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Central Deanery News

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Paula Barto
President

This is my second year as your Central Deanery President and many of you are continuing on with your second year as well. However, for some of you, this is your first year. For all of us there is a lot to learn. There are no stupid questions. When you are confused about anything and have questions or concerns, I want you to know that you can come to me and the people who make up this CD board for help and support. I will guide you however I can, but there are a lot of very talented and experienced women in the whole of Central Deanery...use them and their knowledge! They will be your allies and sounding board throughout this coming year. Listen to one another for ideas and suggestions on what has worked for them and what hasn't.

We have a busy year ahead. Keep us all informed on what you have planned. You are more than welcome to circulate flyers about your events. Use the PBDCCW website to your advantage. Every affiliation is entitled to a page on this website. When you are hosting an event, other affiliations may want to check it out, or get feedback on how it worked for you. There could even be collaboration between

affiliations. Many things are possible when we work together.

We have all had a wake-up call this past couple of weeks. With the threat of Hurricane Irma, there was a lot of tension in the air. Important life and death decisions needed to be made. Do you leave or do you stay? There was a new awareness of what was important in life. Hopefully, this was a faith building exercise for you. I found it interesting that the people that I checked up on and cared the most about were women that I met in CCW. They were the ones that gave me strength, courage and a sense of peace during this very turbulent time. No matter how strong your faith may be, it helps to surround yourself with others who have the same faith base as you. In the end, it is all in God's hands, but it helps to be reminded of that just the same.

I wish you all a fun, enjoyable year of growth. May you make many new friends in the council as well as strengthen the friendships you already have.

MINUTES
CENTRAL DEANERY COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN
SPRING GENERAL MEETING
Airport Hilton Hotel
Saturday, March 4, 2017
Cynthia Gross

Call to Order: President, Paula Barto, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Opening Prayer: Father Mark Mlay Spiritual Advisor, led the opening prayer.

Pledge to the Flag: The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

was led by Lena Ghaffari, Vice President.

Welcome Members & Guests: Carole Brooks, President of St. Juliana, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: The Fall General Meeting Minutes of October 1st, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ellen Pierangelino, Treasurer, gave a treasurer report for the period of October 1, 2016 through March 3, 2017. The report was filed for audit.

Called for Unpaid Bills: There were no unpaid bills.

Presentation of Stole to Father Mlay: Paula welcomed Father Mark Mlay, as the new Spiritual Advisor, and presented Father Mark with his Stole.

Report of Officers:

President: Paula spoke on how important it is to connect with one another and step up to new positions. The theme of the meeting was in celebration of the NCCW's 95th anniversary. Paula thanked everyone who contributed to Central Facts. Copies available at meeting and on the website. Report on file.

Corresponding Secretary: Frania Larios read the names of all the recipients who recently received cards from the Deanery.

Report of Standing Committees:

Spirituality: Elizabeth Thiemann informed everyone on how well the Mass went today.

Leadership/CDT: Nancy Gross spoke on Stargazing in order to identify and develop potential leaders within your affiliation.

Legislation: Annette Sheehan gave a report on several bills of interest to the FCCB that are pending. The deadline for registration/refunds for Catholic Days at the Capitol is March 14, 2017. Report on file.

Service: Paula Barto gave the Service Report for Marci Stephens. Paula discussed crocheting plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. All Service Chairs are being asked to participate in the coordination of the project.

PBDCCW President: Barbara Lutton reported that the FCCW collected \$10,500 for Hugs For The Homeless.

Special Committee Reports and Announcements:

Catholic Days At The Capitol: Paula attended and gave a report on her experience.

Women of Faith: Patti Amann discussed the upcoming Women of Faith event which will be held at St. Patrick's Church on April 1, 2017. March 10th is the deadline for ads. Registration fee is \$30, late fee is \$35. Student/religious will be \$15. Adoration, Reconciliation, Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Program by ValLimar Jansen.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Barbarito. Patti suggested putting flyers in the church bulletins.

PBDCCW Convention: Will be held at the Airport Hilton Hotel on June 2-3, 2017. Frania Larios/Caroline Lucas co-chairs. The full registration is \$160. Room rate - \$99. See PBDCCW website for further information. There will be installation of the new PBDCCW board. After dinner, there will be a Flapper/Roaring 20's theme party._____

PBDCCW Service Report: Jean McKeen read a thank you letter that Fr, Brian Lenhard sent from the Seminarians for our contribution to their Summer House. The program will be in effect again this year. Contributions of disposable items and especially grocery gift cards will be collected at the Seminarian Luncheon on May 15, 2017.

Scholarship Program: See Paula for information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Clare's Church: Spring Flea Market - March 11, 2017.

Holy Name of Jesus: April 9, 2017 - Seder Dinner, 1 PM, \$20 per person.

St. Therese de Lisieux: Cinco de Mayo - May 6, 2017 - 6-11 PM, \$25 per person. Flyers available.

Seminarian Luncheon: St. Matthews Church - May 15, 2017. The Central Deanery women will also be volunteering. Please see Paula.

Mentor Award: Lena Ghaffari, Committee Chair. The committee members are: Patti Amann, Nancy Gross, Paula Barto. Award to be presented at the Fall General Meeting.

Outstanding Leadership Award: Deadline for submission is April 30, 2017, to be presented at the Convention in June.

PBD Woman of the Year Council Award:

Every two years this award is given out. Please see the PBDCCW website.

CEGS: Applications are now being accepted for the Council Enrichment Grant, to be held August 5, 2017, at St. Bernadette’s Church. Father Brian Campbell guest speaker.

NCCW Magazine: Lena Ghaffari will be featured in the next issue of the magazine.

World Champions of Public Speaking:

Paula showed videos from Toastmasters on speakers who had won the International Champion of Public Speaking award.

Lunch: Lunch was served at approximately 12:30 PM.

CASH SPLIT DRAWING:

CLOSING PRAYER: Father Mark Mlay said the closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Paula adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:

Cynthia Gross

Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

Paula Barto

President

TREASURER

Mary Ellen Pierangelino

Treasurers Report will be presented and discussed at the meeting today.



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

**Service
Marci Stephens**

I propose that the affiliations of Central Deanery take on St Ann Place in West Palm Beach for this year’s service project. St. Ann Place is the Church’s outreach center for services to homeless women and men. Its mission is to witness Gospel values by providing a comfortable, clean, safe place where clients receive services in a dignified and respectful manner regardless of race, religion, or gender.

St Ann Place holds a variety of fund raisers throughout the year; they also receive some funding from Catholic Charities, and private donations.

In the past, PBDCCW has collected personal care products for St Ann Place, but Melissa Tyner, Associate Director, who coordinates their volunteers, indicated that the Breakers provides them with 1000's of shampoos, conditioners, soaps and moisturizers on a regular basis. However, they really have a need for laundry detergent and dryer sheets, since they launder the clients' clothes and that expense comes right out of their budget.

If each affiliation can collect these items throughout the year and email me when you have items that need to be picked up, I will see that they get delivered to St Ann Place.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March, 2001, St. Ann Catholic Church in downtown West Palm Beach initiated programs to reach out to its poor neighbors and homeless women and men in the area. It opened the Community Services Office on the church property which included a food pantry, van service, and lunch for those who came for something to eat. Without overnight shelters in the city, a place was needed to meet the needs of these vulnerable people and in 2003, in response to this urgent need, St. Ann Place for homeless clients was relocated to a building at 2107 N. Dixie Highway. The property

had been purchased and renovated by the Diocese of Palm Beach. The new location allowed for the expansion of services to these most vulnerable people by providing shower and laundry services as well as other new programs designed to ease the burdens of living on the street.

Throughout the years St. Ann Place has expanded its services to include breakfast and lunch, a food stamp program, birth certificates and ID for clients, an address to receive mail as well as a Health Advocacy Program. As more and more needs for the homeless are identified, St. Ann Place has expanded their programs to meet these needs. In ten years, St. Ann Place has grown to a full-time professional staff of 5, 2 full-time support staff and 4 part-time employees, and more than 85 active volunteers.

St. Ann Place regularly collaborates with other human service and non-profit agencies throughout Palm Beach County.

They currently offer various programs for their clients which include hygiene, food program, health care advocacy, special assistance, and a job support program.

There are six shower rooms (two are full bathrooms) that are available to clients who are homeless. Regular clients are provided a

container to store personal items for their use at the Center. Clients who come for a shower may leave six pieces of clothing to be laundered. Clean underwear and socks are given out as needed and shirts/pants/ shorts are kept on hand for those who need them.

The food program is available Monday - Friday. Breakfast is served daily from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. Coffee, breakfast pastries, fresh fruit and cereal are served. Lunch is served from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. A take out bag is provided that includes a meat and cheese sandwich, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, crackers/chips and juice drink. Pastries are also provided upon request.

Clients that do not have insurance meet with the Health Care Advocate who interviews them to gather the data needed to assist them in enrolling in Health Care District medical insurance. The Healthcare Advocate works as a case manager and assists clients in scheduling doctor appointments, providing transportation to procedures (as needed), and obtaining prescriptions. Emergency housing is provided for clients requiring short term respite care.

The Special Assistance program assists homeless clients who are in need of a birth certificate to obtain FL Identification. Clients may use St. Ann Place's address to receive mail and there is a phone available for calls. A computer is also provided for internet access. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, staff assists clients to enroll for Food Stamps. Once a month, free haircuts are provided by a group of local hair stylists.

The Job Support program helps homeless clients who have found a job by providing uniforms, work boots, etc. for those who need them, buying the tools a prospective employer may require or pay for licensing fees when needed. The goal of this program is to assist homeless people to get off the street and to support their efforts to make a better life for themselves.

Between now and the Spring General Meeting, I will be sending out more information regarding their food program. Melissa indicated that they could use volunteers to help with this. So stayed tuned for more details.

AND don't forget to please bring your detergents and dryer sheets to the Central Deanery General Meeting on Saturday, October 21.

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Gross

Reflecting on a productive Spring season, Council activities continued into the summer. The 32nd Annual PBDCCW Convention in June, and the Council Enrichment Grant program in August, provided great opportunities for learning, spirituality, and fellowship. The summer concluded for this chair as part of a committee that reviewed and updated the Central Deanery By-Laws.

The last report, “Stargazing”, dealt with diagnosing the members within your council, identifying potential leaders and followers, and mentoring and developing each.

This council year, this chairman will continue to focus on membership, mentoring, and communication. They are all vital components to the development and success of each council affiliation.

It begins with identifying the vision for your council. What are the goals for the year, and how do you want your group to be perceived? We are a ministry involving service on a National level, to our Parish, and our Diocese. At this time of year we renew our commitment to Council, our Church, and each other. Council Sunday weekend is our opportunity to build membership as well as raise the profile of the Council of Catholic Women in the parish. Consider everyone

part of the membership committee. Image is important, project an atmosphere of welcome, compassion, and inclusion.

Communication is vital, develop an ongoing relationship with the Priests and the leaders of the other ministries of the parish. Announce Council events in the weekly bulletin, the church website, and from the pulpit. Phone calls to new members and missing members touches people in a personal way and lets them know they are valued.

We are stewards within our parish community, motivated by the desire to follow the example of our patroness Mary, to lead by serving.

LEGISLATION

Annette Sheehan

After reading, rotating and consolidating all information from all the FCCB E-Updates and Action Alerts for the month of June, August, September and October so far (there was no information forwarded in July), I have tried to come up with a somewhat of a brief report.

There are a few things that the Governor is signing and that legislation is moving on, of which I feel are both interesting and important. The Governor signed into law an FCCB supported measure called the Grieving Families Act which pertains to nonviable birth certificates issued by the Department of Health, for babies lost after the 9th but before the completion of the 20th week of gestational. There are currently certificates of birth available for stillborn children after 20 weeks of gestation age. He

also signed into law the increase in school scholarship amounts for Middle and High School students in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program. This also expands to the Gardiner Scholarship Program for children with special needs.

The following are key issues and points of interest throughout the previous and current newsletters:

The Better Care Reconciliation Act (replacement for Obamacare)

Abortion issues - 24 hr wait period to having an abortion, and the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A bill that makes it unlawful to perform or attempt to perform an abortion if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater. Exceptions for cases of rape or incest, or to save the mother.

Florida Death Penalty continuous urging of the Governor to change the death penalty to life without parole for upcoming court cases.

Movement on the topic of parental choice in education (ie Bishops support of the National School Choice Campaign) as it pertains to Catholic Education.

Migrants and Refugees - Pope Francis' launching of 2 year global campaign at raising awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees.

Governor Scott hosted the Latin American Summit in Miami to discuss the important relationship Florida shares with this region.

Voters registration now available online at RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov. Voting is a right in our country through which we are called to exercise faithful citizenship. The bishops encourage all eligible to register to vote.

Hurricane Irma and Maria were discussed and information on Irma and Maria relief through Catholic Charities, and where to go to help.

A current Action Alert urging congress to support the Resolution Rejecting Assisted Suicide, which states that "the government has a legitimate interest in prohibiting assisted suicide". Assisted suicide endangers everyone, especially those least able to defend against coercion. It puts everyone, including the most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system.

There is always recent news from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at the end of each newsletter.

Events past and future as follows:

Annual Fortnight of Freedom was held June 21 - July 4, 2017 in the Diocese throughout the county to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom.

The 31st Annual Respect Life Conference this weekend, October 20-21, 2017, themed "For the Least of Them" interpreted as we are unique, unrepeatable human beings with inherent dignity, made in God's image. Held at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Weston, Florida.

Information regarding the Catholic Days at the Capital is forthcoming. Registration forms will

be available at the Fall Deanery Meeting and through your affiliation Legislative Chair and/or President.

All of the mentioned information is available in detail in the issues of the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network

E- Updates and the Action Alerts which may come separate or included in the update. You can always have your voice by responding to the action alerts. You may also go direct to the website FLACCB.org. if for some reason you are not receiving them through your affiliation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

Co-Chairs: Patti Amann and Laurie Ulseth, V.P.

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.

Registration brochures will be available on our websites: www.pbdccw.org, www.diocesepb.org/womensconference.

AFFILIATION NEWS

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**Millie Sepko
Vice President**

We began our year with guest speaker, Elena Garcia from Catholic Charities to speak to us about Anti-Human Trafficking. Our October meeting we will have guest speaker, Susan Polo from Catholic Charities Rachel's Vineyard. We have been able to invite our parish to both events.

During the Ministry Fair held for both 1st and 2nd year Confirmation students, we were able to sign-up two and/or three girls to attend our monthly meetings from October thru May. The young girls will serve in hospitality setting up the refreshments that have been provided by the affiliation. The mothers of the teens are invited to stay and attend the meeting. We hope to reach the moms at this time and in the future the young girls when they turn 18.

During our November meeting we will be hearing from Beverly Perham about "Back to Basics" as she collects our donations. The names were passed out during our October meeting. We also plan to begin filling out Christmas cards for various groups such as St. Ann Place, the VA hospital and the Prison Ministry. Our December meeting will be a Potluck Dinner as we celebrate our ministry and the friendships we continue to develop.

We begin January with a guest speaker from St. Ann Place. This will include parish involvement as we collect used clothing for the residents.

We continue to plan for more during 2018.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Susan Rizzolo
President

OLQA's CCW started this year of on Tuesday, September 5 with our Annual Potluck Meeting and Membership Drive. Although Hurricane Irma was looming it didn't dampen our spirits. In fact we had a great turn out. At each place setting we provided a Membership Registration Form, our 2016-2017 CCW Accomplishments, a tri-fold brochure which explains what OLQA CCW is about and included within is a list of our annual meeting dates, an Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer card, and Prayer for Peace for His Holiness Pope Francis. The food was phenomenal and I believe that many of our members could win MasterChef if they applied. In addition to the food, we had a wonderful evening filled with fellowship and spirituality.

At our October meeting, Beverly Perham joined us to present her Back to Basics Angel Program (<http://www.backtobasicsinc.org/>). Our members have participated in the program for the last 20 years. The program will provide over 7,000 needy children, who would otherwise get nothing, with the basic necessities of sneakers, socks, underwear and a gift this year for Christmas.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for November 9-12, and we will support our parish by volunteering in a variety of ways from baking items to sell, to manning food and ticket booths.

CCW volunteers continue to operate on a daily basis the Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Gift Shop. Our members are responsible for ordering, stocking, and sales, which resulted last year in a profit of over \$11,000 given directly to the church.

May God continue to bless our endeavors and hear our prayers.

**See how beautifully God has added one
more day in your life?**

**Not necessarily because you need it
but because someone else might need "you."**

St. Clare

**Bobbye Dickerson
President**

**Our CCW Theme for this year: We
Are One Body!**

Our Council Members at St. Clare Parish were so very happy to host the Fall Central Deanery Board Meeting this past September 23. This wonderful time was actually the beginning of the new year for us. Our Annual "Pot Luck Supper" and Memorial Mass were unfortunately cancelled because Hurricane Irma had other plans for our members that week. They have been rescheduled for our January meeting in 2018. We were saddened by the cancellation but were happy and glad that God had blessed us with minimal damage and upheaval to our lives and schedules. Onward and upward we proceeded. The Fall Central Deanery Meeting Saturday was upon us. Our Board members and project committees were so excited to get back to the tasks at hand. That meeting brought our gals back into the swing of the new year.

As "One Body" we plan to enrich our Spirituality growth by sponsoring a Traveling Chalice Vocation Prayer Basket. The basket is filled with Vocation prayer booklets, prayer cards, candles, liturgical colored cloths and doilies for beautiful display. The basket will travel throughout the St. Clare Parish School, class by class in hopes of promoting prayer for our

Bishop, Priests, Brothers and Sisters who labor in the Palm Beach Diocesan "Vineyard". The students will likewise, be praying for an increase in priestly vocations. Our Religion Instructor is very enthusiastic about the Vocation project. We hope to circulate this prayer project with our parish families as well. We are very excited about this idea concerning Spirituality growth in our affiliation.

At the end of September, St. Clare Catholic School (SCCS) welcomed our membership assistance with their annual Spaghetti Dinner. What better idea than to have CCW ladies bring desserts. That's just what we did to make that night prosperous and fun for all participants.

Now that it's October once again, it's Council Recognition Month. St. Clare CCW members are busily promoting our organization and our Mission of prayer, service and leadership. Being a first-time President, I am praying more and more each day—for our council sisters and for the strength of our membership and service projects for the next two years. I am enjoying my deeper pray life because of my membership in CCW.

With my guardian angel at my side and the Holy Spirit whispering in my ear each day, I am sure that we will have nothing but positive growth and happy and successful experiences to come.

St. Clare's Famous Flea Market will be taking place on March 15, 2018. Hopefully,

we will be joining forces with SCCS for a cooperative Sale benefiting both parish organizations immensely and establishing a tight working relationship.

In the meantime, CCW is sponsoring "The Candlelight Living Rosary" in honor of our Lady of Fatima this October 10. All parishioners, school families and religious education students are invited to participate in this beautiful devotion.

We will dedicate this Rosary Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima this year in honor of the Centennial Celebration of her Apparitions to the Shepherd Children in 1917. Our very first meeting will take place following this Ceremony.

Council Weekend is planned for the 21st and 22nd of October. The Membership committee plans to have representative speakers at each Mass motivating awareness of the Council. In addition, the Message Board in Church has been decorated featuring our CCW work and activities. Board members and council ladies will be available at each Mass to introduce potential members to our Council, its work and activities. Holy Cards and Fliers shall be available for each interested parish woman. Please, Holy Spirit, we pray, bless us with new members this year. Maybe YOU can whisper in some other ears (as well as mine) and call the women of St. Clare Parish to become members.

CCW will be looking forward to viewing and participating in the SCCS "Trunk or Treat" fun activity on the last Friday of October. Get those cars, vans and trucks ready for great St. Clare family spirit. Sport a costume and have fun frolicking with "our Kids".

November will bring our membership together on the All Saints Holy Day. The members will be attending Mass together and then proceed to a general meeting. In honor of Thanksgiving, each member will donate to our Food Bank. There will be a Spiritual Guest Speaker for that evening. November should see us busy with a Bunco Game Day and sharing fun introducing our parishioners to Monk's Bread.

And not to forget, November 2, Remembrance Day! The gals will be joining our sisterhood at the Seminary for the Memorial Service and Mass with the Seminarians.

December brings its love with participation in the Angel Tree Project for Advent. "Back to Basics" is another one of our favorite service projects for this month sharing smiles and generosity during the Advent/Christmas season.

"Take a Sister to Lunch" is a most anticipated occasion. We look forward to enjoying a delicious luncheon prepared by the famous and well-known Chef of our Diocese, Fr. Clem. Time shared with some of the Sisters who work so hard sharing their talents and love is most appreciated. No

matter what the weather or the menu, it is a day filled with shared love, delight and appreciation.

The following day, we all enjoy our Annual CCW Christmas Dinner. In fact, this year, our committee is well into planning the lovely evening and almost finished except for the creation of table pieces. This party is well loved. It is a special time that allows us to celebrate our Priests, Deacons and Parish Office Staff by honoring their presence at Dinner as our gift of appreciation to each of them.

In between all of the Parish Affairs, some of our members will be attending Central Deanery meetings, sharing love and prayers with those in need of assistance, sharing rides, lecturing at Mass, volunteering out in the community, bringing the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass, participating in "The 40 Days for Life Prayer Devotional for the Unborn", assisting the K of C membership along with so many other activities distinctive to CCW members of leadership and spirituality and service.

1. We thank the Good Lord for all our blessings of charity, love and generosity.

2. We thank God, for the ability to share our talents with others.

3. We thank Jesus, for the

strength to sacrifice for the good or others.

4. We thank the Blessed Mother for leading us to her Divine Son through her own heart. May She guide us always as members of CCW.

And I thank the Blessed Trinity with all of my heart, for wonderfully supportive Board members, Committee Chairs, and the fruitful and productive membership of the St. Clare Council of Catholic Women.

I thank you all, as well, for welcoming me into this beautiful sisterhood. It will be a pleasure to continue sharing time and ideas during the coming year.

Bobbye Dickerson, President

May all our Council members enjoy a happy and prosperous Autumn Time and Christmas Season, 2017. We look forward to a successful future and a beautiful relationship with all of the affiliations of the PBDCCW.

Blessings and Love to all!



ST. JULIANA
Carole Brooks, President

Millie and JoAnne D'Angelo, co-chairs, have planned our Annual Memorial Mass honoring our deceased sisters. Mass will be celebrated by Father Ducasse with family members of recently deceased sisters participating in the ceremony. After Mass a reception will take place at the Lake Worth Golf Club. We look forward to this beautiful and moving annual event.

In November St. Juliana parishioners will be selecting names from our "Angel Tree." Our parishioners have been very supportive and generous through the years in providing gifts for those children who otherwise would not have Christmas. This project is anticipated by many as they know their gift will bring a smile and much joy to a little boy or girl at Christmas time.

We are looking forward to December 17th as we share our homemade baked goods at our Christmas Bake Sale & White Elephant Sale. We will be visited by Santa where the children enjoy "Selfies with Santa" again this year.

ST. PATRICK
Janet Richards, President

As of the writing of this report, we are still closed at the church but am hopeful the damage control of Hurricane Irma is minimal and our lovely church was spared. We have cancelled our kick off meeting and will try to reschedule it next week. I am anxious to report on the Council of Catholic Women National Convention.

This year, we have a great cookbook ready for release. Our cookbook committee has been working diligently all summer typing, editing and consolidating the finishing touches on all 350+ recipes submitted. We are also the first client to hold a luncheon fashion show at the Wyndham Harbourside Resort in Jupiter, Friday, April 6, 2018 right after Easter. Chico's at Harbourside will be the exclusive women's shop at the show. There will be a runway to show off their 2018 Spring collection and parking is discounted for the affair. Pre-sale tickets will be \$55.00 and will go on sale before Christmas.

I am personally anxious to implement at our prayer services, The National Council of Catholic Women rosary meditation on the **Dignity of Women** which is a wonderful piece of work and was unveiled at the convention. The document has many references to papal encyclicals. It is deep, meaningful and touches all women with The Truth and teachings of Jesus Christ in these days of "Fake News."

Our board is currently surviving without a Spirituality chair and am praying someone will volunteer soon! Our Vice-President chair has been filled or shall I say "refilled" by our former Vice President, Mary Martire, who has now rescinded her resignation. We are so pleased to have her back on board!

Lastly, I am going to "push" along side my powerhouse Leadership chair, Patti Amann, in doubling our membership this year, attracting younger women of the parish in their spirituality of the heart, in their homes and in their ever so busy lives!

ST.THERESA DE LISIEUX

Barbara Salemme, President

We, the affiliation of St. Therese de Lisieux, started our new year in August 2017.

Our Council Sunday was held on September 23 and 24, 2017.

October 6, we had a Membership Open House and had some new members join. October 28 and 29 will find us having our Annual Bake Sale.

November 15 our Angel Tree goes up in the foyer of St. Therese Church. At our meeting on Oct 11, we cut out angels for the tree, and will place children's names, ages, sizes, and gender on these angels. Once the gifts for the children come back wrapped, the gifts will be distributed to the children's schools on December 8.

December 3, we will be having an excursion to Ft. Lauderdale to the Christmas Show.

January 6 and 7 is our Annual Sale of Monk's Bread after all the Masses.

February 10 is our Biggest Fundraising Event. We will be having a Fashion Show on that day which has been appropriately titled "Stepping into Fashion" at the Mayacoo Country Club.

SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY 2018

- 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, D.C.
- 8-9 FCCW Winter Board Meeting
Orlando, FL
- 10 Central Deanery Spring Board Meeting
- 17 PBDCCW Winter Board Meeting
Northern Deanery Hosting/St. Lucie

MARCH 2018

- 10 Central Deanery Spring General Meeting
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
- 10 Northern Deanery Board Meeting
- 17 Southern Deanery Board Meeting

APRIL 2018

- 1 **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 PDCCW Spring Board Meeting
- 18-19 PBDCCW CONVENTION
Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach

JUNE 2018

15 FCCW Summer Board Meeting
Orlando, FL

Good Health Blessing

God fills our cup of life each day
With gifts that make us strong,
He hear the prayer within our hearts
And always rights each wrong.

God fills our cup of life each day
And brings us to His door,
To shine His gift of perfect health
And fill our cups once more.

May the cup of God's blessing
And His presence too,
Bring the gift of good health
To shine on you.

~Patricia Ann Emme ~



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