

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas

## MOTTO – UNITY AND CHARITY



Court Mary of the Assumption #1976  
Manchester, Iowa  
August 2020

### MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

Dear Ladies of Catholic Daughters Court #1976,

Thank you very much choosing me to be your Regent for the next two years. This is a real honor for me. I know Jesus will walk with me through the next two years.

We need to pray for all the people who have Covid-19 and everyone else with cancer and other problems. We need to respect everyone and wear the masks in public and in businesses. The more we work together, the faster we can win this fight and someday return to a somewhat normal life.

My family has had a wild start this year. I lost a brother in January and my husband was diagnosed with cancer. So, the last six months has been a different and hard time. But with our faith and love of our Lord and each other we knew we had help in each situation.

We need to trust in the Lord and keep talking to him during these times. The Lord is always listening and our loved ones are listening also. So, keep praying and listening.

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Message from the Regent

We also, may have to think of ways to raise money. Having large group events may not work for some time. So, let's all put our thinking caps on and pray for our future.

This will be a learning year and hopefully a great year. Prayers and patience. God bless and let's have a great year.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Larsen  
Regent

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\*\*Newsletter online <https://www.blessedtrinitycluster.com/catholic-daughters>: Hopefully in the future this will be a tool to save paper and postage. Please check it out if you have internet access.

**2020—A YEAR TO REMEMBER (OR FORGET!).** This was a very unusual year for our Court as it was for everyone. All of our spring events and meetings had to be canceled and our fall and winter events are still pending. We are sending out the yellow program book with this newsletter. It will have committees, events and chairladies still listed but these are subject to change. If you are a chairlady for one of the events you should be contacted for sure to let you know the event is happening so you can then call the rest of your committee. If you have questions or concerns contact one of the officers.

**No Fundraisers, No Funds!**

As mentioned above, we were unable to have our Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast last spring and this fall we

will not be able to conduct our Dinner Theatre. These are two major fundraisers for our court which help us meet our obligations and be of some assistance to some of our regular charities and organizations. We will still need to pay our fall National and State dues which combined amounted to \$1849 for six months. The local dues we pay do not quite cover our state and national dues and as you may know we pay dues for our members who are in nursing homes and unable to take care of their own finances. In light of this possible financial shortfall we will be doing some cost-saving measures—smaller scholarships, smaller donations, etc. We will only be sending out newsletters twice this year rather than three times to save on printing and postage. If you have a fundraising idea, we would be more than happy to hear from you.

**One Fall Fundraising Idea** you might consider is this: Since we are not having our Dinner Theatre, think of the money you do not have to spend for one, two, or more \$12.00 tickets and for ingredients to make a salad or dessert. Then put that money in an envelope, mark it CDA Fall Fundraiser, and put it in a collection basket at church or send to Jacque Lahr, CDA treasurer, 912 Ever Green Dr. Manchester, IA . 52057-3720. If you do not feel financially able to do something like this, then just say an extra prayer for our continued financial stability.

## **Local News**

### **Welcome New Members!**

We were fortunate to be able to get our Court's March meeting in before the shutdown and were very pleased to have officially installed nine new CDA members to our court. Please give a warm welcome to: Carol Meisgeier, Marilyn Smith, Dorothy Palmer, Sandi Roling, Dianne Williams, Jenni Vaske, Marcia Nachtman, Cindy Lahr, and Lois Pettlon. Please continue to invite your friends and family to join our sisters as CDA members!

### **Welcome New Officers!**

Our Court Mary of the Assumption #1976 had a small meeting on August 3rd in the Memorial room to install a new slate of

officers. They are: Regent, Dianne Larson; Vice Regent, Eunice Sill; Recording, Secretary, Shirley Klaus; Financial Secretary, Julene Smith; and Treasurer, Jacque Lahr. We offer our sincere thanks to these ladies for saying "yes" when asked to serve. Thanks also to our nominating committee, Kathy Hauschild and Joanne Heffernen.

## **2020 CDA Education Contest**

### **Local Winners:**

The 2020 Education Contest Winners selected from 74 qualified entries are as follows:

Division I—ART: 1st Cooper Eschen,

2nd Madeline Fink, 3rd Hayden Tucker

Division II—ART: 1st Austin Schnieders,

2nd Molly Waterhouse, 3rd Reagan Reeder

Division III—Art: No entries:

Division IV ART: Nancy Klein

Division I—POETRY: 1st Emmalina Loecke,

2nd Jayce Funke, 3rd Holly Gudenkauf

Division II—POETRY: no entries

Division III—Poetry: 1st Alicia Nachtman

Division IV— POETRY: 1st Nancy Klein,

2nd Janet Marbach

Division I —ESSAY: 1st Kate Ries,

2nd Katie Kass, 3rd Lucas Weets

Division II—ESSAY: 1st Reagan Reeder,

2nd Lena Pettlon

DIVISION III-ESSAY: No entries

Division I— COMPUTER ART: 1st Avery

Carroll, 2nd Katie Kass, 3rd Kate Ries

Division II—COMPUTER ART: 1st Emma

Reth, 2nd Reagan Reeder, 3rd Blake

Scherbring

Division III& IV: COMPUTER ART,

DIVISION II & III, MUSIC, DIVISION II,

III, IV No Entries

## **Court #1976 State Winners:**

Division 1—ART: 3rd Cooper Eschen.

Division 4--ART: 2nd Nancy Klein

Division 1—POETRY: 1st Emmalina

Loecke

Division 3—POETRY: 1st Alicia Nachtman

## **Recipients of CDA Scholarships :**

**Court #1976 awarded \$400.00 to:**

- Christopher La Rosa who plans to attend the University of Iowa, Iowa City and
- Grant Schnieders who will be attending DMAC, Des Moines Area Community College.

We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

## **Our Circle of Love at Work**

**Unmarked Graves**—Thanks to Sue Morris, Jacque Lahr and their families for decorating the unmarked graves for Memorial Day.

## **ANOTHER CIRCLE OF LOVE PROJECT**

The chairwomen for Worldwide Issues (Family) with baby layettes as their central focus are Caroline Nachtman and Betty Werner. Each year they prepare many layettes for several organizations. As summer comes to an end the committee will again start the work of assembling the layettes. Baby items, including sleepers,

onesies, bibs, socks, receiving blankets, etc. can be brought to the basement of St. Mary Church. Thank you chair ladies, committee, and all who donate items or help with this worthwhile project.

## **Members Celebrate Special Occasions**

Betty Vaske -- 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in January

Lillian Jasper -- 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 17

Dorothy Lake – 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 21

Father Kramer -- 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, May 1

Rosie Doyle -- 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, May 1

MaryAnn Hatch – 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, May

Inez Werner -- 85<sup>th</sup> birthday June 1

Janet Marbach – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, June 20



**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Lillian and Mert Jasper**

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Kathy and Ken Wilgenbusch**

## **Prayerful Memories**

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to members who have lost loved ones in recent months. These loved ones and their families will be in our prayers:

Karen Fisher—Daughter of Kathy Callan and sister-in-law of Elizabeth Callan.

Ron McMahon— Husband of Judy McMahon.

Jeanne Rolfes— Mother-in-law of Mary Kay Rolfes,

Mark Holthaus— brother of Linda Dolan.

## Tentative Upcoming Fall and Winter Events:

### September



September 1, 2020—  
September Business Meeting 7:00, Memorial Room. Sr. Carole Freking will present “Bridges Out of Poverty in the Cedar Valley”. Dessert will be provided by the new officers, our chairwomen for this event. A donation will be accepted to offset the cost of the speaker should there be one. Hope to see you there to kick off our year and greet our new officers.

### October

Oct 6, 2020 -- Potluck and Guest Night 6:30  
at St. Mary Parish Center,  
Program: Fall Decorations by  
Quiltmaker Shoppe.  
Chairwomen -- Gladys Tinker, Joan  
Wessels

This is a night to enjoy good food and fellowship and bring a friend to introduce to CDA. Meat will be provided by the committee. Just bring a dish, table service, and a friend.

Oct. 18 -- CDA Sunday. Members meet in the Memorial room at St. Mary to process in for 10:00 mass.

### November

November 3rd, 2020— Court Mary of the Assumption hopes to have a morning retreat followed by our November noon business meeting. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Watch the bulletin for details.

November?? 2020 The Memorial Mass for deceased members of our court will be held with the K.C. at the 10:00 mass for deceased members of St. Mary parish. Please watch the bulletin for the Memorial mass schedules for St. Patrick Immaculate Conception and St. John.

### December



December 6, 2020—  
This year we hope our noon Christmas Potluck at the Parish Center will be well attended since it is being held during the day. We just need weather to cooperate. The program will be the Sister Water Project by Tom and Ann Hanson. They will share their trip to Honduras for clean water for the villagers. Chairwomen are Lila Geers and Beck Salow. Their committee provides the meat. There will be no business meeting, just the potluck and the program. Spouses are welcome.

**Book Alert!!! *If we have Breaking Bread missiles in the pews, they will need to be changed on Monday Nov. 30 after 7:30 mass. All help is welcome.***

### January

January 5th, 2021— Our court will meet at noon at Pizza Hut. Following our lunch and meeting we will go to the Good Neighbor Home to host Bingo. We are

always happy to have lots of help. The residents and staff of GNH always appreciate our company and help.

<http://www.iowacathlidaughters.org> for more state news.

## National News

Unfortunately, the National CDA Convention had to be canceled. Please see the National CDA Website:

<https://www.catholicdaughters.org> for more National news.

## February

February 2, 2021— Our February meeting will be a noon buffet luncheon at Pizza Ranch. After lunch have fun making valentines with Donna Weaver.

## CDA Dues



**Reminder:** Thank you to our members who have paid their 2020 dues. We have

## State News

The State Fall Food Event is conducted each year. Local Courts are encouraged to hold a fundraiser that works well in their community. Half of the proceeds is sent to the State and the other half is kept to be used in the local community to help those in need. Funds sent to the State will be disbursed to the Dubuque Archdiocese to help the needy. In the past we have baked pies for the parish Fall Festival. However, this year there will not be a festival so we will not have the revenue from our pie baking. Therefore, we again ask that you consider the cost of ingredients to make a pie and again just include that money in an envelope marked CDA Fall Food Event and drop it in the collection basket at church or send to treasurer Jacque Lahr.

only a very few 2020 dues still outstanding. Please note the box at the end of this article. If there is a red checkmark your 2020 dues of \$20.00 are not yet paid. *fyi: State dues are \$8:00 and National dues, \$17.50; this is a total of \$25.50. (Our court pays the extra \$5.50 for every member as a gift to you every year, as a thank you and to keep the dues reasonable.)* Our treasure must make payment to State and National Offices, whether or not the individual member has paid her dues to the court.



Ways to pay \$20.00 Dues are as follows:

The 54th CDA State Convention is scheduled to be held on April 30—May 2, 2021/ at the Coralville/Iowa City Radisson Hotel and Convention Center. Refer to THE VOICE or State website,

- \*mail to Jacque Lahr, 912 Evergreen Dr. Manchester, Ia 52057-1352
- \*put dues in an envelope marked CDA in any of our cluster collection baskets
- \* drop in the parish office drop box

## *Humor is good for the soul!*



A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital.

As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment.

She asked, 'Do you have health insurance?'

He replied in a raspy voice, 'No'

The nun asked, 'Do you have money in the bank?'

He replied, 'No money in the bank.'

The nun asked, 'Do you have a relative who could help you?'

He said, 'I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun.'

The nun became agitated and announced loudly,

'Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God.'

The patient replied,

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'Send the bill to my brother-in-law.'

<https://buzzjokes.com/good-funny-catholic-joke-heart-attack-health-insurance-bill/>

## **Dates to Remember:**

### **August**

*August 15—Assumption of Mary*

### **September**

*September 1—CDA business meeting 7:00pm Memorial Room*

### **October**

*October 6—Potluck and Guest night  
6:30 Parish Center*

*October 18—CDA Sunday*

### **November**

*November 3—Noon meeting  
Restaurant TBA*

*November ???—Memorial Masses*

*November 26—Happy Thanksgiving*

### **December**

*December 6—Christmas Potluck  
Noon St. Mary Parish Center*

*December 8—Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception*

*December 25—Merry Christmas*

### **January**

*January 1, 2021—Solemnity of Mary*

*January 5—Noon meeting at Pizza Hut followed by bingo at GNH*

### **February**

*February 2—Noon meeting at Pizza Ranch*

*February 14—Happy Valentine's Day*





