

Un Veiling *the* News

Of the Palm Beaches Central Deanery

Council of Catholic Women
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Newsflash Save the Dates April 1- 5,2019

A Pilgrimage to EWTV, Irondale, Alabama

A Word from our Leadership Chair, Mary Lou La Comb

It is such a pleasure to be part of and working with Central Deanery and Lena Ghaffari. We just had an extraordinary two day leadership symposium in Palm Beach Gardens. The guest speakers were Kathy Bonner of NCCW trainer and Jean Bazley, FCCW Province director, plus a team of excellent trainers. Much was shared and learned, bonding with our council sisters.

There is an article in the Florida Catholic, August 31 - September 13 issue pertaining to this event. Please go to the NCCW.org website. October is membership month and domestic violence month. You may obtain literature for free. Also, you can send your prayer requests to NCCW which will stay on line for 30 days.

This chairman will work to incorporate national, diocesan and deanery programs into our annual plan of action in a way that meets the specific needs and interest of your parish.

AND HELPFUL HINTS FROM NCCW

5 WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER LISTENER---

THIS WEEK!

Try these 5 simple ways to increase your personal listening skills. Being a good listener is a valuable trait in friendships and family relationships---and also in the workplace and Council. In fact, listening is the #1 skill that a leader needs to cultivate. Start with #1 on Monday, and in just one week you will be amazed at how much more you hear!

1. STOP TALKING

It's not possible to listen and speak at the same time---make an intentional effort to talk less and listen more in every conversation.

2. LOOK AT THE SPEAKER

Look the person speaking in the eye. Keep your own face relaxed and open, but remain in eye contact.

3. LEAN IN

Body language counts! By simply leaning towards the person who is speaking you will make that person aware of your complete attention and give importance to what is being said.

4. REFLECT BACK WHAT YOU HEAR

At natural breaks reflect back (repeat in your own words) what you have heard to be certain that you understand. If necessary, ask for clarification.

5. PONDER WHAT IS SAID

Pondering has a holy connotation; Mary pondered what the angel said to her in her heart. Weigh things, understanding that not all information is "equal." Guard feelings and personal information when shared. Do not judge ideas or jump to

conclusions. Take decisions to prayer.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Susan Rizzolo - President

Our Lady Queen of the Apostle's CCW started this year off in July with our Installation of Officers for the upcoming two years. Susan Rizzolo and Gladys Schoolcraft stayed on as President and Vice President respectively, while two new officers Pat Goetz- Recording Secretary and Irene Garcia – Treasurer joined our team. The Installation occurred during our 9:30 a.m. Mass and we enjoyed a scrumptious brunch afterwards at Pirates Well.

After meeting Tessie O'Dea of Cross Catholic Outreach at the PBDCCW 33rd Annual Convention, OLQA's CCW decided to sponsor Box of Joy as our parish-wide service event. Tessie O' Dea joined us for the launch of Box of Joy at all masses on August 25th and 26th. The parish community of Our Lady Queen of the Apostles has truly embraced this project for which we are extremely grateful.

Our Annual Potluck Meeting and Membership Drive was held On Tuesday, September 4th where we acquired 10 new members. At each place setting we provided a Membership Registration Form, our 2017-2018 CCW

Accomplishments, a tri-fold brochure which explains what OLQA CCW is about, a calendar which lists our annual meeting dates and upcoming events for the year, and an Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer card. The food was phenomenal as always and we had a wonderful evening filled with fellowship and spirituality.

On October 6th, we have a shredding truck coming and have advertised to the parish and local community.

At our October 13th meeting, Beverly Perham will join us to present her Back to Basics Angel Program (<http://www.backtobasicsinc.org/>). Our members have participated in her program for the last 21 years. The program will provide over 7,000 needy children, who would otherwise get nothing, with the basic necessities of sneakers, socks, underwear and gift this year for Christmas.

October 27th we will hold a Bunco party from 2 to 4pm in Festival Hall.

The weekend of November 10th and 11th our CCW will sell baked goods after all masses. Our monthly meeting will be held on November 17th from 2 to 4pm.

On December 1st, we will break bread together for lunch in celebration of Advent at Mayacoo Country Club all are welcome.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles 1st Annual Christmas Village is scheduled for the weekends of December 8th and 9th, and 15th and 16th 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 \$12,000 given directly to the Church.

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

St. Clare

Bobbie Dickerson President

Our Theme this year: **"Come to the Table of the Lord"**

Membership:

Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of our members have renewed their membership as of this date. Our membership applications and trifold Council fliers have been re-designed so as to appeal for additional donations and new members.

Council members began this new year with a Memorial Mass for our deceased sisters in council celebrated by Fr. O'Shea followed by our annual and traditional Pot Luck Supper. The opening meeting followed. The members were enthused with our proposed programs and planned activities. A note of thanks was offered to all who helped with this year's planning. Our Council Membership has decided to focus on quality programming this year, rather than on the usually overwhelming and tedious quantity of the same monthly activities.

We needed to add a breath of fresh air to our programming plans.

Our aim is to interest and entice more of our younger women to become an active part in our Catholic group. We agreed that we have to make a break from some of the old traditions. However, we also believe that by revamping our council year we will be appealing to today's busy woman/mother. By enriching our membership this way, a more prosperous future will be put in place for our Council's benefit.

Sometimes it is best to "give up in order to get!" Levi, the sinner, gave up his prosperous tax enterprise and wealth. Just look at what he received in return!!!! The most beautiful friendship of a lifetime with Jesus as the chosen apostle, St. Matthew. Now that's a get!

Council Chairs:

We are proud to announce our two new Committee Chairpersons for this new year.

- Spirituality: Sheila Quatro
- Legislation: Vinessa Morgan
- Congratulations Ladies for assuming these important places in council membership.

Council Weekend—October 6/7, 2018

1. St. Anne Youth Choir Sacred Concert @ 3:00 PM open to all parishioners and public.
2. Reception following the concert for choir support and thanksgiving.
3. CCW members will speak at each Mass to draw interest in CCW Ministry.

Candlelight Rosary—Traditional Living Rosary—Oct. 9 @ 7:00PM

CCD students, RCIA, SCCS students and all parishioners of St. Clare are invited to this holy devotion in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Projects for the year will include:

- ✓ Non-perishable food drive during November and March
- ✓ Human trafficking-- Bra collection
- ✓ Assisting St. Clare School by providing desserts for Spaghetti Dinner.
- ✓ Back to Basics—Children's Gift Program for Christmas (Angel Tree) for ADVENT
- ✓ Annual Christmas Dinner/ Quilt Raffle December 7, 2018
- ✓ Shred-a-thon in March for parishioners and public
- ✓ Bunco Games—November 11 and February 10 or 17. 2019
- ✓ Various Raffles of religious books/ holy objects
- ✓ Guest speakers—November and February meetings
- ✓ Painting Wine Party --January 2019
- ✓ Welcome Back Faculty Breakfast—January 7.2019
- ✓ Station of the Cross for Children -- March 12, 2019
- ✓ RCIA Reception of Honor—Holy Saturday Vigil Mass, April 20
- ✓ EWTN Blessed Sacrament Shrine Pilgrimage—April 1, 2019

Our hopes for this Year:

- ❖ Finding the joy where faith and friends meet.
- ❖ Living Eucharistically in union with each other.
- ❖ Never feeling afraid, for we are never alone. The Holy Spirit is always right there guiding our way.
- ❖ Learning to expand our comfort zones, to grow in spirituality, leadership and service.
- ❖ Sharing a joyful enthusiasm in every task, challenge and undertaking
- ❖ To Love, Appreciate and Cherish each other
- ❖ To deepen our relationship with Jesus, and his Blessed Mother

- ❖ To encourage everyone to have faith, hope and charity and to pray for the sanctity our clergy and laity alike in this challenging world.

St. Patrick President Mary Martire

While I am not new to CCW, I am serving as the new President. When nominated in the Spring, I was told by many “Oh you can do it, you’re so organized” or “it’s really not so hard and we’ll be there for you”, etc. I thought OK you can do it. As you can imagine, life is never the way you plan, and personal commitments did not allow for any board or formal planning meetings to occur. Panic really set in when at the end of August, I started receiving calls from our Pastor, parish business manager and council sisters, all with various questions and requests. Of course, with God’s help and lots of prayers, I hope to live up to everyone’s expectations.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018, we celebrated Mass and had our first meeting of the year. My agenda was jammed packed with reports from our last meeting (so long ago). Financial budget to be approved, introduction of new board and what council activities the members were interested in for this year. Again, with God and Our Lady’s help, here we go!

Since all the officers are new this year, we attended the Leadership Symposium, the weekend of September 15th and 16th. Lots of information was given to help us lead and mentor the women in our Council.

Our first event is the Annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 6, 2018. This event, which four or five years ago only had about 25 people and pets attend, has now grown to about 100 attendees. This year, Dr. Dack of the Animal Health Clinic, information

regarding adoption services, training and pet well care will be available. While this is not a fund raiser, it does raise awareness of our Council within the parish and gets our youth group to work with us on a project that benefits the community. St. Francis of Assisi bless us!

Council Sunday will be held October 27th and 28th along with our annual bake sale, to be followed by the Angel Tree Program, Take Sister to Lunch and our Christmas Party.

One of our goals this year is to increase awareness in our parish as to what CCW really is all about and increase our membership. We really are trying to get the council sisters to feel that this is their council and only by their participation will they and the council grow. We have a committee looking into various women's organizations in the area who could use our help.

St. Therese

President Barbara Salemmme

This President reports a vibrant year of activities. Along with the usual diocesan events, we have included an OctoberFest and a Beer Raffle on October 13, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

At the October 10 General Meeting, Elena Garcia from Catholic Charities will be our Guest Speaker.

On October 20 there will be a walk with the Alzheimer's Association at the Meyer Amphitheater. Our Council Sisters will be having a Halloween Bake Sale on October 27 - 28 as one of our fundraisers. The next bake sale will take place on February 2 and 3 for Super Bowl Sunday. Our last fundraiser will be a Mother's Day Flower Sale. The year ends with our famous Cinco de Mayo festival after the 4:30 mass. We all look forward in participating in The Remembrance Tree, Take a Sister to Lunch, Hugs for the Homeless, Seminarian Luncheon, and the Marian Festival.

St. Jude, Tequesta

President Eileen Sheehan

This president reports many speakers at our meetings this year: Aldo Beltrano, Esq. and parishioner will speak on Elder Care, Dr. Nancy Taft will give an in depth look into the Comprehensive Breast Care program at Jupiter Medical Center, Esmeralda Lyn, PhD & Professor Emerita of Finance at Hofstra University will give a talk on Faith Based Investing, and Dr. Gonzalo Loveday, Medical Director of Mt. Sinai Heart New York at Jupiter Medical Center will also be a guest speaker. Informative reports will be given to our membership on diocesan events such as the Back to Basics program and the Box of Joy project. The biggest fundraiser of the year will be our spectacular fashion show at Admiral's Cove on February 16th. A smaller fundraiser will be Money Hat chances, Bakeless Bake Sale and Treasure Table. On the spiritual side, we will have a mass preceding all monthly meetings as well as a Day of Reflection for all members on March 13th.

St. Rita

President Alice Downs

We are kicking off our new council year with our beloved Bunko September 29th. Our social calendar will follow with a 50's/60's dance party on October 6th. Our Council Sunday membership drive will be sometime in October but we have not got it on the church calendar yet. The big fall project will be held in November just in time to clear out all the closets for a fabulous garage sale on the 10th. We realized much manpower will be required for this event and we will joyfully reciprocate with a Breakfast with Santa after all masses December 2nd and a CCW Christmas party with dinner and dancing on the 13th.



St. Mary Council of Catholic Women

Frانيا Larios President

Welcome to St Mary of Pahokee. Our CCW is off to great a start with our weekly English classes. These classes are provided for free to our migrant community. It has been very well received by the parish. We also have our food sales every second Sunday of the month after mass. Many parishioners look forward to our cooking. It is also one of our most profitable activities. Arts & Crafts will resume in the upcoming weeks. Our CCW has contributed to the parish financially and through service. Our Pastor, Fr. Raul always involves us in parish activities and relies on our support. We are grateful for him and the parishioners. We are still trying to recruit members. There are many new families in Pahokee since the sugar cane season started; we pray that our outreach inspires them to join ccw. My team and I, are very excited for the upcoming year, again, Welcome to Pahokee, a small migrant, agricultural community.

