



CONVENTION NEWS

“Women Embracing the Gift of Humanity”

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas
52nd Biennial National Convention*

*Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
330 Tijeras NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102*

July 16-20, 2008



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**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2008**

My dear Regents, Officers, Chaplains and Members:

As I reflect on the events that have occurred in my life and in the lives of other board members since the last Quarterly, my heart begins to race rapidly and a smile comes to my lips. The Lenten Habitat Build in Mexico, the Annual CDA Lecture at the Catholic University in Washington, DC and the greatest of all - His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI visit to the United States. Several of us were so blessed to attend the Arrival Ceremony of the Pope at the White House, as well as attend the Papal Mass at Nationals Stadium. Be sure to read the summer issue of SHARE, which will feature articles and pictures of these wonderful events. As I ponder the memories of my journey at each one, I give thanks to Almighty God for bestowing these blessings upon me!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly elected Court Officers. The National Board is most grateful for you answering the call to accept this leadership role and we wish you the very best. We also wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the retiring officers and urge you to continue to actively participate in your court for your knowledge is very valuable.

I hope you are getting as excited as the National Board is for the National Convention! Everyone is working diligently to make this one of the best. The Seminars, which are described in this mailing, will provide you with valuable information to take home to your courts. We hope you have made plans to arrive in time to participate in them as well as in the wonderful pre-convention tours.

Please take special notice of Friday's dress attire - only if you wish to participate. This is not mandatory! We are having our Patriotic mass on Friday and thought it would be nice if everyone would wear some red or white or blue to show our respect to our troops. We pray daily for our brave soldiers, why not show our support as well!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SHARE PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM THIS LETTER WITH YOUR COURT, AS THERE ARE MANY TIME-SENSITIVE ISSUES INCLUDED.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Liability Insurance from Wachovia Insurance Services. As a National Organization, all Courts must have Liability coverage for any meetings/dinners/parties that they hold for their membership and guests. All Parishes have Liability Insurance that covers activities held on their premises. Please send your Liability Insurance payment today.

COURT OFFICERS' LISTS

Congratulations to the newly-elected officers. The National Board sends you Best Wishes and Prayers for a successful term. To the retiring officers, we thank you for your dedicated service to your court and the good of the order. **Remember that "Each office shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation 30-days following election."** Court Regents are reminded to submit lists of the newly elected court officers and the court chaplain as soon as possible. Please use the form that was provided in the last Quarterly. Officers' names and addresses are vital so that they may begin receiving National mailings. If a court doesn't conduct a formal Installation in June, one must be conducted by October 1st – the latest.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Enclosed is the National Nominating Committee report, submitted by chairman, Mary Ann Kizer. Mary Ann will present this report on Wednesday, July 16th, at the first business session. At that time, additional nominations may be made from the floor. ***Please Note*** You must be registered as a delegate by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16th, 2008 in order to vote on Thursday morning.

52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATES

- We look forward to greeting you in Albuquerque, NM, July 16 through 20, 2008. From all indications, this is going to be a well-attended convention, with hotel, tour and meal reservations going fast. The overflow for the hotel reservations is now being accepted at the DOUBLETREE HOTEL: \$119.00 per night. You may make your reservations by calling 361-887-1600.
- Local, state and national officers attending the convention will only wear robes at the Installation Mass on Saturday, July 19th at Immaculate Conception Church. Robing will take place in the school next to the church. Please adhere to the following dress code:
 - Robes **MUST** be worn in compliance with the rules of the order and worn with dignity and pride, i.e., eleven inches from the floor (dress or skirt must be shorter than the robe); wear white shoes with white or light-colored stockings (no black or navy); no earrings or any other jewelry worn on the robe; purses are **NOT** to be carried or placed under the robe.
 - A delegate participating in a specific ceremony or taking part in one of the Liturgies must wear white. If elected a member of the National Board, you must wear white under your robe.
 - **Dress code** for the business sessions calls for business casual, unless you are asked to take part in a special activity. If you are asked to participate, you will be notified **BEFORE** convention. **No shorts will be allowed at the Business Meetings.**
 - Semi-formal attire has been suggested for the Saturday evening Appreciation Banquet.

CAMPAIGN FLYERS

- Campaign material is limited to one sheet (8½ by 11), printed on one side only, with or without photograph.
- Flyers for those on the nominating slate will be included in the packet given to the delegates at registration. **NOMINEES PLEASE NOTE:** be sure to mail **800 printed flyers to Claudia Bosch, 36 East 10th St., Dickinson, ND 58601 no later than June 1st** for inclusion in the convention packets.
- Campaign guidelines were included in the March Convention Mailing. Please refer to them.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions which have been written in proper form and passed at a local court meeting prior to June 15th must be received in the National Office **NO LATER THAN JUNE 15TH**. The Resolution Committee of the National Board, chaired by Margaret Bingham, and the National Resolutions Committee, will review the resolutions to be presented to the delegates.

BE INFORMED MEMBERS: DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

Courts have an obligation to study and discuss the proposed Bylaws which you received in the March Convention Mailing from Chairman, Anne Nelson. Please let the voting delegates representing your court know how you feel. If, unfortunately, no one from your court is attending convention, inform your State officers as to your opinion.

EXHIBIT HALL:

The Exhibit Hall will be the-place-to-be when the business meetings are NOT in session! The following will take place:

- A wide variety of vendors selling their wares
- Book signings
- The New Mexico “Share the Wealth”
- Blood Pressure booth
- National Basket Raffle
- Exhibits depicting our various projects and several Circle of Love programs
- The New York Welcome Booth – the site of our 2010 National Convention

INFORMATIONAL AND ENLIGHTENING SEMINARS

We are offering five (5) seminars – which will be held on Wednesday morning, July 16th. Note that each Seminar will be presented twice thus allowing our delegates the chance to attend two different Seminars. The first session will be from 8-9:30 a.m. and the second session is from 10-11:30 a.m. They are as follows:

#1 Legislation: “A Mandate to Speak Out Publicly” ~A Recipe for Growth~

Popes and U.S. Bishops have issued the call for all people to speak out in the Legislative arena. A local court’s active involvement in legislation can spur an interest in CDA from other Catholic women.

Presented by Helen Johnson and Angela Herrera

#2 Spirituality: “Different Gifts of the Same Spirit”

Each one of us is unique, special and miraculous, possessing a kaleidoscope of gifts--- all from the same Spirit. We invite you to actively participate through prayer, music and meditation as we focus on ways we can all use our special gifts to heighten the spiritual experience of not only our meetings and ceremonials, but also of our individual daily lives.

Presented by Rev. Michael Schommer, Evelyn Saxton and Theresa Duran

#3 Leadership: “Get Back On The Track”

‘We need younger members!’ ‘Only a few of our members are able to come to meetings, due to health and age!’ Sound familiar? This workshop will explore the “generational differences” and how to maximize the similarities to increase membership.

Presented by Lucretia Coates, Vickie Broussard, Lois Nelson and Lorayne Zimmerman.

#4 Development of New Courts: “Called to Serve – Introducing Women to CDA”

CDA is the organization for today’s woman!! Come and learn how to develop Senior and Campus Courts that actively engage women and that will provide avenues of service for women of all ages. Invite women to become charter members of CDA. Today’s church needs today’s women and we need you to spread the news that together women **Can Do Anything!**

Presented by Anne Nelson, Duchess Collins, Carolyn Bachmann and Olga Samaniego.

#5 Youth/JCDA: “Help Empower Young People Using our Youth/JCDA And Education Circle of Love Programs”.

How would you like the ability to empower our young people to live their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ? The Youth/JCDA Circle of Love program can give you the tools as you invest your time and treasure to our youth. Come and hear about our NEW guidelines for the JCDA program. Come let us share how the Education program offers the opportunity to interact with the youth through the education contests and other areas of their life. Enjoy some interaction with fellow attendees. Come and have fun and bring your youthful spirit with you.

Presented by Theresa Kocer, Letty Calvetti and Bea Merez

Needless to say, we suggest that delegates from the same court and/or state attend different Seminars and share pertinent information and handouts upon returning home. At this time, we publicly thank the presenters for sharing their expertise with us. Make them feel welcome!

Friday, July 18 - Patriotic Day at Convention

Friday we will be having our Patriotic Mass and thought it would be a nice gesture in honoring our troops if we would all dress in Red, White or Blue. This is just another way to show our support for our men and women serving in the armed forces defending our country. This is just a suggested form of dress - it is not mandatory! **Please let your delegates/alternates attending the convention aware of this.**

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT *Marie Amadea, Maternity Shelter for Teens*

This convention's project is Maria Amadea, Maternity Shelter for Teens, a shelter that provides a pro-life alternative for the pregnant teen who rejects abortion and needs positive support through information, education, and counseling. When possible, the shelter provides family reconciliation mediation.

Maria Amadea was founded in 1980 by Sr. Maria Amadea Heaney, S.C. It began as the Maria Milne Shelter and was later renamed when the shelter moved to its present location in 1985. They provide structure, discipline and a nurturing home environment to ensure the young mothers have successful pregnancies while they come to decisions about their babies' and their own futures. As the residents don't stay long after their baby is delivered they always appreciate newborn items. The shelter is located nearby at 708 Tijeras NW, Albuquerque, NM.

The director has informed me that they are in need of the following items: Newborn baby items such as socks, onesies, sleepers, undershirts and receiving blankets. Another thing they usually love to get is a gift card from Wal-Mart, Target etc. Gift cards are easy to pack and even if it is only for 5\$ or \$10 it is something they get to pick out themselves. We hope you will choose to participate in this worthwhile project.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

Although the official 2006-2008 Membership Drive has ended, gaining new members NEVER ends! As stated many times, the Fall season has brought in to the order the most new members; therefore, the National Membership team urges you to plan a vigorous Fall Membership Drive, as you organize your 2008-09 Calendar of Events. Contact your State or National Membership Committee Chairmen for assistance.

OUT AND ABOUT – PERSONAL CONTACTS CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your National Regent, various members of the National Board, and Peggy O'Brien, National Executive Director, represented you at the following meetings and/or activities:

- *National Board meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- *Habitat for Humanity International Build in Amecameca, Mexico
- *Annual CDA Lecture in Church History at Catholic University
- *Pope Benedict XVI Arrival Ceremony at the White House
- *The Papal Mass at Nationals Stadium in Washington, DC
- *National Convention meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- *2008 June General Meeting of the USCCB in Orlando, FL
- *State Board meetings

FIVE NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Has your court remembered the National Charitable Projects financially? A \$75.00 check sent to the National Office will allow our organization to serve the needs within our five Charities. The Disaster fund has been used frequently for the many disasters this past year. We have received many thank you letters from those affected and from many Bishops around the Country.

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 19, 2008. The theme for this year is "We are Called to Develop and Share Our God-Given Talents as Women Embracing the Gift of Humanity," as we continue to pray for vocations. A Sample Proclamation, written by Evelyn Saxton, National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, is enclosed.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

MARY HARE, PAST OHIO STATE REGENT

FR. EDWARD RICHARDSON, VIRGINIA STATE CHAPLAIN

PRAYER CORNER

- World peace
- An end to world hunger, oppression, poverty, abuse, terrorism, trafficking, abortion
- The intentions of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI
- An increase in vocations
- For all sick and grieving members, families and caretakers, especially for the deceased:
 - Dale Pudlitzke, brother-in-law of National Regent Claudia R. Bosch
 - John Reyne, brother-in-law of Regent-Elect Libby Ramirez.
- A successful Convention and the election of strong leaders who will strengthen and further the outstanding work of our organization

NEW COURTS

Court St. Monica, No. 2598

Christa Reyell, Regent
371 Fox Farm Rd
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Court Pope John Paul II, No. 2602

Linda Kronholm, Regent
9 Elm Street
Penacook, NH 03303

Court Our Lady of the Angels, No. 2599

Amparo Muñoz, Regent
345 N Griffith Park Dr
Burbank, CA 91506

Court Mary, the Rose of Our Hearts, No. 2603

Jewel Baccarella, Regent
1717 7th St
Cheney, WA 99004

PRICE CHANGES

Please be sure to use the latest Price Sheets and updated gold jewelry page that were sent to all Court Regents in March.

CHANGES IN NATIONAL DIRECTORY

- Sunny Storch, Idaho State Regent
4817 Rose Hill St
Boise, ID 83705
- 208-314-1939
Shstorch1@cableone.net

“Let us pray to Mary, Mother of the Lord, so that she will enable us to feel her love as a woman and mother, in which we can understand all of the depth of Christ’s mystery. The Lord bless you all!”

Pope Benedict XVI

See you in July in Albuquerque, New Mexico~~~~~

Blessings,

*Claudia R. Bosch
National Regent*

Enclosures

Wachovia Liability Insurance Certificate
National Nominating Committee Report
October 2008 Catholic Daughter Day Proclamation
Operation Morningstar - Legislation Newsletter
Morality in Media

Catholic Daughters - Women of Faith and Vision

52nd BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

NATIONAL REGENT: Libby Ramirez ~ TX
NATIONAL REGENT-ELECT: Joanne M. Tomassi ~ FL
FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT: Anne Nelson ~ MD
SECOND VICE NATIONAL REGENT: Shirley Seyfried ~ MN
NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER: Vickie Broussard ~ LA

NATIONAL DIRECTORS:

Letty M. Calvetti ~ PA
Duchess R. Collins ~ TX
Maryann Grabasky ~ NC
Lois M. Nelson ~ MN
Evelyn Saxton ~ OK
Helene Shepard ~ NY
Lorayne K. Zimmerman ~ OR

Two (2) Open Positions

Submitted by the 2008 National Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Mary Ann Kizer ~ AR

Vickie Boeckman ~ MN

Suzanne Dalton ~ NV

Carol DiCioccio ~ CT

Lisa Jensen ~ WA

Judy Reed ~ NE

Mary Robek ~ WI

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

Please review the following information taken from our Bylaws. If you qualify as a candidate, pray over this matter and come to the National Convention prepared to have your name placed in nomination from the floor.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 2 A To be eligible for National office, a candidate shall be a member in good standing, a current or Past National Officer or a current or past National Director.

Section 2 B To be eligible for National Director, a candidate shall be a member in good standing, a current or Past National Director, a current or Past State Regent.

ARTICLE XII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 3 A Nominees from the floor must submit to the Chair prior to the convening of the first meeting of Convention a statement of eligibility, a statement of endorsement of the State Board, and a written consent to serve.

Section 3 D In the event that a nomination is not forthcoming from the floor for a vacant (open) office, the position shall be filled by the newly elected National Board, after officially taking office thirty (30) days after election.



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** Sunday, October 19, 2008, has been designated as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day by the National Board with the theme “We are Called to Develop and Share Our God-Given Talents as Women Embracing the Gift of Humanity,” and,
- Whereas,** Women are unique, special, and filled with a myriad of gifts to offer to others, and
- Whereas,** the abilities of women using their “feminine genius” continually enrich the lives of families, communities and the world-wide arena, and
- Whereas,** God has blessed women with the generous quality of sharing their gifts and talents with humanity, and
- Whereas,** by sharing those God-given talents we become more worthy temples of Our Lord Jesus Christ, now therefore, be it
- Resolved,** that Sunday, October 19, 2008, be proclaimed as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day in

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2008.

