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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
FALL 2016**

**Palm Beach Diocesan
President Barbara Lutton**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back!! I hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Sometimes it is not easy to stay focused during those summer months but we need to keep counting those "Million Works of Mercies". Information is on our website.

As God has been merciful to us let us be merciful and forgiving to others.

Remember this campaign runs until the feast of Christ the King.

In reaction to the recent acts of violence and racial tension resulting in numerous deaths in the United States, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has called for a Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities on September 9, 2016, the feast of St. Peter Claver.

NCCW has announced the creation of Our Lady of Good Counsel bracelets,

a signature item that will only be available through NCCW. They are available for order now on NCCW website where you can see a picture (insert link).

Deadline for registration for the FCCW conference in Jacksonville is Sept. 27.

We invite you to join us and meet some of your fellow council sisters. FCCW conference is always a lot of fun.

I hope to see all of you at your fall deanery meetings.

Remember to be kind to one another, care for one another and love one another.

VICE- PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that your hearts are filled with the Faith, Hope, and Love of Mary. I am full of all of these as well as great enthusiasm to begin my second term as Vice-President. I am truly excited for the many upcoming events we have planned for you all. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will be in attendance at all these wonderful events. We need your spirit; we need your support of this wonderful organization that we all love so much.

Remember to be kind, loving and caring to everyone you come in contact with.

May God Bless all of you and your families with the compassion of his Mother Mary.

Your Sister in Council
Tammy Farr

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are still selling tickets for the Our Lady of Good Counsel Club and offering a BOGO deal to individual PBDCCW members that purchase a number for \$50.00 for 2016-2017.

There will be three drawings held every month from September 2016 thru April 2017 for \$25, \$50, and \$75 respectively, then one drawing in May for \$1,000!

Every Number is eligible for each and every drawing each month! Please email cfulmer80@hotmail.com

Cynthia Fulmer

DEANERY REPORTS

NORTHERN DEANERY

Dorothy Grauso, President

Here we are once again from as far North as Sebastian to the Central part of Florida, Hobe Sound.... We are the Northern Deanery!

We will concentrate on the Importance of CCW and why dedication to the work of our church and respect for our leadership is so important.

Remember that we should be following in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother, the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. If we cannot do this then we are in the wrong organization.

I, as the President of Northern Deanery, will work very hard to impart the necessity of togetherness within our Deanery.

I believe we will also concentrate on the love and support of the unborn.

The Northern Deanery Board, Affiliations Presidents and their boards, wish you all a Blessed, Happy and Successful year.

SOUTHERN DEANERY REPORT

As I start this year, since I have several new presidents I hope to take more time to explain what the topics I discuss actually mean, and how they should handle the information they receive. I hope to be more of a mentor than just reporting upcoming events.

I held a planning meeting in July and introduced Rosi's idea of tickets for attendance and volunteering, which I will also explain again for those who were not there. Those attending already earned several chances towards a prize. We were given an original oil painting which we will be raffling off on November 19th at our Fall general meeting.

I will be attending the FCCW conference and hope to bring many new ideas back to the affiliations.

Joanne Lewis Southern Deanery President

*Friends are like stars
You don't always see them
But you know that they
Are always there!*

CENTRAL DEANERY

Paula Barto, President

I expected to take the summer months to relax and regroup. This was not meant to be the case. When agreeing to take on the Central Deanery President position, I was assured that it only entailed planning 4 meetings a year. I should have known that anytime you step up in leadership and service, the word “only” never applies!

It took the majority of the summer to round up my new board. I am pleased and excited to have a wonderful group of women to work with. I could not have hand picked better Elected officials. My Vice President is Lena Ghaffari, who as most of you know is an extremely competent and capable individual. She has held many positions within the Affiliation, Deanery, and Diocesan level. I am confident that we will make great team. I have just begun to get to know our treasurer, Mary Ellen Pierangelino. Who indeed is a treasure and has a firm grasp on the duties at hand. And lastly, our recording secretary, Cynthia Grosss, whose top notch skills I have had the pleasure of experiencing during my presidency at St. Patrick Church.

It was a bit of a challenge to choose the rest of the board, since I wanted to spread the duties throughout the Central Deanery area, and I am still getting acquainted with many if you. In some cases I had to rely on recommendations from others. The rest of the slate is as follows:

Parliamentarian – Patti Amann – St. Patrick
Corresponding Secretary – Frania Larios – St. Mary
Historian – Mary Gunther – St. Jude
Spirituality- Elizabeth-Theimann- St. Julianna
Service – Marcie Stephens- St. Therese de Lisieux

Leadership – Nancy Gross – St. Patrick
Legislation- Annette Sheehan – St. Rita
Central Facts Newsletter – Jean Vassallo – St. Julianna
Immediate Past President – Ann Kopp – Holy Name of Jesus
Welcome on Board!!

As Central Deanery President, I hope keep communication clear between the various levels of council. There is a lot of information to be passed down to the Affiliations from the National, Province, and Diocesan levels. However, our affiliations are also planning a lot of exciting events this year and I hope to pass this around as well. This is gearing up to be a very busy year. My calendar is booked solid for the next three months. There is a lot going on in the Council of Catholic Women to get excited about!

I feel that my main mission is to be supportive in helping Affiliation Presidents to be successful. I hope to spend our meeting time to address issues that are of concern to them. It could be learning new positions, attracting new members, running fundraisers, mentorship, incorporating more spirituality, doing service projects, adapting parliamentary practices or even learning new computer skills. We all have successes and skills that can be shared and taught to one another. If we work together as a team, we can grow to our highest potential in spirituality, leadership and service.

The theme that I have chosen for this year is “Faith Without Works is Dead.” Our faith has brought us together. may our good works toward each other and the community strengthen our bond.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

PARLIAMENTARY BITS Using the Budget

This article is based on information presented in the September 2015 newsletter of the Florida Association of Parliamentarians.

A budget is a plan of action for accomplishing the objectives of the organization. Because the budget is an estimate of expected revenue and anticipated expenses, it is not necessary to amend the budget merely because the income is less than hoped for or the expenses have gone over or under what was planned. It can actually be detrimental to do this as it makes understanding the actual outcome of planning more difficult to follow. You may wish to consider amending the budget if there is a new category of expense or a new source of revenue.

The adoption of the budget DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; only a motion can do that. The treasurer may be authorized to pay budgeted items that are required by Standing Rules, such as convention registrations for certain (officers and/or the Spiritual Advisor, purchase of a past president pin, etc.) Other expenses must be authorized. This allows for deviation from the budget should revenue not meet the budgeted amount and it may necessitate re-prioritizing expenses.

Betty McKinley, Parliamentarian

SPIRITUALITY

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the coming year with as much excitement as I am. One of the events I am most anxiously anticipating is the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa. She will become a saint on Sept. 4, 2016. It is so appropriate that this happens during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, since she devoted her life to the Corporal Works of Mercy. She is truly a role model for all women, but especially the women of PBDCCW.

We were asked to keep track of our Works of Mercy. I am willing to bet that our diocese has one of the highest numbers of Works of Mercy. I have come to know so many of our sisters and I see the love and peace and caring that just emanates from each of them. So I ask that you all keep up the good "Works" and pray that we have a blessed year.

Debbie Whitlock

*Laughter sparkles like a drop
Of water in the sunlight.*

LEADERSHIP

Lead with Love, Passion and Empathy

For the past year many of the leadership chairman's reports and articles talked about being kind to each other and every one's path we cross. Remember the prayer of Saint Francis.

This year, let's start and continue the Council year by being good, kind and loving.

If you are hurting and need healing for any reason write it out and place on the Alter, give it to God and let it go.

To accomplish our goals it takes all of our combined efforts, love and passion to bring it to fruition.

We have to lead by example and this means, think positively and talk positively this will permeate throughout out the Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Every single CCW member is an important asset and adds value to the organization.

Be a source of Light! Walk the Talk!

You are all Great Leaders!

May God always Bless You and your family and give you the wisdom to serve.

Lena Ghaffari PBDCCW Leadership Chair

LEGISLATION

As we start a new Council year, let me introduce your Legislation Team.

Northern Deanery, Helen Fraas (fraas80@gmail.com);

Southern Deanery, Elsie Creegan (escreegan@icloud.com);

Central Deanery, Annette Sheehan(gramarmar@gmail.com) (this appointment is her first in the deanery, please welcome her);

Ahead are three important events that we should be a part of:

1. **2016 RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE**, October 14 and 15 in Orlando at Holy Family Church Registration is \$90.00 and is open through October 13.
2. **PRIMARY ELECTIONS**, August 30th. The results of the FCCB questionnaire to the U.S. Congressional and Florida Legislative candidates are back. Check it out. It will help you to decide who to vote for.
3. **CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL**, April 4-6, 2017. Save the day, mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this yearly pilgrimage to Tallahassee where Catholics from around the state advocate for issues and concerns important to our faith, while visiting the lawmakers.

During the Summer the FCCB sent "action alert" notifications such as "Urge Florida to Protect all in Child Caring Facilities (gender identity) and Conscience Protection Act of 2016" that protects public hospitals from being forced to perform abortions and Health Insurance companies from pay for the, Thank you for taking action on those very important issues.

Teresa Cecil, PBDCCW Legislation Chairman

Do not ask me to remember.
Do not try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me.
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept.
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you.
To be with me at all costs.

Do not lose your patience with me.
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting.
Can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me till my life is done.
Anonymous

SCHOLARSHIP



I am excited to be chairing the Scholarship committee again. However, this time it is Elementary Schools I will be dealing with.

I have fifty years of experience in elementary schools so I am looking forward to working with that level.

Scholarships need to be funded. Please help by encouraging your affiliations to donate \$100. We also have individual donor cards. Make a donation and honor a loved one.

Marie Lawrence

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

August 20, 2016

Get Well Cards

Karen Egan
Roger Kopp
Andrea Tugander
Joan Hammel
Deacon Jim Brooks
Maryann Harrison
Sean Harrison

Sympathy Cards

Jean Bazley – FCCW, Prov Director elect, husband has passed away

Seminarian Birthdays

June-August

Thank you Cards Received

Diane Tugander - Invitation to convention
Sheila Hopkins- hospitality at convention
Cross Catholic Outreach - \$1000 donation
St Ann's Place - \$1,476.70 donation
The Lord's Place - \$1,476.38 donation
Bishop Barbarito-hospitality at convention; Burse Fund and Catholic Education

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CONVENTION

POST CONVENTION CHAIRMEN REPORT

JUNE 1, 2016

We received a total of 62 evaluations on the 2016 Convention held at the Holiday Inn West Palm Beach.

The overall evaluations were solid 4's and 5's with the exception of the Friday night banquet food, which received an average of 3. The primary reasons being the food was cold, the fish was fishy and the chicken was tough.

The Saturday Luncheon was a success; everyone enjoyed the variety of food and the quantity, quality and temperature.

Some of the major concerns, other than the food were, no agenda was available online prior to the convention; the vendors were too few, or the same as CWOFF; the Celebration of the Eucharist should be onsite at the hotel; the audio at the meetings was somewhat muffled and hard to hear (we feel that this was a problem on the part of the speaker, and not the sound system at the hotel); too much free time between events; food was not available in the hospitality room all the time; not enough luggage carts to carry to room; coffee must be available at all times in the meeting room, and served with banquet dinner; registration should have been available at all times during the convention; no banquet speakers,

On the positive side, the hotel and its staff were courteous and accommodating; having all the activities, events and vendors on the same floor was a definite plus; having the sleeping rooms so close was also well received; the positive response to having "fun night" was overwhelming; they loved Rosie and thought her workshop was on point; Msgr. Bosso's presentation was interesting and kept your attention.

It is the recommendation of the Chairmen that the registration form be updated to more clearly state an itemization of what events and functions you are attending, and to make it understood that if you are attending only the banquet or luncheon, a one day registration fee is required; an explanation of who is able to vote should be made available with the registration packet. An agenda should be made available on the website ahead of time so that attendees will know prior to convention what to expect and what events will take place. Registration Chairpersons should be available at specific times throughout the day on Friday for registration, as attendees will be checking in throughout the day, for example, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm on Friday and again from 4:00 to 4:30 prior to leaving for Mass. These hours should be posted at the registration table

REMEMBRANCE TREE

Affiliations will be meeting in September and November is fast approaching, so it is time again to remind all about our annual event the Remembrance Tree.

The purpose of the Remembrance Tree is to remember family and friends who have predeceased us and to increase the donations to the Burse Fund.

Affiliation Presidents and Deanery Presidents please start promoting this event at your first meeting and all others afterwards. Information to Deanery Presidents will be handed out at the August Board meeting and Affiliation Presidents will receive further information at their first Deanery meeting

The objectives of the day are to participate in the Mass that will be celebrated on November 2, 2016 at our Seminary; witness the burning of last year's scroll and the dedication of this year's scroll which contains the names of our beloved; raise awareness of this ceremony that is held every November 2nd at St. Vincent De Paul Seminary and also to introduce our members to the only major seminary in Florida. We are also able to meet with future priests.

Thank you to all who participated last year and we hope more participate this year.
Joanne Springer



MESSENGER

Communication is the key to a successful organization. The Messenger is the PBDCCW Board's vehicle for communication between deaneries. It lets members of the board know what is happening in the various committees and allows members to share information.

Board members are asked to submit articles of interest. The articles should be no more than one page long and must be submitted by the deadlines stated.

I am looking forward to another year as the editor of The Messenger.
Marie Lawrence

*Don't ask the Lord
To guide your path
If you're not willing
To move your feet.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 2016

Council Sunday (any Sunday)

1 Central Deanery Fall General Meeting

14-16 Respect Life Convention

Orlando, Florida

15 ND Fall General Meeting

22 Council Development Training

St. Matthew – Lake Worth

27-30 FCCW Conference

Jacksonville, Florida

NOVEMBER 2016

2 Remembrance Tree Ceremony

St. Vincent DePaul Seminary

Bishop Barbarito in attendance

5 PBDCCW Fall Board Meeting

@St. Matthew's

19 Southern Deanery General Meeting

26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER 2016

3 Take a Sister to Lunch

@ St. Matthew's

25 HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

SAVE THE DATE !!

COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

"CDT"

OCTOBER 22, 2016

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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COMPUTER WORKSHOP

NOV. 9, 2016

1:00-3:00 pm

ST. LUCIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34983

INSPIRATIONS FASHION SHOW

JANUARY 28, 2017

ST. LUCIE TRAILS COUNTRY CLUB

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

APRIL 1, 2017

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

MORE INFORMATION NEXT ISSUE