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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, March 2, 2019, starting with the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by breakfast and monthly business meeting.

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.”

REGENT MESSAGE

Dear Sisters in Christ:

It's February and that definitely means "love is in the air"!!! Wishing you a 'loving' Valentine's Day and hopefully you'll be celebrating with someone you love.

We had a very fun-filled and productive meeting this month. Our breakfast was another show-stopper, we laughed at my irritating “purple folder” fetish and we established a new Care and Concern Ministry within our court.

The State Convention is set for May 2-5 and even though you may not be going, you can still be involved by purchasing raffle tickets. You DON'T have to be present to win. See any officers for tickets.

Check for more and new information in the newsletter.

Diane O'Donnell, Regent

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

In this time of strife in our country and in our government, we need God's intervention and guidance.

Fr. Tommy has urged us all to commit to saying the rosary as part of our New Year' resolutions. Join us on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00p.m. to recite the Patriotic Rosary in the Church. Thanks to all who participate.



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MEETING DRAWING WINNER

Eileen Gilchrist won the money drawing.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR SISTERS IN FEBRUARY

Lula Gabriel (2nd), Cindy Villarreal (3rd), Anita Paparella (7th), NormaDawn Michaels (8th), Vickie Sudkamp (12th), Ana Pena Brown (15th), Johnnie Rose Gouge (17th).



UPCOMING EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic Daughters will be leading the Stations of the Cross on the first and second Fridays in Lent, March 8th and 15th. Please note the new time, 6:30. Plan to join the K of C for the Lenten fish fries and end the evening with the stations of the cross.

ACTS RETREAT

Missy Landry, Chérie Leger and Helen Hoff will be team leaders for the ACTS Retreat with Prince of Peace, April 25th through the 28th at Circle Lake Retreat in Pinehurst. The theme is “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, so I send you”. The retreat schedule allows time for individual reflection, discussion groups, reconciliation and a healing Mass. It is a great time of spiritual growth and personal introspection. Those who have attended in the past regard it as a holy, peaceful experience. Details and registration on the Prince of Peace website.

MAY CROWNING

May Crowning is scheduled for May 4th after the 8:30 Mass. Plans and details will be discussed at future meetings. The May meeting is rescheduled for Saturday, April 27th because of the State Convention.

Catholics Schools Week Chili Cook-off Recap

Rosalie Melia and Ana Brown cooked-up an entry from the CDA for the Second Annual Chili Cook-off to open Catholic Schools Week. Although we did not Win/Place/Show, we did have a marvelous time and ate some really good Chili. The four judges, including Father Tommy and Principal Joe Noonan, gave first place honor to the Knights of Columbus.



Rosalie Melia, Treasurer and cook, Ana Brown, cook extraordinaire, Elaine Steinbach, Vice Regent and taster, Barb Kevil, gourmet taster.

VALENTINE BAKE SALE

The Second Annual Valentine Bake Sale was a huge success garnering over eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) from the sale of baked goods and raffle tickets for the Rodeo Concert with Brad Paisley. The baked goods were diverse and beautifully presented and sold out completely. Many thanks to all who baked and bought for making this a wonderful fundraiser. Dee Leipman won the concert tickets. Have a great time Dee!

CIRCLE OF LOVE

Read Across America – To Enhance Literacy. We are continuing to collect books for this charity throughout the year.



CARE AND CONCERN

Our Court has started a new campaign to send loving and newsy notes to our sisters in need of comfort and communication. Missy Landry spoke of the joy she experienced in getting to know Genevie Przyborski and Mary Carr as a Care and Concern Volunteer. She urged everyone to consider this ministry. If you can write an occasional note, please see Missy Landry for details.

Remember our sisters: Jean & Jerry Weingarten, Mary Garcia, Betty Helfrich, Ruth Hardeman, Karen Heffernan, Ellen Sedita, Palmae Hanslik, Sylvia St. George, Tess Bigg and Lucy Thompson with prayers for healing.

STATE CONVENTION

This year's Delegates for the State Convention are Diane O'Donnell, Rosalie Melia, Elaine Steinbach, Pat Meriam and Rose McKee. Alternates are Ana Brown, Josie Zanco and Maggie Zanco. The Convention is scheduled for May 2-5, in McAllen, TX. Deadline for anyone interested in attending the convention is March 2nd. Call Diane O'Donnell to make a reservation. Cost of the trip is the responsibility of the attendees. See details at www.texascd.org.

TIDBITS

- Tomball Pregnancy Center will be our March Charity. Diapers sizes 4,5,6 are needed and can be purchased at Aldi's for \$3.99 or Walmart for \$4.47. Packages of 21-24 count are preferable over larger boxes. Clothing for baby boys ages 12-24 months, and wipes are also needed. Standard supplies such as baby wash, diaper cream, board books, bibs burp cloths sox and first aid/hygiene are always in demand.
- The Ministry Fair for St Anne has been postponed until September due to scheduling conflicts. The CDA will be participating.
- Initial reports from The KofC Annual Valentine Dinner/Dance for Vocations, indicate they made over seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) to support our Seminarians. These are the same young men we support.