

Messenger

PBDCCW Newsletter

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2017 - 2018**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**PALM BEACH DIOCESAN
Tammy Farr
President**

Welcome Back All! I hope that everyone has had a most enjoyable, but productive summer.

I found my summer to be most productive as I began my new role as your PBDCCW President. In June I attended my first FCCW board meeting. There I was introduced to many wonderful ladies and learned some great facts about the works of FCCW in conjunction with NCCW and PBDCCW.

In July I attended a three day training symposium at Lake Yale. Again, meeting so many wonderful strong council members and being filled with a wealth of knowledge and sisterhood.

Then in August I and Laurie Ulseth, your Vice-President, had the great pleasure of meeting with our Beloved Bishop Barbarito. Ladies, we are truly blessed to have Bishop Barbarito's support of our Council. He continues to say we have the best council there is. He was very pleased to hear what our

theme is: Embracing the Grace, Strength, and Compassion of Women. He said that with this theme we could build on the joy within the gospel messages.

He asked that we push more people to subscribe and read the Florida Catholic and that we continue to be strong in our Faith. Be kind and joyful toward others. We ended our meeting with a beautiful blessing as we begin our council year. I believe we are off to a great start.

We Are Not a Team Because We Work Together. We Are A Team Because We Respect, Trust, and Care For Each Other.

May we be blessed with an abundance of Grace, Strength, and Compassion to enhance and benefit our wonderful councils and our diocese.

TREASURER

Jackie Philippoussi

I would like to introduce myself as the new Treasurer of PBDCCW as of July 1, 2017. As your new Treasurer, I am open to suggestions and any questions you may have.

At this time, I would like to remind our Deanery Presidents, Affiliation Presidents and their Treasurers that it is time to start collecting the yearly membership dues.

We are still selling numbers for the OLOGC Club and all CCW members can take advantage of a deal: buy one number and get one free. This our fund raising event.

If you need reimbursement for an expense, please email or mail your receipts with the signed 'Treasurer Action Request' form to me for processing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vivian L. Rogers

JUNE 3, 2017 TO AUGUST 19, 2017

Call to Meeting was sent to:

**PBDCCW Board, Appointed Officers,
Committee Chairs, Deanery Presidents, Vice
Presidents and Representatives,
Reverend Clem Hammerschmitt, Spiritual
Advisor**

Get Well Card was sent to Jean Waddington

Birthday Card was sent to Georgia Ulseth

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPIRITUALITY

Peggy Brown

Meetings will open with a prayer and/or inspirational verse appropriate to the season or special event.

Meetings will close with Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace. One of the resolutions adapted at the Convention was to pray this prayer when we gather.

God Bless us all in these trying times. Let us never forget the power of prayer.

SERVICE

Millie Del Grosso

**“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”
John 12:26**

Fr. Clem, Madam President, Fellow Board Members and Council Sisters,

I am so excited and humbled to have been asked to serve you as the PB Service Chairwoman for the next two years. Together we will do great things to assist throughout our Diocese DCCW.

Our first project, under the direction of our esteemed immediate past president, Barbara Lutton, was the purse auction at the PBDCCW Convention in June. The call for gently-used purses yielded an abundance of beautiful bags of all sizes, shapes and makes. In fact, there were so many bags donated that we didn't have room for all of them, even after moving to a larger space and adding two additional tables! So, the show will go on the road. With the able assistance of Ellen Elia, Vice President of the St. Helen CCW, the remaining bags were sorted and are in storage. “Have Bags Will Travel” can be requested for individual council meetings, as well as Deanery meetings. Our first purse auction raised over \$500 which will go to the Vocation Purse Club. Thanks to all who participated, both in donating purses and in the auction itself.

This Council year, at the direction of our esteemed president, Tammy Farr, we will be participating in the Angel Food “SNAC” Program, through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach. This program provides weekend food for food-insecure children ages 5-13, and currently serves families in the parishes along Lake Okeechobee, as well as Notre Dame Church in Ft. Pierce. In September, it will be expanding to St. Helen. Food insecure means families who do not know where their next meal will come from. The children eat breakfast and lunch at school during the school year, but often do not have dinner in the evening or food on the weekend. The “SNAC” program runs throughout the year.

There are four menus of food which are bagged and delivered in cartons on pallets to a distribution location. The bags contain kid-friendly foods, such as mac and cheese and

beefaroni, and each bag contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 4 snacks and a drink pack. Each family also receives one bag of “Angel Food”, which is designed to help feed the younger and older children in the family, as well as any adults in the household. One bag of food per child is distributed with distribution taking place on Friday afternoons between 5 and 6 PM, and all that is needed to receive the food is the parent signing for it! This is truly a win-win situation. No advertising is needed for the program, just announcements in the respective bulletin at the beginning of the program and through the parish Outreach Program.

Currently the program has funds to continue serving the current locations, as well as adding St. Helen, until January 2018 (not that far away), so any fundraising we can do will be much appreciated, as well as possibly providing a minimal number of volunteers in each location. One adult is needed to receive the food once a month at each location, and one or two adults each Friday for distribution. This is NOT a labor-intensive project. It takes about \$6,000 to feed 25 kids for a year, so for each \$6,000 raised, an additional location can be opened to feed additional food-insecure students, or the program can be expanded beyond January 2018.

Of course, there are always additional needs which we will be called upon to meet, but this program is truly a crucial one in our diocese. Please let me know how I can serve YOU!

LEADERSHIP

Lena Ghaffari

It has been a wonderful, busy and productive summer. Thanks to God!

During the Palm Beach Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women 2017 convention, we handed out certificates of completion for our PBD Council Development day Training, signed by Most Rev. Gerald Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach.

We had our new PBD Boutique featuring many items for marketing and books for training tools.

Council Enrichment Grant (CEGS) was at St. Bernadette August 05, 2016. The theme “The Beauty of Holiness” It was amazing. Thanks to Barbara Lutton immediate PBD Past president.

This Chairman plans to emphasize training, membership, mentoring, publicity and communication. WE will be working closely with sub, committee under leadership and with Deanery and affiliation leadership Chair. This chairman has been busy working on the goal and plan

Training, where are we heading?

Great things are happening, we have put together the training team and have been busy training.

We started with a training symposium for the trainers called train the trainers, including team building and bonding. This was done at Airport Hilton. Our Trainer was National Council of Catholic Woman (NCCW) Linda Clark.

We continued this summer with the training team

joining Orlando Diocese at Lake Yale. This was wonderful and gave the trainers the visions for the two day implementation.

WhatGreat Joy!

We are excited with the new direction of the team

We updated the Council Development Name, this came out of committee and our new name..

PBD LEADERSHIP TRAINING TEAM. For more information please visit our website pbdccw.org.

The Team has already started the year with training the board at St. Joan of Arc of Tuesday August 8, 2017.

A look at the schedule October 17,2017 Ascension

September 07, 2017St. Sebastian. The team is currently working on their presentation for our training days.

Our Training Days, Friday October 6 and Saturday October 7,2017

The Training days will be called PBDCCW Leadership Symposium, this also came out of committee.

2017.Venue, Double Tree by Hilton & Executive Meeting Center, 4431 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens,Fl.33410. Their will be a charge for meals and hotel accommodation Friday night, TRAINING IS FREE. Guest trainer NCCW Linda Clark. Please see save the date flyers available at board meeting and visit our Pbdccw.org web site. For more detailed information.

Building Membership: Council Sunday The month of October,

Please see hand out and visit our web site. This is a Palm Beach Diocesan of Catholic woman- wide membership campaign.

We Would Like to stress the importance of the PBD Leadership Training TEAM. Its primary purpose is to aide in the development of our Council. We are here to help and develop the council by going out to train. Programs are tailored for their specific needs.

It is everyone's responsibility to help and make the training days a success, so please help to spread the word.

Deanery Presidents thank you in advance for all you help in making this a success.

Communication, please remember, visit PBDCCW.org.

Visit the web site PBDCCW.org Training tools, every affiliation should have the Affiliation Manual and ABC Manual on hand.

Updated manuals will be available at the training October6&7 2017.

After the rollout of NCCW New and updated Guidance and Resource manual.

This chairman looks forward to a busy, productive, fruitful and fun term working with all my council sisters.

You are all great leaders!

Let us be kind to each other and to all whose path we cross.

May God always bless you and your family.

DEANERY REPORTS

CENTRAL DEANERY

**Paula Barton
President**

I have never been a fan of Roberts Rules of Order or been a stickler about protocol. However, since I have had the position of Central Deanery President, I am coming to a clearer understanding of the reason these rules and procedures have been put in place and the purpose of following them. We are an organization of women and left to our own devices...chaos, confusion and mistaken control is the result. There has to be a system of checks and balances to be able to work with a variety of personalities in peace and harmony at every level of this and every organization. This is absolutely necessary in order to establish a sense of order and to be able to accomplish anything of importance.

I recently participated in an informal meeting in which no secretary was present to take notes. Discussions were held, but no official motions were made and no voting took place. As a result, the next day when I spoke to a few of people who were at the meeting, we all seemed to have a different view of the outcome of the meeting. The Council of Catholic Women is a “we” organization. We support each other and even though we have various levels within, no one person is in charge of all of the decisions that need to be made. That is the reason we have boards at every level. Use

your boards to make decisions for the benefit of all.

Whether you are new or entering your second year in your current position, go to Deanery and Diocesan events, and pay attention to what works at each level. We can learn from one another. If you are new, do your best to listen and learn from those who have done your job in the past. Those of you who have had board positions in the past, be sure to pass on what you have learned to your successor. Mentor those who are new so that we can grow. To the best of your ability learn rules of order and appoint a parliamentarian within your groups who has a clear understanding of how meetings should work. And above all...include God in everything you do. Also, look to the Blessed Mother for guidance. May you all have a year filled with peace and harmony.

God Bless

NORTHERN DEANERY

**Doreen Recco
President**

Over the past few years, membership has declined in the Northern Deanery, with the loss of one affiliation and another struggling. Why is this happening and how can we improve the image of Council in the eyes of all women sitting in the pews on Sunday. Concentrating on image and membership growth will be the focus of this President’s term. I believe part of the problem is the misconception of what we do as Council of Catholic Women. Are we only seen as “grandmas” who hold bake sales to raise money,

and not as who we really are – advocates of those less fortunate? Our Bishops saw the value in enlisting the help from the women of the church nearly 98 years ago. We are fearless women in a sea of red descending upon Tallahassee to persuade government to pass social justice legislation. We collect items for homeless shelters and support young mothers who choose to have their babies rather than abort. We love our Religious Sisters and our Seminarians and show them that each year with our Take a Sister to Lunch and Seminarian Luncheon programs. We provide clean water to third world countries through our Water for Life Program. We fight for the injustice of human trafficking. This list goes on and on, but does anyone outside of council know this? We have much to be proud of. These may be good points to stress during your Council Sunday membership drives and any time we are questioned about what council does.

The theme for Northern Deanery for the next two years is “The Love of Christ Compels Us”. With that thought in mind, each of us is called to spread the word of Council to the women we know and encourage them to become our “sisters”.

SOUTHERN DEANERY

**Oveder Reed
President**

Greetings to all. This has been a very busy summer and quite overwhelming since I am a new Southern Deanery President. However, everyone I have meet has been

very helpful, generous and encouraging. I am very thankful .

My first planning meeting was held on July 8, 2017 at Ascension Church In Boca Raton. We discussed several issues. One being, filling vacant positions on the Board. They are: Service, Historian, and Treasurer. If there is anyone interested in filling any position , Please let me know.

I would like to thank Fr. Gavin and LuAnn for helping to make my first meeting a success.

The Affiliations have a lot of activities planned for the year. All of which are an integral part of the organization and I support their efforts one hundred percent. My goal however, is to focus on Spirituality.

Spirituality is one part of the National Council of Catholic Women Mission statement. Their mission to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women in service, and leadership is very important But I think that without the Holy Spirit, we can not accomplish any thing.

The theme for Southern Deanery is Walking with the Spirit. If we walk with the Spirit every day, we can't go wrong because the Spirit is with us and will guide us in the right direction to accomplish all that we pursue.

As Southern Deanery President, I will do my best ,with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live up to the trust that the Nominating Committee and others have in me.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

POST CONVENTION REPORT

**Frانيا Larios - Caroline Lucas
Convention Coordinators**

The 2017 Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention was on Friday June 2nd to Saturday June 3rd, 2017 at The Hilton Palm Beach Airport on Australian Ave. West Palm Beach.

We received a total of 34 evaluations with an overall average of 5; 5 being exceptional. Banquet food in general received a rating of 4; reasons being that the food was too cold, pork too dry or too much food on the plate.

Some other concerns were, Purse auction should be longer and more visible. Schedule was too full; no free time. Mass should have been onsite at the hotel. List of all past presidents should have been in the booklet. Emergency contact should be added to the registration form. Too many emails were sent. Banquet Hall temperature was too cold.

Other than those concerns everyone raved about the speakers and how phenomenal they were. Convention was fun and informative; comradery was felt through the entire stay. President's breakfast was very beneficial for new upcoming presidents. The bus transportation to St. Juliana was marvelous. Scholarship presentation and recipients were fantastic. Prayer scrolls were

beautifully made. Exceeded expectations and improved from previous conventions. After the Banquet the 1920's Great Gatsby Celebration was a success.

It is the recommendation of the chairmen that there should be free time in the schedule; many council sisters did not have time to shop the different vendors or get to and from their hotel room because of a full schedule.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Doreen Recco, Webmaster

With the start of the new council year, this Webmaster is looking forward to working with all the new board members and affiliations to "get the word out".

The look of the website has been updated, and this Webmaster will be working on uploading some of the pictures from the events over the summer. The save the dates for the Seminarian Luncheon and the Take a Sister to Lunch programs are already there on their respective pages.

Again, this Webmaster encourages anyone who is interested in becoming a "Page Master" to get in touch with me to set up a user name and password. Our website program is user friendly and can be easily taught, so don't be afraid to try.

REMEMBRANCE TREE

Joanne Springer

Affiliations will be meeting in September and November 2nd 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 our family and friends who have pre-deceased us and to increase the Burse Fund.

The objective of the day is to participate in the mass that will be celebrated on November 2nd at our Seminary. Witness the burning of last years scroll and the dedication of this years scroll which contains the names of our beloved. Raise awareness of this ceremony that is held every November 2nd at St. Vincent DePaul Seminary and also to introduce our members to the only major seminary in Florida. We also are able to meet with our future priests. Our Bishop again will celebrate Mass assisted by all attending clergy. Fr. Clem again will do the Ceremony BURNING of LAST YEARS SCROLL. Bernie Shanahan again was contacted and hopefully he will be able to do the music when we begin the ceremony by the tree.

Affiliation Presidents, Deanery Presidents please start promoting this event at your first meeting and all meetings afterwards. Information to Deanery Presidents will be sent via email.

One IMPORTANT CHANGE this year the Seminary can no longer accommodate us for LUNCH. Deanery Presidents you will be receiving information with further changes before your first meeting, please pass this information to your affiliation presidents as soon as you received the revisions.

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

TAKE A SISTER TO LUNCH

Roxy LaChance

The date and place for Take A Sister To Lunch has been confirmed for Saturday, December 2, 2017 at St. Matthews, Lake Worth.

The mailing labels for the envelopes have been picked up by Tammy Farr.

The children's choir from St. Matthews under the direction of Debbie Whitlock will provide the entertainment.

A "Save the Date" flyer will follow and be sent to all Affiliation Presidents and webmaster (Doreen Recco) to place on PBDCCW website.

I am happy to announce that Rita Gilchrist has offered to help with this wonderful celebration.

INSPIRATIONS LUNCHEON

AND FASHION SHOW

Doreen Recco and Reggie Murray

Co-Chairs

The Inspirations Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the St. Lucie Trails Country Club. We were have been asked to be co-chairs again this year.

1. Because of the positive feedback last year, we will be looking into getting the Photo Booth, and DJ once again. The fashions will be provided by Stein Mart in St. Lucie West. If anyone is interested in modeling, please let us know. (That was a lot of fun, last year!)

Of course, we will have the Baskets Raffle, as the proceeds pay for our Council Enrichment Grant at the end of the year. ALL affiliations are encouraged to submit a basket with a value of at least \$100.00.

However, we are requesting that all baskets are in our possession at least one week before this event, so that we know how many there are and they may be displayed accordingly prior to the purchase of the raffle tickets. The Deanery Vice Presidents are responsible for the collection of baskets, so please coordinate with the affiliations in your Deanery. Also, please do not send a check in place of your basket. This will alleviate "last minute" purchasing, creating a theme and constructing baskets. The Inspirations packet will contain this information.

We look forward to enjoying this event with our "Sisters in Council."

Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Women of Faith/Women of Action

Patti Amann and Laurie Ulseth, V.P.

What: Catholic Women of Faith/ Women of Action Conference

Where: Again at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palm Beach Gardens

When: April 14, 2018

Speaker: Judy Hehr, past keynote for NCCW 96th Annual Conference.

She is a professional coach and Public speaker. She will give her personal journey from bankruptcy and addiction with a Recovery to a Seminary graduate and passionate desire to spread the gospel message of Christ.

The co-chairs will meet to fill the slots for the core team and plan the dates for the committee meetings. More to come. Stay tuned.

PALM BEACH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

"Embracing the Grace, Strength, and Compassion of Women"

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

FOR THE

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON

AT

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

6090 HYPOLUXO ROAD

LAKE WORTH, FL.

INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING

PARISH NEWS

Ascension Council of Women Boca Raton FL.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 4, 2017 9am to 3pm

Sunday November 5th 2017 8am to 2pm.

**Ascension Catholic Church
Family Center**

7250 North Federal highway

Boca Raton, FL 33487

There is no cost to attend the bazar.

There will be several vendors, a gourmet table, raffle baskets, spin the wheel game and lite refreshments for purchase.

If you need more information, please contact:

Lu Ann Leonard

President/ACCW

561-252-8303

St. Christopher Church
Roxy LaChance-President
Women of Faith Women of Grace

Our St. Christopher CCW is proud to announce a very special engagement with **The Great Grandmothers of Jesus** from the Gospel of Matthew. What a great way to usher in the 2018 Lenten season! All are invited to join us for this wonderful presentation.

St. Christopher Council of Catholic Women

The Great Grandmothers of Jesus

St. Christopher Catholic Church
Parish Hall
12001 SE Federal Hwy
Hobe Sound ,Fl. 33455

Tuesday February 13,2018
1:00PM-3:00 PM

Please feel free to contact Roxy LaChance for further information .
561-401-9843

Don't miss this wonderful event and opportunity for fellowship and spiritual camaraderie. Find out "How is God calling you?"

SAVE AND SHARE THESE DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 6-9 NCCW Convention
Dallas, TX
- 16 Northern Deanery Board Meeting
- 23 Central Deanery Fall Board Meeting
- 23 Southern Deanery Fall Board Meeting

OCTOBER 2017

- _____ Council Sunday (any Sunday)
- 6-7 Council Development Training
Location TBA
- 20-12 Respect Life Conference
Miami, FL
- 21 Central Deanery Fall General
TBA
- 21 Northern Deanery Fall General Meeting
St. Christopher, Hobe Sound
- 27 _____ FCCW Fall Board Meeting
Orlando FL
- 28 Southern Deanery Fall General Meeting

NOVEMBER 2017

- 2 Remembrance Tree Ceremony
St. Vincent dePaul Seminary
Bishop Barbarito in attendance
- 4 PBDCCW Fall Board Meeting
Central Deanery Hosting/St. Jude

23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2017

- 2 Take a Sister to Lunch
St. Matthew, Lake Worth
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2018

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 27 Inspirations Fashion Show
St. Lucie Trails Country Club
Port St. Lucie, Florida
- 29-31 Catholic Days at the Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

FEBRUARY 2018

- 3-6 Catholic Social Ministry
Washington, DC
- 8-9 FCCW Winter Board Meeting
Orlando, FL
- 10 Central Deanery Spring Board Meeting
- 17 PBDCCW Spring Board Meeting
Northern Deanery Hosting/St. Lucie

MARCH 2018

- 10 Central Deanery Spring Board Meeting
- 10 Northern Deanery Board Meeting
- 17 Southern Deanery Board Meeting

APRIL 2018

- 1 HAPPY EASTER**
- 14 Women of Faith/Women of Action Conference**
- 21 Southern Deanery Spring General Meeting/TBA**
- 28 Northern Deanery Spring General Meeting/St. Christopher's**

MAY 2018

- 6 Marian Festival
Emmanuel Parish/Delray Beach
Bishop Barbarito**
- 14 Seminarian Luncheon
St. Matthew's, Lake Worth**
- 18 PBDCCW Spring Board Meeting**
- 18-19 PBDCCW CONVENTION
Airport Hilton/West Palm Beach**

JUNE 2018

- 15 FCCW Summer Board Meeting
Orlando, FL**

*From the desk of Jean
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