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CDA Happenings

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Regent's Message



It's almost Thanksgiving! Time to put up the Christmas tree and decorate? As I look around me that's what Thanksgiving seems to have become, time to get ready for Christmas. Not the real Christmas, not the "reason for the season;" but the commercial Christmas celebrated by everyone, no matter the denomination or belief. And so often, we get so caught up in it we forget what it all is really about. So maybe this year, instead of putting out all our decorations and putting up our tree and the Advent Calendar that is actually just some candy or more decorations, the day after Thanksgiving why not try a new approach. Get out your creche or manger or whatever you refer to it as. Put that somewhere prominent. Get an Advent book with daily readings and prayers and each day of Advent sit by that manger and read the readings and say the prayers with your family – maybe mark off each day on a calendar of sorts and make that your Advent Calendar. Prepare for Christmas on a daily basis, not for the gathering and eating and presents, but for the coming of the Holiest of Children, for the promise He brought and the gift He gave.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed and meaningful Advent.

In Unity and Charity,
Your Regent
Gail



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National Happenings

National CDA Scholarships

The National Court offers 3 Graduate School Scholarships of \$2500 each to persons who have completed UNDER-GRADUATE studies and who desire assistance for tuition in order to continue studies on the graduate level.

Two \$1000 scholarships will also be awarded to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2019 in a Catholic High School. Notification of scholarship awards will be posted on the CDA website at www.catholicdaughters.org by mid-August.

If you know of a student who is interested in applying in either of these categories, applications are available on the National website or by contacting Christine Frisbee (845) 496-2779, Lynn Eismont (845) 496-1830, at the Parish Office or the WHS guidance office.



Education Contest

The National Education segment of the Circle of Love has announced the themes for the contest of 2020. They are:

**"Blessed are the peacemakers" Mark 5:9, or
Living in harmony with others**

Either one may be chosen for your submission. There are divisions from grades 4 through 12 and adult CDA members. The categories include Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, and Photography (for grades 6 and up). Students may be Catholic or Non-Catholic. A full listing of the rules and requirements may be obtained from Lynn Eismont (496-1830) or Christine Frisbee (496-2779), from your CCD teacher, at the Parish Office or at the guidance office in the schools. The contest begins on the local Court level. All first place winners on the

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Mark Your Calendar!



COURT FUNCTIONS

24th Court Anniversary

November 16

5:30 Mass

Dinner & Meeting

Following in

Tetreau Hall

Past Regents Memorial Mass

November 2, 2019

Wappingers Falls, NY

Election Day

November 5



Veterans Day

November 11



Thanksgiving

November 28



Advent

Begins December 1st



National Happenings (con't)

local level are then sent to the State competition, and, if awarded 1st place on the State level, are then sent to the National competition.

Contestants may enter a category only once, but may submit entries in multiple categories. All entries must be submitted by February 1, 2020 along with the completed entry form. Judges will use rules of Clarity, Grammar, Spelling, Interpretation of Theme and all peculiar rules in the categories listed in the Contest rules.

Lynn and Christine are encouraging the members of our Court to enter the contest in any category. There have been winners from our Court in the past in Poetry and Art. There are many talented members of our Court, so let your Light Shine.

Message from National Regent –Olga Samaniego **National Convention 2020**

The First Call to Convention comes out in December, but courts are chomping at the bit to make hotel reservations for the national convention. If your court asks, the number for reservations is the Central Reservations for Marriott. The number is 888-627-8191. We have 600 rooms reserved, so please ask people not to overbook. Plenty of rooms are available. Thank you!!

Past Regents

The Annual Memorial Mass organized by the Past Regents Chapter of the Archdiocese of NY was sponsored this year by Ct. Queen of Peace #1534 of Wappingers Falls on Saturday, November 2nd. The Mass was held at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street and followed by a luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rt. 9D. Each year at this Mass the members of all the courts in the Archdiocese who have died since last year's Mass are remembered for their dedication and service to the Order. Also, the PRC's annual donation to the Archdiocesan Seminary at Dunwoodie was announced and will be sent to help with the educational cost of our future Priests. Two \$1000 grants were also presented to representatives for Faith House and the Summer Recreation Program at Pallotti Center.



Faith House Presentation



Circle of Love

Quality of Life **Adopt a Family**

Once again this year the Court will be sponsoring a family for Christmas through Catholic Charities. Linda Jurain is in the process of coordinating this program and obtaining the names of the family members, ages, and sizes. Linda will be giving us the information as soon as she can.

We have all been blessed with so much and as it is written: To whom much is given, much is expected. Our Court has always been so generous in the past in helping to brighten the Christmas of those less fortunate.

Quality of Life Schedule of Events

November:

Adopt a Family for Christmas
Samaritan's Purse (Shoe Box)

On-going:

Deployed Orange County
Soldiers cards;
Prayer Shawls;
Faith House;
Back pack program

October Birthday Mem- bers



Ann Adami & Lynn Eismont

Blizzards of Fun

It is not snowing out yet but you can make it rain dollars by purchasing your Blizzards of Fun tickets, our Winter fund raiser. Diane Meore has prepared 4 tickets for every court member. They are \$5 each and, just in time for Christmas, make great stocking stuffers. If you did not pick up your packet at the October meeting, you will be receiving them in the mail. Diane has extra tickets for anyone who would like to increase their chances of winning. Diane is at the Parish Center Wednesday to Friday. One of your tickets numbers is your birth date or a combination of it (making it extra lucky!).



Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Carmen Bruckner and her daughter Christine McCartney, Cheryl Curran; Bob Kaiser; Devin Hurt; Ron Jurain; Danny McManus; Cindy Heintz and all who have requested our prayers.

Christmas Brown Bag Grab

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Randy, and he's promised to stop by our December meeting to see who's being naughty or nice and to help with our Bag Grab. So bring a gift worth about \$5 in a Christmas bag or a brown bag and we'll have some fun. Proceeds go to our convention fund to help defer the cost of Convention for our Delegates and Alternates.



Calling All Elves

Christmas is right around the corner and the Food Pantry is having it's annual Christmas Party. The Toy drive is on now all over the Village, but you can bring your donations to our November meeting. The party will be held at the Food Pantry at the former Parish Center off Fr. Tierney Circle. The times are: Wednesday, 12/11 - 12noon to 6pm
Friday, 12/13 - 4pm to 7pm

Volunteers can come for any, or all, of the time slots. There will be a sign up sheet at the CDA November meeting or call Jane Hosford @ (845) 551-4433.

Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday Dec. 6 from 9am—1pm we will be decorating and setting up the toys. (Please let Jane know if you can stay past 1pm if needed) Pizza will be provided for the volunteers.



Baby, It's Cold Outside

The Food Pantry is also collecting coats of all sizes and snow suits for infants and toddlers for their Christmas drive. If you would like to donate a new coat please bring it to the November meeting, drop it off with Diane in the Parish Center Office or contact Cheryl Curran @ 496-5636.

Welcome

Our newest members Suzanne Geraci, Monica Morais, and Laura Eismont. Laura is Lynn Eismont's daughter. This makes our fifth mother-daughter members combination



Bible Trivia

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Q: What is the shortest book in the new testament?

Ans. P.5

Birthdays

November

Margaret Healey	11/01
Joan Shea	11/04
Eva McGuiness	11/14
Fran Longo	11/14
Cynthia Heintz	11/16
Maggie Flannery	11/16
Ginny West	11/17
Ellen Martirano	11/18
Geraldine Sincerbox	11/18
Virginia McCormack	11/20
Maureen Haas	11/22
Regina DeFazio	11/29



Peony

December

Gail Erickson	12/02
Ann Stromme	12/06
Hanoro Ballco	12/10
Joan Milmore	12/12
Mary Ann Hogan	12/31



Holly

Court Finances

Checking Balance:	\$9,117.37
Convention Fund:	\$1,758.99
Reserve Fund:	\$3507.31

July 50/50 Winner
Marie Temple



Ongoing Happenings

- ▶ Collect **box tops** for Education to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Preschool and register shopping cards on line.
- ▶ Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meeting. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.
- ▶ Bring **Food Pantry donations** to the meeting: This month's collection is canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, and/or any non-perishable food item on sale.
- ▶ Bring items for the **Food for Kids** backpacks and place them in the bins outside the St. Joseph's Room.
- ▶ Rosary maker meeting—1st Friday of the month at 9am (place to be determined)

Women's Retreat

On October 20th I attended a day long retreat called, "Through the Eyes of Mary", held at Graymoor. The experience was extremely spiritual and rewarding. Jennifer Edwards began the day with the Rosary, accompanied by an explanation of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. After a delicious lunch, she began to peel back the layers of our Blessed Mother, starting with her poor Jewish background. Mary is usually portrayed as a docile, faithful virgin. Mary was illustrated, using Biblical references, as a courageous realist, a centerpiece of salvation history, and a powerhouse against Satan. We began understanding Mary more and more, which led to gaining wisdom for our life from hers. Interestingly, a bonus was that the retreat ended with a teasingly short history of the amazing grounds at Graymoor. Sadly, because of the relentless rain, a deeper inspection of the stoic building was limited to a quick run to the Assisi Chapel. Confession, Mass and adoration was performed by our Fr. McDonald under the life-like statue of St. Francis upon the Altar where he suffered his first stigmata. The retreat proved to be a brilliant light to an otherwise rainy afternoon. It is a place I will soon travel to again given the next sunny day.

Submitted by Patricia Cooney

Recipe of the Month

Sweet & Savory "Cookies"

Keebler Crackers—Original brand (1&1/2 sleeve)
2 sticks butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup finely chopped nuts (almonds, pecans, or walnuts)
Line 11X17" jelly roll pan with crackers.
Sprinkle nuts over crackers
Bring sugar and butter to a boil over med. to low heat stirring constantly
Remove from heat and spread over crackers with lg. spoon. (if not even, it will even out in oven)
Bake @ 340°F for 10 min. Turn pan and bake another 5 to 6 min. until golden brown.
Remove from oven and cool on rack (they cool quickly)
To remove from pan, press down on opposite corners of the pan and they will pop up. Pry up from bottom and carefully separate by snapping them apart. They keep well in a sealed container.

From Mary Ann Kaiser



Sip & Paint

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event on November 15th from 7-9 pm at the K of C Hall, Hallock Dr. W'ville. Bring your own drinks and snacks to share. The cost is \$30 but reservations are required and seating is limited to 25 "artists". All art supplies and instructions will be provided to paint a Fall scene at dusk. If you are interested call Lynn[†] Eismont @ 496-1830 to reserve your easel.



Kids in Church

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"



Samaritan's Purse

Introduced at the September meeting, this project involves taking a shoe box and filling it with items for either a boy or girl. The following are helpful ideas for your shoebox:

Decide whether it is for a boy or girl

Select an age of 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.

Items can include **toys**: doll, stuffed animal, shoes, musical instrument, sports ball with pump (age appropriate)

school supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, solar calculators, coloring & picture books, puzzles.

non-liquid Hygiene items: toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs

Accessories: socks, hats, sunglasses, flashlights (w/extra batteries) hair clips.

DO NOT include candy, toothpaste, gum, war-related items, seeds; food, liquids or lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, or glass containers, aerosol cans, used or damaged goods.

A \$9 donation to cover shipping and other costs may be included if you wish. The boxes will be brought to the drop-off location in our area the third week of November. For all details of what to included for each age and whether you chose a boy or girl you can visit their website at:

www.samaritanpurse.org/occ

Return to Ann Adami at our November meeting or by but no later than November 23. Ann will also be setting up dates at Tetreau Hall to assemble the boxes, dates to be sent via e-mail or check with Ann when they are (496-0890).



Faith House Update:

Renovations to the house continue. Several rooms are complete, and several are in process. Many, many building professionals have stepped forward to donate their time in preparing the house for occupancy. I continue to be in awe of the way this vision touches so many hearts, and moves so many people to put their faith into action. We look forward to completing the renovations in the coming months, with anticipated opening of the home in the Spring.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! You are making it happen!

Linda Arzu & the Partners of Faith House

History Picture of the Month

This months Question:

We have lost many cherished members over the years either through relocation or they are with the Lord in heaven. All of them have helped make our Court the thriving success that it has been for the last 24 years. What is this event? (easy!) and who are these members? (you will need help with this. Ask a member who has been in the court long enough to know)



Standing Rules Change

The following were the proposed changes to the Court Standing Rules in **Section III, #6**:

(a) A member in good standing shall be defined as a member who is current in her dues.

(b) An active member shall be defined as a member who attends at least 4 meeting in the fiscal year (April 1st-March 31st).

(c) Only active members are entitled to vote on any motion, nominate or vote on election of Officers, or represent the Court at Conventions as Delegates or Alternates.

These changes were voted on at the October meeting. And passed.

Bible Trivia

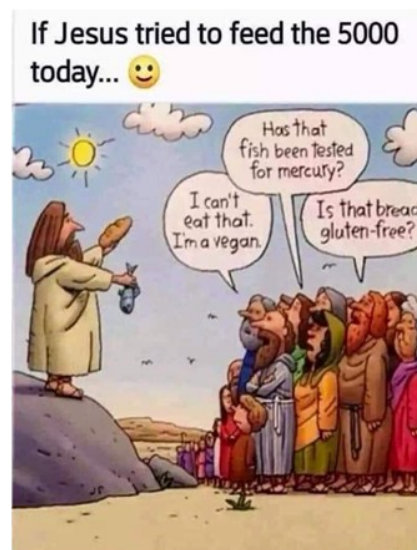
Answer: 2 John



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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”



Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers Mary Kavanah, MaryAnn Devitt, Carmen Bruckner's daughter, Christine McCartney, Marie Temple's nephew, Jamie Erwin; Carol Lacata of Ct. Margaret Mary; Helene Shepard; Mary Spear's sister-in-law, Margaret Duane; Gerry Sherman's daughter, Ann; Margaret Healey; Lynn Eismont's mother, Barbara; Cindy Heintz; Danny McManus, a ten year old who has leukemia; and all who have requested our prayers;

1903 Society

There is always time to join the 1903 Society and help preserve the National Office in NYC. The care and preservation of this “grand old Lady” is up to us. It represents who we are and what we do as we “Serve the Lord with Gladness” An application is in the Winter edition of “Share”

State Happenings

cdanys.org

New York State Court

The New York State Board met the weekend of January 27-28 at Pallotti Center in Monroe, NY. They discussed business for the coming year.

New York State CDA Store

Did you know that the purchase of NYS articles does not have to be done by the Regent of our Court? You can go directly to the NYS website, click on “Sale of Articles”, download the order form and do it yourself. No waiting and the articles are sent directly to you. Check it out.

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