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Central Deanery News

Fall General Meeting October 3, 2015

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**CENTRAL DEANERY
Ann Kopp
PRESIDENT
October 3, 2015**

Highlights of NCCW 2015 Convention

Be the Voice of Catholic Women – Sowers of Hope

Since our last meeting this president has had the opportunity to represent Central Deanery at the NCCW Convention held in Orlando, Florida.

Travel to convention began Wednesday morning with arrival in time to attend the open Board of Directors Meeting. We were invited to observe our NCCW Officers and Board interact during their meeting. The meeting was interesting and educational.

Then, off to attend the next scheduled function, the New NCCW Website and Database Presentation, by Beth Ward. We were shown how to utilize the new tools on the NCCW Website. Beth urged everyone to go to NCCW.org and explore. We anticipate more helpful information will be coming in our next electronic issue of NCCW Connect. All presidents and affiliation members are encouraged to explore this website.

The evening closed with a First timers Orientation and a President's Welcome Reception. Everyone felt welcome and had an enjoyable evening of

learning, sharing, having munchies and getting acquainted.

Next, off to our rooms for the night. The elevators were full with happy excited talk, “Gee, I never knew what NCCW was about,” and “I can’t wait for the next few days to learn more.”

Thursday morning kicked off our next four tightly-scheduled days.

Opening General Session began with welcoming remarks from Rebecca Woodhull, NCCW President, Presentation of the Flag by the Knights of Columbus, and the Opening Prayer.

The Keynote Speaker: Marybeth Hicks, author, and Marketing Director for Faith Catholic. Marybeth presented an interesting look at cultural strategies to build stronger vibrant communities of Catholic women.

Keynote Speaker in the afternoon: Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO, Catholic Relief Services, spoke on Common Good, Uncommon Excellence. CRS represents over 100 Million Catholics and serves in over 100 countries to carry out God’s call to serve our neighbors. Dr. Woo highlighted ways that we can help in transforming the well-being of people and helping to find innovative ways to build up livelihoods and restore hope.

Our day came to a close with evening mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe. Celebrant: Most Reverend James V. Johnston, and Con-Celebrant: Most Reverend Gregory Parkes, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

The rest of the Evening was open to visit downtown Disney, find a spot for dinner and prepare for the next day.

Friday was Central Deanery’s day to help with tickets for “Share the Wealth.” Central Deanery was well represented with great sale assistants.

Many thanks to our council sisters!

Then we are off for Training sessions in Spirituality, Leadership, Service, and (LTD) Leadership Development Team.

At 11:00 a.m. we attended liturgy for Deceased NCCW members. Celebrant: Most Reverend John Noonan, Bishop of Orlando and Con-Celebrant: Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Bishop.

After Mass we attended the 95th Birthday Celebration Luncheon-Surprise. We were honored with a pop-in visit from the one and only Mickey Mouse. The group was ecstatic.

After lunch with Mickey, we returned to our General Session/Business Meeting. After this meeting, with some break time, we prepared for the Friday evening Florida Province Dinner.

Saturday is here – the past few days have flown by, having been filled with great speakers, terrific training sessions, and today to hear, in Special Session, the two other Keynote Speakers. Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke on the topic: Fighting Assisted Suicide; The Lives We Save May Be Our Own. This was filled with information about how active the push is for the legalization of Assisted Suicide and how we can help to advance alternate solutions to seriously ill patients.

The final Keynote speaker was Brandon Vogt, Author, Blogger, and content Director for Bishop Robert Barron, who is well known for Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He offered strategies for us to use to share with confidence, calm, and joy, the reason for our hope as described in 1 Peter 3:15. “The world needs Christ. It’s time we bring it.”

The convention was honored to have Bishops and Priests from the U.S. and a Priest from Africa. At

the last count I heard, approximately 700 CCW members were in attendance at the convention.

The days passed rapidly, full with opportunities for growth in council, attending Mass and sharing fellowship.

Saturday afternoon we departed from the convention. We and our baggage were full with great books, loaded with information, new ideas, and eager to share them and our experiences with our affiliations.

This president is thankful for the special opportunity to serve and represent you at the National Council of Catholic Women. The days were full and enlightening. This chair is proud to be a part of the National Council of Catholic Women and to celebrate its 95th birthday.

May God bless us as we continue to work in His service.



CENTRAL DEANERY SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SAINT JUDE

April 18, 2015

Call to Order: President Ann Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Cuqui Baiata, Spirituality Chairman, opened with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: Was led by Mary Gunther, CCW President of St. Jude Parish.

Welcome: Mary Gunther, CCW President of St. Jude, welcomed all Members and guests.

Introduction: Ann Kopp introduced guests.

Roll Call: A Quorum was established.

Minutes: The Fall, October 4, 2014, General Meeting Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President's Report: Ann Kopp, President. Report filed.

Treasurer's Report: Vivian Rogers, Central Deanery Treasurer, presented the Treasurers Report. It was noted that Legislation Chair, Linda Murphy paid her own way to Catholic Days at the Capitol. This resulted in a donation back to Central Deanery of \$170.00, which was the cost budgeted for this trip. There being no questions, the report was filed for audit.

Call for Unpaid Bills: One bill was submitted.

Correspondence: Barbara Salemme reported that she sent Get Well Cards, Mass Cards, Thinking of You Cards and a Sympathy Card. Report on file.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spirituality: Cuqui Baiata, Spirituality Chair, gave an oral report regarding the Marian Day of Reflection to be held on May 23.

Leadership: Lena Ghaffari reported that she and President Ann Kopp are working on the NCCW program “We Are Called to Witness” for this fall. The text for this program has recently been translated into Spanish. Report on file.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Central Deanery Marian Day of Reflection: JoAnne D’Angelo, Chairman and Cuqui Baiata, Spirituality Chair, handed out fliers on the Marian Day of Reflection that will be held on May 23, 2015, at St. Juliana Parish from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Fr. Dominic, Spiritual Advisor for Central Deanery, will be the Speaker; the topic will be on Mary and the Holy Spirit. There is no cost, just pray for others.

Mentor Award Presentation: Millie D’Angelo won the Central Deanery Mentor Award.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee: The following were selected to serve: Vivian Rogers, Chairman, Mary Kay O’Brien, Linda Murphy and Lena Ghaffari

Audit Committee: The following were selected to serve: Patti Amann, Chairman, Cathy Twiggs, Mary Roff and Cindy Ozog

CEG’s Application: Send application to Ann Kopp, æk120@aol.com, by April 24th, 2015.

PBDCCW- Outstanding Leadership award: Send nominations to Ann Kopp, æk120@aol.com

PDCCW- Women of Good Council Award: Send nominations to Dolores Hughes, hugs612@comcast.net

RECESS: At 10:45 a.m. the meeting recessed for Mass and lunch and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

Kristen Solomon, the Southern Regional Director for the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program, “A Powerful Voice for Florida’s Children.” Ms. Solomon, spoke regarding the function of the GAL program. The GAL program of Palm Beach County is a volunteer force of child advocates serving as the voice, in the court system, for children who are victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment from birth to 18 years of age.

Ellen Kranzler, an advocate for children, spoke regarding her successful experience with a program client named Jacob and his siblings. Jacob shared his positive experiences with the program and the change it has made in his life.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Patti Amann drew three names for the Lady of Good Council award.
2. Jean Vassallo and Lois Pujol were winners of the Central Deanery baskets.
3. Elizabeth Thiemann announced Kentucky Derby day at St. Juliana’s Parish, May 2, 2015; and the 3:00p.m., Challenge of Prayer for the Divine Mercy

CLOSING PRAYER:

Cuqui Baiata, Spirituality Chairman, closed with Our Lady of Good Council prayer.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Cheryl Willems, Recording Secretary

TREASURER
Vivian Rogers

A copy of the Treasurer’s Report will be presented and discussed at the meeting today.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Jean Vassallo

Sympathy Cards

Diane Trugander, President/Province Director -

Mother's Passing

Dolores Hughes, President/PBDCCW -

Mother's Passing

Get Well/Thinking of You Cards

Marie Lawrence - Hospitalized

Laurie Ulseth - Hospitalized

Thank You Cards Received

Rebekah Rose Brawley - Scholarship Winner

Dolores Hughes - Mother's Mass Card

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SERVICE

Margaret Farraher

September 5, 2015

Some of the activities over the summer months have been:

- Collecting mosquito repellent for the homeless at St. Ann Place
- Caps of Love – on going
- Stand Down House a/k/a Love Hope and Charity for the veterans. Delivered new underwear and t-shirts and gift cards for the lady vets
- I am presently in touch with a man who can get me backpacks for the homeless at a very good price of \$5.00 each. I have personally ordered 30 in the hope of collecting from the various councils as a charity.
- Provide food to the Salvation Army to feed those in needs
- In touch with a member who said they

have milk left over from the children's lunch program and they have been throwing it out. I put her in touch with a person from Cros Ministries who said they could use the milk in their food bank program.

I would like to mention once again as I think this is a wonderful charity to help the men and women who fought for our country. It requires the purchase of a brick with your affiliations name on it to support the fund raiser for Stand Down House. They are building a complex of 160 apartments to house the homeless. It will not only house them but there will be training to help them find jobs or even start their own business. It will be called VILLAGE OF VALOR and it will be located here in Palm Beach County off Congress Rd. I have literature to pass out and you can take it to your affiliation members. I mentioned this charity previously. It is something that I think is so worthwhile it deserves mentioning every time I see you. Please take a packet with the literature before you leave.

LEADERSHIP

Lena Ghaffari

It is wonderful to be with my council sisters today, and a great blessing to have Bishop Barbarito con-celebrate Mass for us today and for Bishop Barbarito and Reverend Brian King to join us for lunch today. Great Blessings!

It was a privilege for this Leadership Chair to attend Orlando DCCW Lake Yale Symposium and Leadership training sessions. It is my hope that the other PBDCCW attendees will join me in sharing the knowledge they gained there with our Council Sisters.

This Chairman plans to emphasize membership, mentoring, publicity, communication and training.

We will be working closely with the sub-committee appointed under Leadership and with Leadership Chairmen at the Deanery and Affiliation levels.

Our Leadership Committee started the year with three Parliamentary Procedure Workshops. We had different times, different days and allowed members to attend the location of their choice. The response was great; the members liked having this flexibility and reported it was accommodating. Across the diocese we had seventy-eight registered, seventy-five attended including two walk-ins. In attendance was NCCW Leadership Chair Jane Carter; her words: "I am impressed and I too learned a lot." Our presenter, PBDCCW Parliamentarian Betty McKinley did an outstanding job. The energy of the workshop was very high and everyone walked away with more knowledge, understanding and clarity of parliamentary procedures. Thanks to Betty McKinley for serving on the Leadership Committee. We were able to offer the workshops at no charge because of the generosity of the hosting affiliations that provided the continental breakfasts and, in the case of the evening workshop, a light dinner. We extend our thanks to the St. Lucie, Ascension and St. Therese de Lisieux CCWS for this gesture of hospitality.

We would like to stress the importance of the COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (CDT). Its primary purpose is to aid in the development of our affiliated councils. Presidents: The CDT is available for on-site training and the training will be tailored to your specific needs. At the first hint of the problem, let us know so we can be a part of the solution. Please call or email me to discuss your needs and how we can assist you.

Council Development Training will be at St. Matthew Church on Saturday, November 7, 2015. The hours are 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. with an 8:00 A.M. optional Mass. We would like to thank Fr. Clem for hosting us. This venue allows us to have breakout sessions.

We are currently working on developing our program for the day and have taken into consideration the topics mentioned on evaluations at the Parliamentary Procedure Workshops.

This committee will be keeping a record of training and needs to be aware of what is being taught. This keeps everyone following the guidelines of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and Palm Beach Council of Catholic Women (PBDCCW).

Everyone attending any PBDCCW training session will receive a certificate of completion. We hope this will create some excitement, encourage ownership, getting members more involved and helping to stimulate the importance of every member.

Communication: Please remember to visit the web PBDCCW.org. Who is the Catholic Council of Women? Who are we? Are we old ladies that just do bake sales? Read the Messenger to find out more!

This chairman along with our President Ann Kopp, met with our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dominic Toan Tran, to formulate a plan of the implementation of "The New Evangelization-We are called to Witness" along with the three proposed resolutions, which was adopted at our 30th Meeting and Convention held May 2015. This was presented at our Board Meeting on September 5, 2015.

Let us focus on the Resolutions which are very similar to those of Pope Francis. The Adopted Resolutions are: In Support of Family of Faith and Service to Others. In Support of The United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Plan, "The New Evangelization-We Are Called To Witness" Strengthen The Development and Communication of our Membership.

As we progress, Fr. Dominic Toan Tran will guide Central Deanery with the implementation of "We Are Called to Witness" as a pointed out at the

Central Deanery Board Meeting of September 5, 2015.

Membership is very important to the organization as without members we are nothing. Why would we give this up after 95 years? Think of our leaders and members before us. It is the responsibility of every member to help increase membership. We can do this together and together we can accomplish more.

This Chairman distributed three handouts at the board meeting consisting of suggestions on how to increase and maintain membership. The three categories are: Membership A - Gaining and keeping members in your Affiliation. Membership B - Gaining or bringing back lost Affiliations. Membership C - Inviting women to become individual members. These suggestions were shared with our Florida Council of Catholic Women (FCCW) - Rosie Schuhmacher - Province Director/President and PBDCCW President Barbara Lutton in June 2015. This was also shared with our President Ann Kopp.

Our individual Membership Chairman Lois Pujol will be in touch with all affiliations. This Chairman will be calling and visiting all affiliation membership chairman and/or Vice Presidents to check and or help with membership.

This chairman will look forward to a busy, productive, fruitful and fun term working with all her council sisters. You are all great leaders! This chairman would like to extend her appreciation and thanks to God for choosing her to serve. To our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dominic Toan Tran and our Central Deanery President Ann Kopp for their support. May God give us all the wisdom to serve.

Let us be kind to each other and to all whose paths we cross. May God always bless you and your family.

AFFILIATION NEWS

HOLY NAME NELLIE ORTIZ PRESIDENT

Holy Name CCW members are excited about our very busy schedule for the upcoming council year. We have many activities and programs planned which includes spiritual, informative and fun events.

During the month of September, we had a **Wine and Cheese** get together and we also had one of our infamous Bake Sales in which our parishioners were treated to our scrumptious home made baked goods.

We have planned the following events in the coming months:

October 11 Council Sunday
10:30 A.M. Mass
12 Noon Brunch at Nana's Diner

October 13 Baby Shower for Birthline and Respect Life
7:00 P.M. - Trinity Center
Guest Speaker, Mary Rodriguez of Birthline

October 24 & 25 - Octoberfest/Booth with Baked Goods/Homemade Goodies

December 8 Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 P.M. - Trinity Center
Entertainment by Bach Choir

December 12 Breakfast with Santa
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Fatima Hall

Open to all Holy Name Parish Children

Our CCW members look forward to also participating with other council sisters at many of the Diocesan events throughout the year.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Gayle Paul

President

At Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Council of Catholic Women we take our inspiration from our stained glass windows in our church!

The Annunciation. "Behold, I am a handmaid of the Lord." We try to discern God's call, and we do this in many ways. The Gift Shop has raised over \$10,000 for our parish operating expenses. We will continue our service projects of participating in the Back to Basics Angel Program, coordinating donations for "Birthline," and collecting "Pennies for Babies." Our first Bunco will be on November 14th and you are welcome to join us! We will also be involved in the 25th Annual Fall Festival being held on November 5th thru the 8th.

Jesus in the Arms of Mary at the Foot of the Cross. This was a difficult year for our CCW. We lost our sacristan and the heartbeat of OLQA – Hugh Caulfield. We lost our beloved members Doreen Carroll and Sheila Samaritano. Our year was reminiscent of Simeon's word to Mary "And you yourself a sword shall pierce." Losing mothers, fathers, husbands, family and friends, we all stood together at the foot of our cross. We shared our grief with Our Lady, took comfort in each other and realized our loved ones now look upon the face of God.

The Wedding Feast at Cana. "Do whatever He tells you." And we try! Our first meeting is a Potluck on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, September 8th. Our Council Sunday will be held October 25th with a lunch to follow. Our Christmas Party will be on December 10th. May God bless our endeavors and hear our prayers!

ST. CLARE

Louise F. Dougher

Publicity Chair

Our Fall St. Clare report is both retrospective and prospective as we are still early in our Council year. In July there was a planning meeting to share ideas and project a tentative calendar of events for '15-'16. Our Audit and Budget Committees completed their work in July as well. We expect a By-Laws Committee review as we progress through the year.

A Memorial Mass for our deceased members preceded the September General Meeting, which included a potluck dinner of varied and delicious dishes. We welcomed returning members and were pleased to see new faces as well. St. Clare hosted the Central Deanery Fall Board Meeting and is also the site of the Fall Central Deanery General Meeting.

The St. Clare Women's Retreat was at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in September and many of our members attended. CCW offers support to this annual spiritual weekend. Several of our members attended the NCCW Convention in Orlando and we look forward to their feedback. We encourage attendance at the school's annual Spaghetti Dinner in September and we provide desserts for this occasion. On September 27 we hosted a parish reception for our new Parochial Vicar, Father Mark Mlay.

October will have us conducting the 35th Annual Candlelight Living Rosary for our parishioners, CCD and school students and their families. Our October General Meeting will follow. The ever successful and popular Fall Flea Market for Charity will be on

Saturday, October 17 in the church parking lot. Council Sunday weekend, October 24-25, will have us outlining our mission and activities after all our Masses in hopes of expanding and enriching our membership. Participating in the school's Halloween Trunk or Treat celebration is always a fun time and a great way to show our support.

We look forward to the Remembrance Day Memorial at the Seminary on All Souls' Day and we plan for a program at our November General Meeting. We'll be encouraging interested members to attend the Council Development Day at St. Matthew and we hope to again have a good representation at Take –A- Sister to Lunch, a really fine gathering to honor our Religious Community.

Plans are underway for our CCW Christmas dinner and our members will again be supporting Back to Basics. We also help with the annual Advent Tree project in our parish that provides for practical gifts for 400-500 needy children in the greater community.

After a hopefully spiritual Advent preparation we will all look forward to a blessed and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with optimism!

ST. JUDE
Chris Miller
President

St. Jude's Affiliation will be starting off the year with a new President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and new Commission Chairs for Leadership, Spirituality, and Service. With excitement and anticipation, we hope to have a successful year with our Council Sisters.

Our goal is to increase membership involvement in our programs and enhance

one's personal development (spiritually, socially, and mentally). We have started the year with a talk about "Senior Personal and Computer Safety."

In October we will hear about a local nonprofit "Conner Moran" that is headed by one of our own "sisters" and Beverly Perham's "Back to Basics" program. In honor of our servicemen, we will have a representative from a local group explain about their service project in November. Members will be asked to contribute items that could be shipped to our overseas military men and women. We will also show the film "Chosen" to make our members more aware of Human Trafficking. To end the year 2015, we will be gathering together at the Tequesta Country Club to celebrate Christmas.

Our annual Bakeless/ Bake and Treasure Sale will be held after our Masses the weekend of February 6/7...hope to see you there.

Also, in February we will be having our fashion show, "Walking on Sunshine." Mark the date...Thursday, February 25 at Turtle Creek Country Club in Tequesta.

ST. JULIANA
Judy Powers
President

St. Juliana CCW was faced with a challenge that many CCW's have faced – a blank slate for the 2015-2016 Council Year. How do we resolve this issue? The membership faced this challenge head on by discussing over three affiliation meetings what do we like about our CCW, what can we live without, and what do we want as a CCW. After these three meetings, the membership decided the main things we wanted

to maintain and indeed emphasize in our activities are: continued service; spirituality; fellowship; and fun. The membership also decided to de-emphasize fund raising. Once we knew our focus, the next step was to determine how to re-organize and/or restructure to meet this focus.

Keep it simple is the solution. All committees, commissions have been eliminated. The structure includes four elected officers, a historian and a newsletter editor. This simplified structure also eliminates monthly board meetings. The members voted on the activities/events to continue and different members will volunteer to chair the different events, bring refreshments to the meetings and lead the prayers at the meetings. This will offer more opportunities for members to get involved.

The membership felt strongly that we needed to meet monthly, but that it did not necessarily need to be a meeting. Our first gathering was the Installation Mass and Luncheon. A very brief meeting was held at the start of the luncheon. Our next gathering will be a Halloween Pot-Luck Dinner on October 31st. This event is open to the entire parish. Other non-traditional monthly gatherings, this Council year, will include a Prayer Breakfast and a Morning of Reflection. Our theme for the 2015-2016 Council Year will be "Joyful Servants of Mercy." Pope Francis has issued a Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The Holy Year will begin on December 8, 2015. Pope Francis states, "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." We will incorporate this theme and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in our various activities throughout the 2015-2016 year.

We look forward to sharing with all of you the development of this change to our organization.

ST. PATRICK

Paula Barco

President

Another year in full swing and it's not even the end of September! Wow...my head is spinning! Our meeting in September was chock-full of discussion about the upcoming calendar.

On October 3rd, we are hosting our annual "Blessing of the Animals." This year Genesis is coming to do a demonstration. They train dogs to help the handicapped. It's always fun to see what kind of animals show up. All pets and their owners are welcome. Father blesses them and we distribute St. Francis prayer cards and medals. Of course there is always a box of treats on hand.

On the same day, there is a Central Deanery meeting at St. Clare's Parish just down the street from us. I will be the guest speaker after lunch. The topic of my speech will be "Building Mountain Moving Faith." Hope to see you there.

We will be hosting our Council Sunday weekend on October 17-18th weekend. One of our members will be doing a brief speech at each mass to explain what CCW is all about and inviting the women of the parish to come and join us. We carry up the offertory gifts at each mass as well. In front of the church, we sell baked goods and have a table set up with scrapbooks, pamphlets and membership forms. Our first ever Bunco get-together will be on Friday, October 30th. We did a practice session last year and had a blast! Luckily our past Central Deanery President, Jean McKeen will be on hand to help with the rules of the game. It's a great way to meet a lot of people in a short amount of time. It will be open to all women, so come by to join us. There will be a flyer on the Diocesan website with additional information.

Our Spiritual Chairs have initiated a book exchange for our members. Anyone can bring a spiritual uplifting book and take another one home. We have a designated space and sign-up sheet so we can keep track of checkouts.

We are hoping to have a movie night/potluck get together in November, but a date and chairperson has not yet been determined. We did this last year and those that attended raved about how much fun it was.

Even though we don't have a definite date as yet, I would like to schedule a "day of reflection" for our group to meet up at the Florida Spiritual Center. We had a very good turn out last year when we arranged to meet there as a group.

One of our members has again planned a bus trip down to see the Ft. Lauderdale Christmas pageant. The trip includes the bus trip, the show and dinner afterwards. It is a full, fun and uplifting day. Last year's trip was fabulous!

We will hold our annual Christmas party on December 15th. A good time is always had by all. Tequesta Country Club is our destination. There will be a social hour, followed by a delicious meal, door prizes and entertainment.

Sometime in the spring, we are planning our first Talent Show. The committee is just getting formed, so I don't have any specific information as yet....maybe I will know more by the time the next Central Facts is printed.

That's enough for now....after all I do have a life outside of CCW. I am thrilled that we have several new members and many of our established members are willing and able to step up to chair the variety of events. My hope is to get everyone involved. Looking forward to a fun filled, service filled, spirit filled year.

ST. RITA
Kathy Thomas
President

The ladies from St. Rita Council of Catholic Women had a wonderful turn out for our Kick-Off meeting on September 3, 2015. Our ladies socialized and shared what happened over the summer. We began the meeting with a delicious array of dishes for our buffet. Our Pastor, Father Donald Munro, joined us by

beginning the dinner with grace and a special blessing for the success of our Council.

One goal we are concentrating on this year is deepening our spirituality. A half hour before each meeting there will be a Rosary for anyone who wishes to participate. We will have a prayer table set up where members can write special intentions. These intentions will be prayed for by our Council members. A Day of Reflection has been scheduled for October 7, 2015 at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. We plan to car pool from St. Rita Catholic Church. The Passionist priests are the presenters, and do a wonderful job. We are planning to schedule more of these days after the holidays.

We have scheduled an Italian Pizzelle Cookie Bake Sale for September 27, 2015 after all of the masses. Our first Bunco of the year is Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a great evening of fun! Bunco is one of our fundraisers that appeals to both our ladies and men of the parish! Our biggest annual event, which requires the most planning and organization, is our Garage Sale, which will be held on November 14, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On December 13, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will host a Cookies and Cocoa with Santa. This event is our treat to the children of our parish with refreshments, a visit with Santa, stories as well as crafts for the children.

So, we are off to a great start! We will have a lot to do before the holidays, and we will have a great group of ladies to get the job done.

ST.THERESA DE LISIEUX
ELIZABETH GESACION
PRESIDENT

Greetings to all! St. Theresa de Lisieux elected their new Board of Directors, Elizabeth Gesacion, President; Barbara Salamee, Vice President; Candy Rengstal, Recording Secretary; Diane Gradomski, Treasurer; Linda Murphy, Parliamentarian.

September 9-12, I attended the NCCW Convention in Orlando as a "First Timer" and was awed by the enthusiasm and work that we are a part of as an affiliate member.

Council Sunday was held on September 19 & 20. Our Pastor, Fr. Downey, was gracious to allow me to speak after all the Masses to invite the women of the Parish to our Open House.

October will be a busy time for us. St. Theresa de Lisieux will be celebrating 15 years!! We will be hosting our Open House for New Members on October 9. We will also be hosting a Quarter Auction on October 17 and "Party Tub of Beer" Raffle. We have collected enough to have **TWO** "Party Tubs of Beer to Raffle!! We will be having our Halloween Bake Sale on October 24 & 25.

November, our Angel Tree will be up. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our Afghan Raffle to be held on Dec. 20th.

December 5th we will be hosting a one day bus trip to Mt. Dora with a box lunch. December 20th will be the Afghan Raffle.

We will begin the New Year 2016, with our 60's Dinner Dance at the American Polish Club—ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE THE DATES

COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT DAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (CDT)

PRESENTS

TRAINING AT ST. MATTHEW'S
PARISH HALL

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST -
8:00 A.M. (Optional)

REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST -
9:00 A.M.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

LUNCH

RETURN TO SESSIONS

DAY CLOSING AT 3:00 P.M.

ALL FOR A COST OF ONLY
\$15.00 - JOIN US!!!

For further information, please contact Lena Ghaffari Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Leadership Chair : at (561) 289-5994 or e-mail; lenagccw@aol.com

TAKE A SISTER TO LUNCH

Laurie Ulseth, Chairman

The luncheon will take place on December 5, 2015 @ 11am at St. Matthew's.

Fr Clem has graciously volunteered to host this event.

Further details will be forthcoming.

CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

Teresa Cecil, PBDCCW Legislation Chairman

ARE WE THERE YET?

That's what you will be saying while riding one of the buses going to Catholic Days at the Capitol and if you are a first timer, you will be like a child full of expectation and amazement. The event is not until February 16-18, 2016, but it's not too early to start planning. I know many of you have good intentions and wanted to attend in past years but because of lack of planning, didn't happen. I want to help you to make it a reality. Let's talk about the cost, around \$170. That covers transportation, hotel, orientation reception, award luncheon, reception after the Red Mass and breakfast daily. It's really a bargain and if you start right now putting aside a \$1 a day in a coffee can you will have enough to pay for this trip. OR, you can ask Santa, put it on your Christmas list, or your bucket list! Save those days, mark them on your calendar, use vacation days but do whatever it takes to be there.

In my opinion Catholic days at the Capitol is the core of legislative advocacy. We attend to advocate to the lawmakers the issues that our Bishops support.

Besides, it's a wonderful opportunity to visit our State Capital. I am amazed to hear of how many people have never been to Tallahassee. At the Capitol, aside from visiting the legislators, you can attend the Florida House of Representatives and Senate while they are in session. You can also visit museums and attend The Red Mass.

With the participation of just five CCW members per affiliation PBDCCW could fill three buses easily.

Where else can you visit with all the bishops of Florida at once and rub elbows with lawmakers

and perhaps even the Governor? Only at Catholic Days at the Capitol!!

See you there.

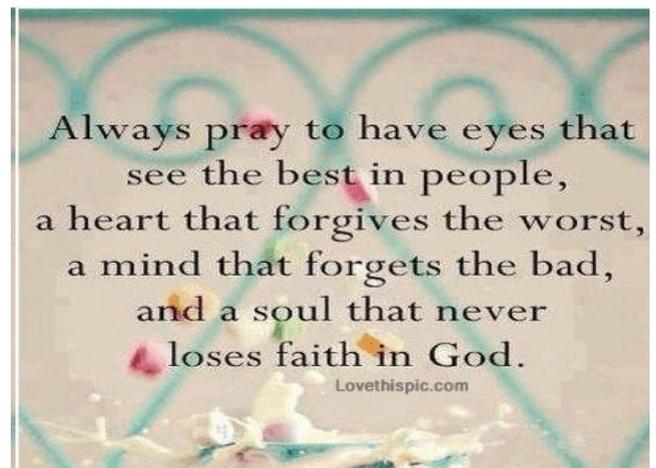
CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH, WOMEN OF ACTION

Catholic Women of Faith, Women of Action will be holding its Seventh Annual Conference on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

Our guest speaker, VALLIMAR JANSEN, gives God the Glory while blending story, testimony, and song for a powerful experience of renewal. She was a keynote speaker at the NCCW Convention in Ft. Lauderdale, 2013 and many other Catholic events. She will present "Setting our Hearts on God" as well as bringing to life a woman on the road to Emmaus. She will also be our cantor at the Mass. Her versatile skills will not disappoint. She travels the country performing and presenting workshops, using her powerful voice and gift of storytelling to deliver her message of hope and healing.

*We will celebrate Mass with the Bishop,
Confessions, Rosary, and Adoration.*

Early registration is only \$30 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. For additional information call Patti Amann 561-662-4780 or Vivian Rogers 561-799-1975.



SAVE AND SHARE THESE DATES

OCTOBER 2015

Council Sunday (any Sunday)

05 Central Deanery Fall General Meeting

St. Clare with Bishop/Lunch

17 Southern Deanery General Meeting

23 FCCW Board Meeting - Orlando

24 Northern Deanery Fall General Meeting

NOVEMBER 2015

02 Remembrance Tree Ceremony

St. Vincent DePaul Seminary

Bishop **Barbarito**

7 CDT - St. Matthew

26 THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2015

05 "Take A Sister To Lunch!"

St. Matthew Parish Hall

05 PBDCCW Fall Board Meeting
Immediately following luncheon

25 CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2016

FEBRUARY 2016

05 FCC Board Meeting/Orlando

06 Inspirations Fashion Show

St. Paul of the Cross

07-10 Catholic Social Ministry CSMG

Omni Shoreham, Washington, DC

16-18 Catholic Days at the Capitol

Tallahassee, FL

27 PBDCCW Winter Board Meeting

St. Matthew - Lake Worth

MARCH 2016

05 Central Deanery Board Meeting

St. Therese

12 Southern Deanery Board Meeting

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19 Catholic Women of Faith/Women of Action - St. Ignatius

27 EASTER

APRIL 2016

02 Central Deanery General Meeting

09 Southern Deanery General Meeting

16 Northern Deanery General Meeting

MAY 2016

01 Marian Festival- Emmanuel Parish
Delray Beach/Bishop Barbarito

09 Seminarian Luncheon

St. Matthew's - Lake Worth

20 PBDCCW Board Meeting/10 AM

20-21 PBDCCW 31st Convention

Holiday Inn - Belvedere Road, WPB
5:30 Mass - Holy Name of Jesus

Faith

Faith isn't anything you can see;

It isn't anything you can touch.

But you can feel it in your heart.

Faith is what keeps you trying

When others would have given up.

It keeps you believing in

The goodness of others

And helps you find it.

Faith is trusting in a power

Greater than yourself

And knowing that whatever happens,

***This power will carry you through
anything.***

It is believing in yourself

And having courage

To stand up for what you believe in.

Faith is:

Peace in the midst of a storm,

Determination in the midst

Of adversity,

And safety in the midst of trouble.

For nothing can touch a soul

That is protected by faith.



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