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Central Deanery News

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President's Report

Paula Barto

Central Deanery President

It is with a grateful heart that I submit this final report for my term as Central Deanery President. When I first received the call to serve in this position, I was filled with trepidation. I had never even considered the possibility of being nominated for Deanery President. I was just finishing up as president of St. Patrick affiliation, and we had no promising prospects to fill my shoes. A part of me felt that if I moved up, I would be deserting my CCW home. I was told that by moving on, I would be allowing others to move up as well. It was very good advice. Things worked out when I let go and followed my path. We never really know what God has in store for us, but if we are not open and willing, we will not find out. God's plan is always better than what we "think" is best for us.

During the past 2 years, I have been blest to work with a wonderful group of women from all over our deanery. I did my best to fill my board positions with at least one person from each affiliation, to be able to get to the heartbeat of our group as a whole. I tried to get to know all of my presidents and their needs without

interfering in their business. I hope that I succeeded for the most part. This process has been educational, eye-opening and inspirational. I have learned so much from so many of you.

I want to extend my thanks for all of the assistance, guidance and cooperation you have given me over the past 2 years. The support that you have contributed to the growth of the whole was admirable and greatly appreciated. Every one of you have made a difference. My term among you has greatly enriched my life and I am very grateful to all of you for giving me this experience. I know that what I have learned will benefit me in many ways in the future. It has given me a feeling of being part of a much bigger picture, and you made that happen.

I encourage you to be open to expanding with new duties and adventures, and to encourage others in your CCW affiliations to do so as well. Try not to get stagnant by keeping the same position year after year, or worse still, never bothering to get involved at all. There is so much richness to be experienced if you are willing to take a chance.

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A new day is like a new Painting,
Draw lines with Prayers,
Erase Mistakes with Forgiveness,
Dip the brush with lots of Patience and
Color it with love and Respect.

**CENTRAL DEANERY COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN
FALL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Cynthia Gross

Recording Secretary

St. Rita Parish

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Call to Order: President, Paula Barto, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

Opening Prayer: Elizabeth Thiemann gave the opening prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lena Ghaffari.

Welcome Members & Guests: Paula Barto welcomed all the members and guests to the meeting.

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

Minutes: The minutes from the Spring General Meeting dated March 4, 2017, was presented to the members. There was a motion to approve the minutes made by Susan Rizzolo. It was seconded by Nancy Gross.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ellen Pierangelino presented the July 1, 2017 to October 20, 2017 Treasurer's Report for the Fall General Meeting. The report was filed for audit.

Called for Unpaid Bills: There were no outstanding bills.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Paula Barto, President. The position for Corresponding Secretary remains open. Paula gave a report on how natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, etc., puts fear into people and how through faith we can all overcome these emotions. She also mentioned

the cards that were sent out to members including Fr. Mark Mlay. The rest of her report is on file.

Spirituality: Elizabeth Thiemann, thanked everyone from St. Rita's Church for doing a wonderful job with the Mass.

Service: Marci Stephens requested that the affiliations of Central Deanery take on St. Ann's Place in West Palm Beach for this year's service project. We will not be doing the crochet mats for the homeless.

Leadership: Nancy Gross discussed the importance of identifying and mentoring potential leaders within our membership and taking advantage of the resources available to us, for example using the PBDCCW website.

Legislation: Paula Barto spoke on Annette Sheehan's behalf. Annette's report is on file.

REPORT OF STANDING

COMMITTEES:

Special Committee Reports and Announcements:

Mentor Awards: Lena Ghaffari advised that she is working on the Nomination form which should be emailed to members by the end of November.

PBD Leadership Symposium: Lena Ghaffari - thanked everyone who attended the Leadership Training . Linda Clark was featured in the Florida Catholic Magazine.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will consist of:

Jean McKeen
Elizabeth Thiemann
Janice Downs

If you would like to nominate yourself or know of someone for VP, Secretary

or Treasurer, please contact Jean McKeen. The new slate will be presented at the Spring Board Meeting.

Remembrance Tree: Will be held on November 2, 2017. It will start at 11:30 AM, followed by a Mass at 12 PM and the burial of the new scroll. All checks should be mailed to: Joanne Springer, 1608 N. "M" Street, Lake Worth, FL 33460. The deadline for checks to be received is October 25, 2017.

Take a Sister to Lunch: This event will be held on December 2, 2017, at St. Matthews Church. Roxy LeChance and Rita Gilchrist are the co-chairs.

Inspirations Fashion Show: To be held on January 27, 2018, at the Legacy Golf and Country Club, 11 AM-2 PM. All ads are due by January 5, 2018, to Doreen Recco. Complete packets are online. Registrations are due by January 15, 2018. All raffle baskets must be given to Lena Ghaffari by January 20, 2018. They are looking for Council sisters to be models.

Women of Faith: Patti Amann and Laurie Ulseth are Co-Chairs. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church on April 14, 2018. The speaker will be Judy Hehr. There will be a continental breakfast and a box lunch served in the Family Life Center. The opportunity for confession will be available upstairs in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$30 per person. The charge is \$15 for all students and religious. Fliers were distributed.

PBD Scholarship Award: Information and application can be obtained on the PBDCCW website.

Convention: To be held on May 18-19, 2018, at the Airport Hilton Hotel, WPB.

The theme of the convention will be "Hearts Rooted In Kindness". In the evening, there will

be a Masquerade Ball. Duties from Central Deanery include: Lena Ghaffari in charge of convention bags, Bobbi Dickerson and Angie Taylor will handle the banners and vendor space, and Susan Rizzolo is in charge of collecting ads and compiling the booklet/program guide.

Unfinished Business: Seminarian Luncheon Volunteers – Paula mentioned that volunteers are still needed from St. Jude, St. Patrick, St. Rita, St. Juliana, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Clare (one person needed from each).

Majestic Cruise: All money must be turned in today to Nancy Gross for the drawing today.

“White Elephant” Donations: All donations must be turned in to Janice Downs for the drawing today.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Inspirations Fashion Show and Luncheon – 1/27/2018

--Baskets of \$100 or more value turned into Lena by 1/20/2018

--If you are interested in being a model using Cato clothing, contact Doreen Recco @ 1-772-528-3991.

Catholic Days at the Capitol – 1/30-02/01
Central Deanery Spring Board Meeting

–2/10/2018 – Holy Name

Central Deanery Spring General Meeting
and Installation of New Officers –

3/10/2018 at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Women of Faith/Women of Action –

4/14/2018 – St. Patrick Church

Seminarian Luncheon – 5/14/2018

PBDCCW Convention 2018 – May 18-19

OLOGC Club – All year cost is \$50.00 per number chosen. Drawn each month.

PBDCCW Website will list the winners.

PRESENTATION:

There was a slide presentation from two representatives from St. Ann’s Place. They are in need of laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and travel sized toiletries, which we will be collecting.

MASS: Mass was held at 11:00 AM at St. Rita’s Church.

LUNCH: At approx. 12:30 PM, we enjoyed a buffet luncheon at the Mayacco Lakes Country Club. This was followed by a “White Elephant” Raffle drawing and Majestic Cruise drawing.

CLOSING PRAYER: Paula Barto led us in our closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approx. 2:15 PM.

TREASURER

Mary Ellen Pierangelino

***T**reasurers Report will be presented and discussed at the meeting today.*

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
REPORT**

CENTRAL DEANERY BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 10TH

- *Father Mark Mlay....get well card
- *Caroline Lucas....best wishes, moving
- *Elizabeth Gestacion....Thank you for speaking
- *St. Clare CCW...Thank you for hosting CD Board Mtg.
- *Ann Kopp....sick son....letter of support
- *Elizabeth Theimann....Father in Hospital and passed away
- *Myrna Wong....sympathy card mother passed away
- *Betty McKinley...Husband passed away
- Bobby Dickerson – car accident
- Lena Ghaffari – Bee Sting – Very sick after Capital Days
- Marci Stephens....medical issues (found out after)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

SPIRITUALITY

Elizabeth Thiemann

Father Mark, Madame President and Council Sisters, I have a quick question for all of you. How are you doing with all this years resolutions? Are they tough to keep? Did you set any?

Here's an easy, not too late in the year to start idea. Read a part of the Gospels every day. Currently we are hearing the Gospel of Mark at Mass. Picture yourself in the story and ask God to help you listen as He speaks.

Mass plans for today have gone well. As we pray together give thanks to our Lord for his love and guidance as we go forward.

It has been my pleasure working these past 2 years with this board, especially our beloved Madame President, Paula.



LEADERSHIP

Nancy Gross

This council chairman has promoted building membership, mentoring, and communication. Creating a strong foundation for your council with these elements is the key to building a strong affiliation.

Following the winter, the spring is a season of hope, rebirth, and renewal. We look inward during Lent, and look forward to Easter, the ultimate renewal. We may follow this cycle by taking stock of our council activities, and look to areas that can use improvement and renewal.

Membership – promote council activities all year that will raise the profile of the CCW within the parish. Connect with other parish ministries, and perhaps sponsor a joint project. Have activities that are open to all parishioners, i.e., fashion shows, bake sales, Bingo or Bunco, golf outings. Enlist participation in our service projects, i.e., Hugs for the Homeless, food

pantry donations, clothing drives, etc.

Advertise activities under the CCW banner in the parish bulletin, and have pulpit announcements made at all Masses. Consider every event an opportunity to attract members.

Mentoring – this is central to good leadership. It makes the difference between a rising star and a falling star (remember this from Stargazing) last year? Mentoring empowers members and allows them to develop their talents and gifts. It helps them understand the structure of council, and their role within it. It encourages and builds friendship. Try to match the member with a mentor with whom a comfortable relationship has occurred. Remember the future success of your council rests with the development of future leaders.

Communication – building a strong relationship among council members is the key to maintaining a strong council. As a leader, don't be afraid to share some personal information, both successes and failures. Listen, and encourage others to do the same.

A social hour after meetings is a good place to start. This allows members to get to know you and each other on another, more personal level and bond.

Problem solving, and disagreements, for there will be some, may be easier to resolve in a positive spiritual way, when members feel united and connected in a common goal. (Even the apostles argued among themselves but never lost sight of their mission).

Personal phone calls to members absent from several meetings may uncover issues you were not aware of, or perhaps a personal problem or illness. It lets that person know they are valued and missed, and also that support is available through her council sisters.

A simple phone call may also serve to reclaim past members who have become disengaged.

Lastly, we all know that what we do is for our beloved Catholic Church, and for the glory of God. We all need to feel

appreciated and valued as individuals, so please remember to thank all members for their suggestions and participation in council activities. We are sisters in God`s service. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Leadership Chairman. Blessings always.

LEGISLATION Annette Sheehan

On November 30, 2018, events to recognize International Day of Cities for Life/Cities against the Death Penalty were held at various locations in our Florida dioceses. “More information can be found in the Culture of Life Series brochure “A Catholic Response to Florida’s Death Penalty” also available in Spanish.

Updates on recent Action Alerts:

December 14th Action Alert to urge congress to support solutions for DACA recipients.

Update: The Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee passed a measure urging Congress to preserve DACA (Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals).

January 9th Action Alert to urge support for Pregnancy Support and Wellness Centers.

Update: The HB41 bill passed the full House of Representatives on January 12th, and the SB444 passed the final committee in the Senate on

January 19th. On Thursday, February 8th Senate vote to codify the FPSSP in Florida Statutes. The bill next goes to Governor Scott for his signature.

The Constitutional Revision Council (CRC) committees, which convenes once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and proposes changes for voter registration, took the following action on proposals supported by the FCCB:

*Constitutional Privacy rights. Which was rejected.

*Religious Freedom. This proposal was passed by its final committee of reference, the CRC Education Committee, on Friday, January 26th. It will go next to the full commission for consideration.

*Florida's use of the Death Penalty. An FCCB-supported proposal was approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee on Tuesday, February 6th. The Florida Supreme Court has held the ruling to be only partially retroactive. Only cases that were finalized after June 24, 2002 and had non-unanimous juries are eligible for re-sentencing.

SB870 (Bracy) states that applying retroactively to the earlier cases will provide a more just and final resolution. The FCCB has supported the unanimous jury selection but they urge the end of the death penalty in the state.

The FCCB staff participated in a press conference on December 5, 2017 in support of a juvenile justice proposal which modifies the process by which juveniles are transferred to the adult criminal justice system. Both the House and the Senate with the support of the FCCB staff are proposing and revising the original formats for this jurisdiction and are moving forward to improve criteria.

The 2018 Regular Session of the Florida legislation began January 9, 2018. It is expected to run 60 days and conclude March 9, 2018. Highlights are as follows: Governor Rick Scott gave his traditional State of the State Address. In it he covered the following topics: the economy, Florida's low unemployment rate, Hurricane Irma (commending Floridians and first responders, his goal was that Florida be the most welcoming place for all people displaced by the storm), issues of sexual harassment, the opioid epidemic, and the role the state plays globally. He concluded by asking the office holders present to "fight together" to secure Florida's future.

The FCCB released its 2018 Public Priorities. These fall under the advocacy area of life, health, education, family and social concerns. Available in printed format.

The Bishops released their annual statement on January 22nd, marking the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. "We renew the call to stand

together in solidarity to protect the unborn child, and the child's vulnerable parents, and address the social concerns that put them at risk."

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated January 28 - February 3, 2018. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed, focuses on the important spiritual, academic and social contributions provided by a Catholic Education

"Catholic Days at the Capital" took place January 30-31, 2018. Participants called on lawmakers to protect Human Life and Dignity, engaging the issues of Pregnancy Support Services, the McKay Scholarship Program allowing newly disabled students to remain in their private schools without having to establish in a public school for a period of time, and lastly the Death Penalty Repeal.

Various bills regarding predatory payday lending practices which take advantage of vulnerable consumers were both supported and opposed by the FCCB. An amendment by the Senate supported by the FCCB was voted down as it would have capped these loans at 30% APR.

The Dual Enrollment Access Bill passed The Senate Education Committee on January 22nd, allowing students in private high schools to participate in a dual college enrollment program that has already been

available to public school students, allowing higher education credits at no cost to the students or the school the students attend. The FCCB expresses their support.

February 7 - 14, 2018 marked the annual celebration of National Marriage Week USA. World Marriage Day was on February 11th. Both of these are opportunities "to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and family." In conjunction with the start of National Marriage Week USA, a new mobile responsive ForYourMarriage.org website was launched on February 7, 2018.

The site offers numerous resources on the meaning and beauty of marriage in God's plan and provides support of couples at every stage of their journey. Other websites hosted by the USCCB and dedicated to promoting marriage include PorTuMatrimonio.org and MarriageUniqueForAReason.org.

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"Introducing Action Alerts by text message!! You can be notified immediately when the FCCB sends an action alert to the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network by signing up for text messages. Just text FLCAN to 50457 now!!

AFFILIATION NEWS

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Susan Rizzolo

President

OLQA's CCW continues to grow strong. For our January meeting, we invited the women of our parish to join us for a presentation by St. Ann Place. James Pescosolido and Melissa Tyner presented a video highlighting the services that St. Ann Place offers to the homeless and those in need. They spoke about their humble beginnings, the demographic they serve, and what they offer such as food services, daily showers, laundry services, and clothing distribution to those who seek their aid. They explained that because of a lack of a permanent address many cannot secure vital benefits and how they provide mail services for them. They indicated they are always in need of casual clothing and gratefully accept any hygiene, laundry, and of course financial contributions.

For our February meeting, we sponsored an indoor Stations of the Cross, presented by Father Andy. Following the Stations of the Cross we conducted our regular meeting. During Lent our parish has a Friday Fish Fry from 5 to 7 pm. Be sure to check us out for some of the best Clam chowder, fish (baked or fried) and shrimp that you will find in Palm Beach County.

At our March meeting, Elena Garcia from the Diocese of Palm Beach Catholic Relief Services will speak to us about the Anti Human Trafficking program. We have 20 members that will join us for the Central Deanery Spring General Meeting and Installation Ceremony.

April will bring our election of new officers.

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

Bobbye Dickerson

President

Since the time of our last meeting, St. Clare Council Members have been extremely busy and involved doing the work of our Lord.

In December, we took part in the annual charity project—Back to Basics. We collected gifts for over 600 needy children in our neighboring areas. Our Giving Tree project was a huge success and accolades go to the very kind and generous members of our CCW organizers and our parish donators.

On the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception, we met for the 5:30 Mass. Then it was off to one of our favorite local spots—Hobo's, for our Annual Christmas Dinner. The Parish clergy members, their families and the Staff and family are invited as guests to this event. It's so wonderful getting to relax and enjoy their company at this dinner. The committee members, (I call them Our Christmas Angels) did a great job decorating, arranging the seating, table arrangements and door prizes that are raffled off each year. During this celebration, we chose the winner of our Christmas Quilt that was so generously donated to our CCW from a long-time talented friend. This is a most successful fund raiser for St. Clare.

Thinking back, I almost forgot to mention the Fall Bunco Game Day back in November. Our chicken salad croissants luncheon and snacks were a big hit with the gamers. Great food, wonderful prizes and happy fun made this afternoon project a grand success. Our Bunco gals have fun with this project and are applauded for their superb efforts.

January came very quickly. Celebrating the new year with a Welcome Back Breakfast for SCCS

faculty and staff members took place on Monday, 1.8.18. The cooking and kitchen talents brought smiles and appreciation from all who attended this annual CCW hosted event. Our theme was "Up, Up and Away." Yellow smiley face balloons filled the hall. Little teacher baskets served as table centerpieces that were given away as a prize. And, of course, we celebrated with yellow and blue, our school colors. Part of this year's plan is to expand our assistance, support and cooperation with our own wonderful Parish School.

At the start of the Advent season, Our CCW presented the school with a Vocation Prayer Basket filled with prayer books, holy cards, candles and a chalice. Our Religion instructor at the school took on the task of involving students to take part in praying for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life in our PBD. The basket was to pass from class to class throughout the academic year. A report is forth coming.

The General January Meeting was our time to hold our Memorial Mass and "Pot-Luck Supper". This event had to be rescheduled from September and is always anticipated with delight. And, that it was, just delightful, despite the

loss of one our dearest members, Ange Bertolini. The evening was dedicated to all of our deceased sisters, and most especially, Ange.

February came along. The theme of this month's general meeting was:

What is Human Trafficking? How can we identify this evil? How can we help the victims?

Elena Garcia Ministry Director from the Catholic Charities of DPB. Presented us with unbelievable facts about this sin. She shared statistics and numbers for the National Human Trafficking hotline---888-373-7888 and the PB county Hotline

561-598-9848. It was a most informative evening. We made donations of toiletries and personal articles to help the victims heal.

Our closing prayer that evening was dedicated to St. Josephine Bakhita and led by Elena. Such an uplifting and informative night. Thanks for sharing with us, Elena.

Looking ahead...

St. Clare Spring Flea Market to be held on Saturday, March 10. It's the big hit!

We are providing a Shredding Truck as an added attraction. We will also

be having some antiques and valuables for sale on E-bay.

CCW members will host a reception for all new members of the Catholic Church sponsored by St. Clare Parish after the Vigil Mass. It was a most appreciated event last year and will be supportive our the RCIA Ministry and Deacon Wayne again this Holy Saturday. Committee is in formation.

Our Spring Bunco is underway. Tomorrow is the Big Day. Theme is Love, colors are red and white, I wonder why? Prizes are ready. Menu is planned. The same Fall Bunco Committee gals decided to host the Spring Event this time again. So, this well- experienced group of gals has the everything under control. Luncheon of soup and salad will be available and it promises to be well attended, seeing that so many visitors are in South FL for the season. I am assured of its success as a spring fundraiser.

St. Clare enjoyed a spectacular day at Inspiration Fashion Show. We even hit a few prizes as well. A big shout out to the Fashion Divas. It was such a memorable time for all.

That's about it for now.

ST. JUDE

Mary Lou La Comb
Representative

We have 109 members down 28 from prior year, in St Jude C.C.W. including 12 new members and 9 life time members (women over 90 years of age who are exempt from paying dues).

Attendance at the general meetings falls between the high twenty's to the low 40's. Our two special luncheons, which are held outside the parish have high attendance. Christmas which is for the induction of new members and the Spring luncheon which is for the installation of new officers.

We have board meetings the first Wednesday of every month and our general meetings are the third Wednesday of every month. Mass is preceded at general meeting and they are held in daytime hours. Some of meetings have special programs.

Vacancies currently on the board are historian and leadership. We have a yearly day of reflection in the spring.

We do have fund raisers:

1. November. BOX OF JOY
2. December Back to basics.
3. BAKELESS BAKE SALE AND

TREASURE TABLE

4. SIP AND SAVOUR TASTING

--which is wine and brew tasting to benefit St. Judes college bound scholarship program for graduating parish seniors.

We use our flock notes as a form of communication. Our president is Eileen Sheehan. We support deanery functions.....

ST. JULIANA
Carole Brooks
President

St. Juliana CCW held a Memorial Mass to honor our deceased members followed by a reception at the Lake Worth Beach Club. We were blessed to share this beautiful Mass and luncheon with many family members of our deceased sisters. JoAnne and Millie D'Angelo were co-chairs of this annual Mass and did a wonderful job!

In December, many of our ladies helped with the Christmas Angel Tree Program making sure all 200 name tags were taken and gifts returned to help brighten each child's Christmas Day!

We held our annual Christmas Bake Sale, with our Crafts and White Elephant Sale, on December 19th. Due to the generosity of a donor who gave us a large amount of beautifully decorated Christmas wreaths and decorations to sell, it turned out to be one of our most successful sales ever. All our CCW members went out of their way to make sure

we had tons of delicious baked goods to offer as well as lots of crafts and gently used items to fill our tables. Santa showed up with candy canes and posed with the children for “selfie” pictures.

Thanks to all those who helped make the day a great success. Many hands lighten the load. . . . God Bless!

*St. Mary Council of Catholic
Women*

Lena Ghaffari
President

Beautiful time of year, a time for reflection thanks to God! Let us remember to be kind to everyone our paths cross and remember the prayer of St. Francis.

We have the following event schedule:

International food fundraiser in March

May 5th Saturday Harvest and Cinco de Mayo Festival

We are continuing with our English classes with the two instructors and this has been very successful.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of St. Mary. My heart will always be filled with joy and love for St. Mary.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Healthy Easter.

**St. Patrick
Janet Richards
President**

The end of the year is in sight and our plate is full. Our ongoing cookbook sales has been a huge success with over three fourths of the books sold. It took many hours and great team spirit to accomplish this. CCW can be proud of their council sisters!

Our Christmas Party was held at Brio’s and was not our usual country club setting. With so much going on, the girls relaxed and we honored our very first CCW President, Lonnie Martens.

This year, we are holding a Bunco party at the end of January, followed by a Mentor/Mentee program in February run by our Leadership Chair. We are sending four of our CCW council sisters to Capitol Days this year . . an all time record!

Our annual Irish Soda Bake sale will be ready in March as well as preparing for our fabulous Fashion Show at Jupiter Harbourside Wyndham Grand hotel. We are expecting ticket sales to sell out quickly.

After attending convention in Dallas with much emphasis on Domestic

Violence, we are starting a bathroom project to alert young ladies in trouble how to get help. Let's catch these perpetrators!

Our membership is increasing, our speakers have been interesting and we are on a roll!

St. Therese de Lisieux

Barbara Salemm
President

February 10 - Fashion Show

February 24 - 25 - Hugs for the Homeless

March 10 - Installation of Officers to Central Deanery

Council of Catholic Women
Elizabeth Gesacion - Vice

President Claire Peterson -
Recording Secretary

March 24 - 25 - Easter Bake Sale

April 11 - Election of St. Therese Officers for 2018 - 2019

April 14 - Women of Faith Women of Action

May 9 - End of Year Wine and Cheese

May 12 - 13 Mother's Day Flowers

May 14 - Seminarian Luncheon
St. Matthew

May 18-19 Convention @ Hilton
Airport Marriott

PAST EVENT REPORTS

TAKE A SISTER TO LUNCH
December 7, 2017 Final Report
Roxy LaChance

This wonderful event took place at St. Matthews December 2, 2017. 118 Council Sisters registered for the luncheon and 31 Sisters of Christ. Total Count was 106 Council Sisters and 26 Sister of Christ totaling 132.

Linda Reeves, editor of Florida Catholic, was invited personally but was unable to attend. Terry Gubitosi from St. Matthews took pictures along with Peggy Fallon from St. Christopher.

Father Clem prepared a scrumptious meal topped off with his delicious cookies. The Northern Deanery ladies assisted him with serving and cleaning. Father Clem had the room set up Friday with the help of Gloria Salzarulo, Rita Gilchrist and Roxy LaChance.

The children's choir from St. Matthews under the capable direction of Debbie Whitlock provided the wonderful entertainment singing everyone's favorite Christmas carols.

Two Jubilarian nominees were present to receive a special certificate honoring them for 50 and 65 years of service. They also were presented with a Christmas plant and a gift bag of goodies with a \$25 gift card. Every Sister was asked to come forward and choose a goodie bag.

22 Tables were set up. We should have assigned table numbers for the Sisters which would have helped ease confusion. Perhaps next year a special table can be assigned for the ladies assisting Father Clem.

Another issue we discovered was not everyone entered from the West door where the registration tables were setup. (following the luncheon calls were made to the contact person from the affiliations to verify the absences).

President Tammy Farr concluded the event by presenting Sister Joan Dawson with a check for \$1000 for their emergency fund account.

We received a heartfelt thank you from Sister Joan Dawson, OSF Episcopal Delegate for Religious. She signed it De.....O.....gratias!!

NCCW, CCW AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH

24 Southern Deanery Luncheon House Party 11:00 am - 3:00 p.m. 109 N. Atlantic Drive, Lantana, FL Enjoy great water view, good food, Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle. Cost \$30 donation. Call Jackie by March 16, 2018.

APRIL

6 St. Patrick CCW Luncheon and Fashion Show 11:30 a.m. Grand Wyndham Hotel Harbourside Place, Jupiter Fashions by Chico's Tickets: \$55 per person Call: 561-512-7029 or 561-306-0777

14 Catholic Women of Faith

Women of Action 9th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, St Patrick Parish, Palm Beach Gardens, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, Guest Speaker Judy Hehr, Speaker, coach, radio host. Cost: \$30.00 per person or \$15.00 for students or religious including lunch Contact: Patti Amann 561-662-4780 or patti229@bellsouth.net OR Laurie Ulseth, 561-308-5906, budleyulseth@bellsouth.net

14-25 NCCW Pilgrimage to Ireland Time of prayer, history, breathtaking scenery and friendship. Call George's Travel to book your trip. Deposit \$300.00 800-566-7499

We still need volunteers to serve on May 14th at the Seminarian Lunch.

Central Deanery Convention, May18th and 19th. We are still looking for donations for the convention gift bags. If you have any connections, please Lena Ghaffari

*Join us for the women's conference April 14th at
St. Patrick Catholic Church.*

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH, WOMEN OF
ACTION**

9th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference

APRIL 14, 2018

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registrations and
Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Procession

**9:20 a.m. Welcome by TAMMY FARR,
introduction of speaker JUDY HEHR**

**9:30 a.m. "Embracing The Strength of
Compassionate Women" by JUDY HEHR**

**10:30 a.m. Personal Choice: Confession,
Adoration, and or Meditation**

**11:30 a.m. Mass with Celebrant The Most
Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of
Palm Beach**

**12:30 p.m. Lunch & Personal Choice :
Confession, Adoration or Meditation.**

**Consider visiting our Ministry, Vendors or
Parish Store.**

1:45 p.m. Rosary begins 2:00

2:00 p.m. Encore with JUDY HEHR

3:00 p.m. Conference ends

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

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

"One in Christ ~ To Jesus Through Mary"

A special Thank You to our Nominating Committee, Jean McKeen, Elizabeth Thiemann and Janice Downs for their time, talent and dedication for putting together our new CCW board for the next two years.

Congratulations to:

President:

Lena Ghaffar St. Mary

Vice President:

Elizabeth Gesacion St. Therese

Recording Secretary:

Claire Peterson, St. Therese

Treasurer:

Juliet Howle, St. Mary

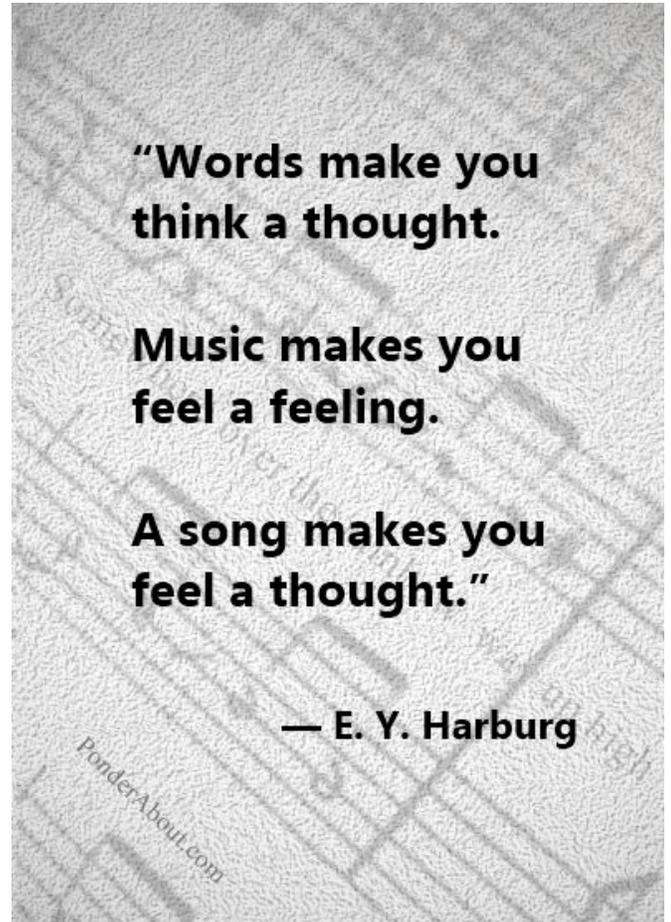
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