Interim Treasurer; Patty Matus, Financial Secretary; and, Rachel Warner, Vice Regent;



Left to Right: New Member Debra Vavra and Juanita Opperman.



Jan Denomy enjoys refreshments



Bunny Swist adds to the collection of baby items.

Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann



Fall BUNCO

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BUNCO

The November Bunco was held on November 7, 2019. Despite the bad weather, 57 players came to enjoy the evening. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all who helped with the event and donated door prizes. Dottie and Betty Jo Jurries added humor and fun to the distribution of the door prizes. Pat Williams started off the evening with a thorough explanation of the rules of the game. Here are the results as submitted by Betty Jo Jurries.

Submitted by Regent Juanita Oppermann



Left to Right: Dottie Mensik and Betty Jo Jurries made the distribution of door prizes fun!



Fun was had by young and old alike.



BUNCO Door Prize winners

Bunco Bash Recap - Benefitting SVdP

Date: November 7, 2019

Cash	\$ 628.00
Checks	\$ 145.00
Minus Seed Money	\$ 0.00
Minus Cash Prizes	\$ 0.00
<u>Total Dollar Donation to SVdP</u>	<u>\$ 773.00*</u>

Number of Players 57

*Total Money Collected:

Number of Players x \$10 = \$570 + Cash Donations of \$203 = \$773.00



Pat Williams delivers the instructions for the play of the game.



Sixty-one door prizes were donated by members of the court.



Food Ticket Ending Number 1990666 minus
Food Ticket Starting Number 1989872
Total Number of Food Items Donated - 794

Number of Door Prizes 61

Bunco Bash Cash Prize Winners

Most Buncos \$20 = Lola Ellingson
Most Losses \$15 = Debra Maroquin
Most Wins \$10 = Carolyn Rayburn
Bunco Baby \$5 = Jan Denomy



In all, 57 players were present.



Bunco Winners included: Bunco Baby \$5 = Jan Denomy; Most Buncos \$20 = Lola Ellingson; Most Losses \$15 = Debra Maroquin; and, Most Wins \$10 = Carolyn Rayburn

Total Receipts (Cost) = \$ 41.69 – Donations (4 gals. Tea & 4 gals. Lemonades = \$26.55) and Roll of Tickets = \$15.14)



Catholic Daughters who Care

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CARING HEARTS BRIGHTENING THE DAY OF A FELLOW SISTER

The Caring Hearts committee has been active over the past five months under the leadership of Bunny Swist, Chairman. They have delivered meals, visited with the homebound and/or sick, and contacted many of our court members that have undergone surgery or other illnesses to inquire if they need help. In the photo, Team No. 1 brought a meal to and visited with our Treasurer Ann Riedel who finally returned home after a long hospital stay. As a court, we are looking forward to the day Ann will be well enough to return to her function as Treasurer and join us once again in our activities and meetings. We miss you, Ann!!!



Left to Right First Row: Ann Riedel, and Patty Matus Left to Right Second Row: Toni Kwan, Joan Taplett, Dottie Mensik, and Isabel Respondek

Submitted by Regent Juanita Oppermann

ADOPT A FAMILY AND THEIR CHRISTMAS SURPRISE



Left to Right: Janet Gipson, Bunny Swist, Janet Spicer Committee Chair, Karen Koranek

Each year our court selects a family to adopt for the year. This year the family that we adopted, has three children. Their ages are eight, ten, and eleven.

The parents are hard working Catholics who have a hard time making ends meet. They often have trouble paying their rent and utilities. Their car is unreliable so that is another added expense. The parents also help support the father's mother who lives in Mexico.

We bought clothes, shoes, and toys for each of the children for Christmas. We gave the family \$100 so

that they could buy their Christmas dinner. Also, we gave them \$150 to go towards their utility bill.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank everyone who donated at the annual Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters Christmas party. This year we collected \$800.00 which will be combined with the budgeted \$300.00 for us to continue to help the family.

Submitted by Regent Juanita Oppermann





Community Service

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BELL RINGING ANGELS

Once again, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364 provided 20 bell ringing angels for the Salvation Army. "The red kettle has been an American icon for 125 years. From Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, the ubiquitous buckets can be found outside thousands of storefronts in small towns and big cities across the country." Have you ever wondered who started the red kettle tradition, where, and why?



Left to Right: Carmen Galvan and Katie Bailey

"Wonder no more. Below is a short history of the Salvation Army red kettle, one of the most timeless and successful Christmas fundraising tools of all time. In December of 1891, Captain Joseph McFee of The Salvation Army in San Francisco, California was stumped. He wanted to provide a Christmas dinner for 1,000 poor people, but had no way to pay for it.

Then, he had an idea. He thought back to when he was a sailor in Liverpool, England, where on the docks of the city's waterfront he remembered seeing a large pot into which charitable donations could be thrown.

The next day, McFee secured permission to place a brass urn at the Oakland ferry landing. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." Soon, he had all the money he needed to fund the Christmas dinner. Two years later, McFee's fundraising idea had expanded to 30 kettle locations on the West Coast. He'd grown the program with help from two young Salvation Army officers named William A. McIntyre and N.J. Lewis.



Left to Right: Bunny Swist and Janet Spicer



Left to Right: Grace Hatfield and Margie McAda



Left to Right: First State Vice Regent Becky Brown and Dottie Mensik.

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Soon after Christmas 1895, McIntyre and Lewis were transferred to the East Coast. They took with them the idea of a Christmas kettle. McIntyre was stationed in Boston. During the 1897 Christmas season, he, his wife and sister set up three kettles in the heart of the city. Their effort, combined with others on the West Coast and elsewhere, resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the poor, nationwide."



Left to Right: Karen Koranek and Janet Gipson



Left to Right: Sue Merritt and Dolores Hibbets



Left to Right: Delia Hock and Jan Denomy



Left to Right: Betty Jo Jurries and Kathleen Calhoun



Left to Right: Binnie Bauml and Toni Sabrsula



<https://news.salvationarmynorth.org/category/featured/>

Thanks to our dedicated Bell Ringers our court was able to contribute to a happy Christmas to many families in the Lake Jackson/Freeport area. Thank you for your generosity in giving of your time to this important service. Our bell ringers this year are featured in the photos included in this article.

Not pictured are Joan Taplett, and Phyllis Shomette.

Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann



Christmas Party



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 7, 2019, the Catholic Daughters and the Knights celebrated their annual Christmas Party.

Attendees were greeted at the door by Binnie Bauml and Toni Sabrsula. There were 100 attendees consisting of Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, and their perspective spouses and guests.



The blessing was said by Father Dwight, the Chaplin for the Knights of Columbus. For the dinner, the Knights provided brisket, cooked and prepared by Ted Oppermann. The Catholic Daughters provided nonalcoholic beverages, side dishes, desserts and all the needed plates and utensils while the Knights provided an open bar.



Kevin Land opened the evening welcoming Father Dwight, Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, the Catholic Daughters, and the Knights of Columbus, and the spouses and guests.



Left to Right: Binnie Bauml and Toni Sabrsula



Left to Right: Father Dwight and Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

Everyone said the food was delicious and little was left for the attendees to bring home.

After dinner, Kevin Land, for the Knights and Juanita Oppermann, for the Catholic Daughters presented Father Dwight and Msgr. Leo their annual Christmas gifts.

Entertainment was provided by Tommy Wilbeck who provided a fun, interactive program of sing along Christmas music.

Games were played under the direction of Kevin Land and Juanita Opperman. Prizes of \$50.00 gift cards were given to the winners of each of the three games. The gift cards were donated by the Knights of Columbus.



Left to Right: Rachel Warner, Donna Dougherty, and Sharon Land

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Christmas Party



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The Adopt A Family Committee Chairman, Janet Spicer, presented information about the family chosen by the Catholic Daughters for this year. The amount collected at the party for the family was \$800.00. This amount will be added to what was collected at the December meeting and the \$300.00 budgeted by the court. The money collected enabled the committee to provide Christmas for the family and will enable the committee to help the family throughout the year with small emergencies and getting the children ready for school. Thank you to all who have so generously donated to the Adopt A Family fund.



Left to Right: Paula Price and Lillian Sablatura



Left to Right: Jim and Mary Montague



Left to Right: Isabel Respondek, Gene Kanski, Veronica Bohuslav, and Gilbert Bohuslav



Left to Right Theresa Greenwell and guest, and Kevin Land

The party ended with the drawing for door prizes. Fifteen poinsettias were donated by the Catholic Daughters as door prizes for the evening.

There was a lot of laughter, visiting, singing at the party. Everyone raved about the food and the entertainment. All in all, we can say that a good time was had by all. We are all really looking forward to next year. Hope to see you there!



Submitted by Regent
Juanita Oppermann



Prayers



THE POWERS OF PRAYER FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Rosary Service for Igor Radulic Husband of CDA member Jodi Radulic



Attending the Rosary and Memorial Service for Igor Radulic, husband of CDA member, Jodi Radulic, on September 27, 2019, are pictured left to right Lynette Walsh, Bunny Swist, Shirley Girouard, Juanita Oppermann, Sharon Ernst, and Dottie Mensik.

Written by Regent Juanita Oppermann

On the first Monday of the month the patriotic rosary is said in the church of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church. Inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje, the Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our Nation and its rebirth. The rosary is said for the safeguard of our country, for the people to choose the culture of life over the culture of death, and to ask us to renew the faith of our country. The rosary is said for strong marriages forming strong holy families raising strong individuals which will heal and make a strong nation. Our Nation's future depends on the healing of the family. Come join the Catholic Daughters to pray for our country on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



11-04-2019 Left to Right First Row: Guest, Lina Gamino, Kathleen Calhoun, Juanita Oppermann, Paula Price. Second Row: Karen Koranek, Guest, Elizabeth Calhoun, Bunny Swist

12-02-2019 Left to Right: Paula Price, Kathleen Calhoun, Lina Gamino, Karen Koranek, Sharon Ernst, Juanita Oppermann, and Bunny Swist

Written by Regent
Juanita Oppermann

We have so many members & friends in need of prayers.

Our condolences & requested prayers for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed: Edwin Cook (Martin); Theresa Greenwell's niece; Tricia Langner (Parishioner); L. Paul McCorkle (Koester); Igor Radulic

Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for all those on our current detailed **prayer request list**: John Bauml; Denny Blackwell; Gaylin Black; Jo Ann Forse; Courtney Key (Matus); Tom Loftus; Gilbert Martinez (Montague); Ann Riedel; Patty Sayes; Mirella Sherman; Fr. Leo Wleczyk;



Continue to pray for:

Pete Stavinoha & Glenda (Mensik); Sherry Bergen; Patti Bettge; Gaylin Black; Alan Booth; Genevieve Buenger; Gaylon Butler (Greenwell); Ruth Cleaver; Boots & Ruth Ermis; Susie Fast; Rose Marie Filip; Theresa Greenwell; Whitney Wilcox Hoobler (Schutze); Delia Hock; Virginia Houb (Mensik); Richard Keistler; Bob Key (Matus); Sarah Langston; Lois Loftus; Patty Matus; Bubba Moore; Paul Perdue; Peggy Robinson; Wendy S (Montague); Deborah Sanchez (Montague); Lori Sipple; Vic Smajstrla (Mensik); Coletta Stover; Joyce Sykora; Maria & Albert Villarreal; Ray Villarreal; Cresta Ware (Summers); Sonya Wright.

Written by Mary Montague, Committee Chair



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To all the CDA sisters that had birthdays in November and December.

Due to outside circumstance I was not able to publish a September / October 2019 Newsletter where November and December birthdays would have been published. I just want them all to know that my intention was not to forget them. I pray that each of you had a wonderful day!

Sarah Ebey,
Newsletter Editor

Happy Belated Birthday!!

NOVEMBER



- 1 – Sandy Seeley
- 2 – Sandy Polka
- 4 – Sarah Langston
- 5 – Teresa Sablatura
- 9 – Rita Anderson
- 14 – Peggy Robinson
- 15 – Theresa Greenwell
- 16 – Patricia Williams
- 17 – Sharon Ernst
- 18 – Rebecca (Becki) Pena
- 20 – Alicia Sanchez

- 24 – Toni Kwan
- 25 – Kerry Drabek
- 27 – Kathleen Calhoun

BIRTHDAY'S

Chrysanthemum

**NOVEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Friendship
Joy
Happiness

- 25 – Carmen Galvan
- 25 – Karen Koranek
- 29 – Pamela Ermis

DECEMBER



- 4 – Delia Hock
- 4 – Gloria Millsap
- 7 – Jodi Radulic
- 8 – Shirley Theriot
- 9 – Ruth Ermis
- 9 – Dottie Mensik
- 10 – Ruth Cleaver
- 15 – Betty Bartos
- 16 – Phyllis Shomette
- 17 – Mary Montague
- 18 – Susie Fast

- 19 – Alice Drapela
- 24 – Rachel Warner
- 25 – Sofka Werkmeister

- 30 – Margarita Prinz

BIRTHDAY'S

Holly

**DECEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Fertility
Good fortune
Merriment

- 23 – Lori Sipple
- 25 – Elsa Branson
- 31 – Monica Thigpen



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JANUARY



5 – Ann Riedel
9 – Gera Martin
10 – Donna Ditges
15 – Dianne Koester
16 – Constance McEntee
19 – Bunny Swist
22 – Gaylin Black
22 – Barlett Ramsey
23 – Janet Gipson
30 – Sarah Ebey

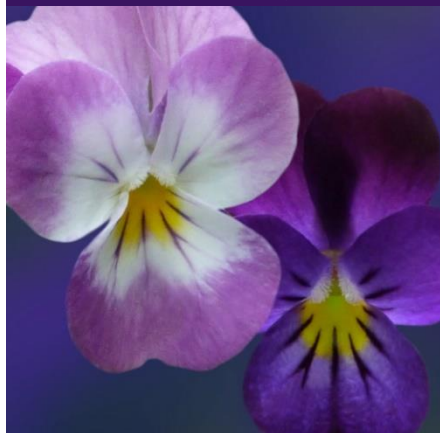
BIRTHDAY'S

Carnation

**JANUARY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Devotion
Loyalty
Love

FEBRUARY



4 – Olivia Gomez
9 – Margaret Chelette
20 – Coletta Stover
21 – Candace Novak
24 – Lois Loftus
27 – Alison Pottratz

BIRTHDAY'S

Violet

**FEBRUARY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Virtue
Modesty
Humility

MARCH



1 – Patty Matus
1 – Margie McAda
7 – Dorothy Savana
9 – Janice Hawley
25 – Maria Villarreal
28 – Idalia Gallardo

BIRTHDAY'S

Narcissus

**MARCH
BIRTH FLOWER**

Rebirth
Faithfulness
Prosperity

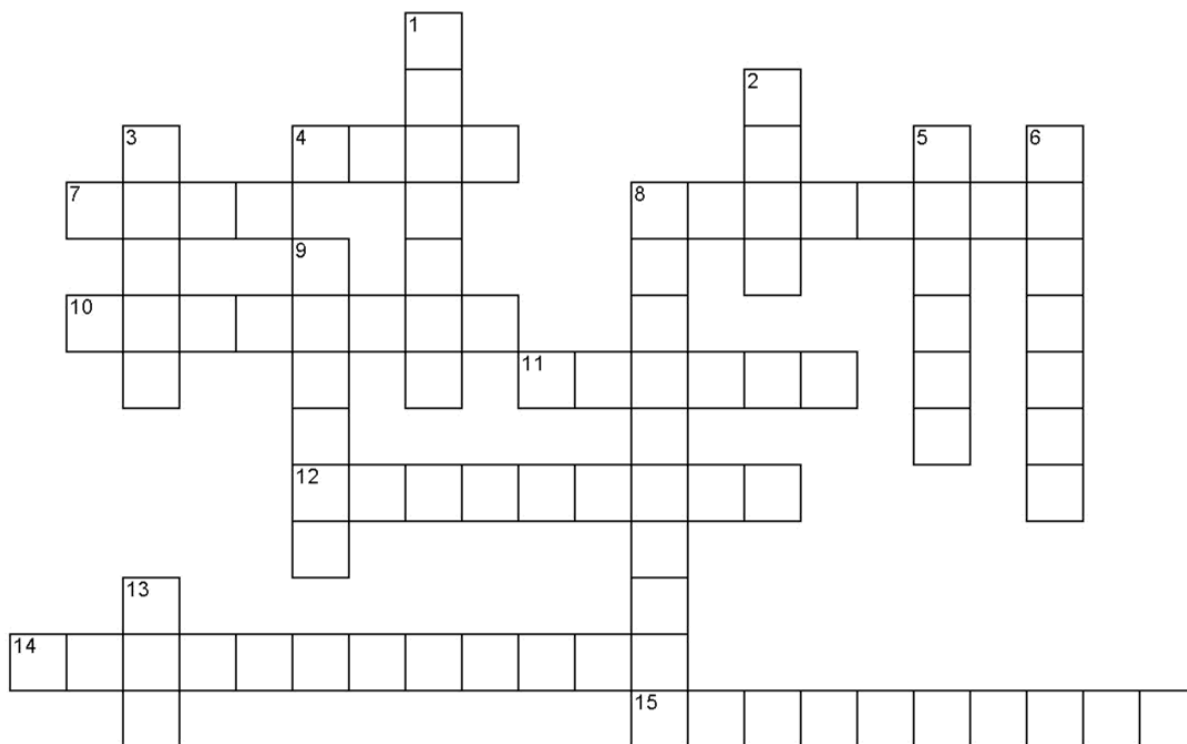


Crossword

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Lenten Crossword



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ACROSS

- 4 Catholics don't eat this on Fridays during Lent.
- 7 The Last Supper was on _____ Thursday
- 8 We don't say or sing this during Lent in the church.
- 10 _____ of the Cross
- 11 Jesus prayed for 40 days here
- 12 This sacrament started during the Last Supper
- 14 We spend Lent preparing for Jesus' death and _____.
- 15 The day Jesus died (two words)

DOWN

- 1 During Lent, we should spend more time doing this.
- 2 A week before Easter is _____ Sunday.
- 3 There are _____ days in Lent.
- 5 Palm _____
- 6 When you go without food
- 8 During Lent, we give to the poor.
- 9 The Liturgical color of Lent
- 13 _____ Wednesday

WORD BANK: Stations, Desert, Violet, Eucharist, Ash, Sunday, Holy, GoodFriday, Almsgiving, Fasting, Praying, Resurrection, Palm, Meat, Forty, Alleluia.



CDA Court Calendar

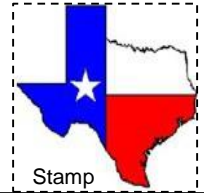
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Date	Event	Time	Location
Jan 6	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
Jan 8	Prayer Blanket Meets	9a – 1p	F Wing
Jan 9	Father Dwight Talk	7p	Wleczyk Hall
Jan 12	Pancake Breakfast	After Masses	Wleczyk Hall
Jan 16	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
Jan 22	CDA Prepares Family Meals	TBA	Wleczyk Hall
Jan 23	Business Meeting	6:30p	Angelina Room
Jan 26	Corporate Communion	9:30a Mass	Church
Jan 26	CDA Raffle Ticket Sales	After All Masses	FLC Hall
Feb 1	Heart of Worship	TBA	St. Michael
Feb 2	CDA Raffle Ticket Sales	After All Masses	FLC Hall
Feb 3	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
Feb 5	Prayer Blanket Meets	9a – 1p	F Wing
Feb 8 – 9	Pray and Play Weekend	Alice, TX	
Feb 9	Valentine Bake Sale	After All Masses	FLC Hall
Feb 13	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
Feb 16	CDA Raffle Ticket Sales	After Masses	FLC Hall
Feb 21 – 22	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Workday	TBA	Wleczyk Hall
Feb 22	Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking	10a	Texarkana, TX
Feb 23	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner	TBA	Wleczyk Hall
Feb 27	Business Meeting	6:30p	Angelina Room
Feb 28	K of C Fish Friday Begins	5p	Wleczyk Hall
Mar 1	Pancake Breakfast	After Masses	Wleczyk Hall
Mar 2	Read Across America	TBD	TBD
Mar 2	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
Mar 4	Prayer Blanket Meets	9a – 1p	F Wing
Mar 12	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
Mar 17	WOSM Lenten Day of Prayer	8a – 2p	Wleczyk Hall
Mar 26	Business Meeting	6:30p	Angelina Room
Jun 14	CDA in the Park	Minute Maid Park	
July 15 – 19	National Convention	Dallas	



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