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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Margie Miller

The journey continues & we're on the home stretch.

By the time you read this it will be February and Lent will be here before we know it. Lots of good things are in the works.

The First Communion Project is underway and we're hoping for a great response. We're also hoping to collect lots of snacks for the Ronald McDonald houses and will be holding another Dress for Success collection. This will only be for certain items as we overwhelmed them with our generosity the last time. What a great problem to have! Our youth group meals will continue and we will be taking our turn at the Soup and Salad dinner in February.

Even though it seems a long time ago, I wanted to let you know that all of our many December projects went very well. We had lots of good feedback and some helpful suggestions on all that we did. Thank you for all your wonderful contributions.

The Nominating Committee is working hard to present us with a list of qualified candidates for our upcoming election. If you are asked to run, please give it some serious, prayerful thought. Yes, there is some extra work involved but you will receive many unexpected blessings if you answer the call.

We're heading to Cincinnati in a few weeks to celebrate my Aunt Jean's 90th birthday. It will be fun seeing our relatives for a happy occasion. Please keep all of us in your prayers and we will keep you in ours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLOTHES

We are soliciting donations of new or gently used (and cleaned) First Communion attire for boys or girls. We will be loaning them to parish families who cannot afford to purchase new outfits.

If you would like to donate dresses, veils, suits or ties, please call Eileen at 407-671-8720 or email her at neen7313@cfl.rr.com.

If you know of a family who would benefit from this project, please have them call Eileen at the above number.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our **February meeting** will be held on Monday, February 8th, in the Parish Family Center. It will be a working meeting as we will be making cards for the Criminal Justice Office of the Diocese of Orlando again. This time, we will be creating some Easter, Mother's Day and general birthday cards. The feedback from the prison chaplains who distributed the cards to the prisoners was wonderful. They were very grateful for the donations.

The meeting will start with refreshments at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. Please join us and make this project a success. Bring your friends who are not members. It will be an excellent opportunity for them to get to know the members and find out what we are all about.

As always, babysitting is provided. If you would like to use the babysitting service, we only ask that you bring some of your child's favorite toys or videos to keep them occupied.

The **March Meeting** will be held on Monday, March 8th, in the Sts. Peter & Paul classrooms, starting with refreshments at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you at both meetings!

42ND ANNUAL ODCCW CONVENTION

"May Your Life Be Like a Wildflower...Growing Freely in the Beauty of God's Creation"

The annual Diocesan CCW convention will be held at the Lake Mary Marriott on May 1-3, 2010. The registration deadline is March 15, 2010 and the registration fee is \$150.

The Keynote Speaker will be John Hoblick, of the Florida Farm Bureau, who will speak about "Going Green in 2010," current immigration issues in Florida, and many more informative topics. The Banquet Speaker is Sister Immaculata Knox, R.S.M. Other speakers include Rhonda Santolin from "Bags of Hope" and Cathy Smith, Executive Director of New Dawn Women's Clinic.

If you sell \$350 in business ads for the Program Book, you will receive a free registration to the convention.

This year's **Convention Collection** will be items for "Bags of Hope" for the homeless: flip-top canned goods, cereal and protein bars, Ensure/Boost nutritional drinks, gallons of water, toiletries, children's new underwear and socks, and adult's new underwear and socks.

Check with one of the board members to purchase Prize Incentive Tickets for the drawing at convention for a weekend at the Lake Mary Marriott plus \$200, a handmade quilt, an Our Lady of Good Counsel medal, or a religious article.

Commission Connection

Community Concerns Commission



by Michele Brent
Community Chair

Ronald McDonald House - During January and February, we will sponsor a collection of individually packaged food items for the Ronald McDonald Houses in our area. Ronald McDonald provides a "home away from home" for families of critically ill children being treated at local hospitals. It offers comfort and care for these families during a very difficult time. There are two facilities in Orlando. Check out their Wish List at www.rmhorlando.com. We will be collecting and donating individually packaged cereals, fruit roll ups, snacks, etc. There will be a box in the Parish Hall for your contributions. We will also collect soda can tabs. The Ronald McDonald House recycles these into funds to help with their cost in operating the house. Thank you for your generosity.



Dress for Success - We have had many inquiries about doing this again. Our last drive was so successful that they are still using our donations. What they need now are purses (black/brown) and blouses and suits (sizes XL and up) to fill in the gaps. We will be collecting these items so start Spring cleaning your closets!

Legislation Commission

by Cherie Weber,
Legislation Commission Chair



CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL and 35th Annual Red Mass

2010 Catholic Days at the Capitol are being held March 9-10, with the Red Mass scheduled for the evening of March 10, 2010. Pre-registration is required.

Join fellow Catholics from around the state as they gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. Participants attend a legislative briefing before attending scheduled meetings with their elected officials. A luncheon is held on day two for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators.

Participants are also invited to attend the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. This Mass, which is attended by state officials, lawmakers, judges and members of the Catholic lawyers guild, is celebrated to pray for those working in the three branches of government. Most Reverend John C. Favalora, Archbishop of Miami, will be the Homilist for the 2010 Mass.

The deadline to register is one month away. For registration information and a form, go to <http://www.flacathconf.org/CDAC/2010/Registration%20Forms/O.pdf> or call the Office of Advocacy and Justice at 407-246-4819. There will be bus transportation to the Civic Center and the Capitol from the hotel. They will arrive in Tallahassee before the Legislative Briefing and leave at 12:00 pm on March 11th.

International Concerns



Commission
by Sue Romero,
International Chair

BUILDING A WELL IN INDIA

We have been working to raise money to build a well in India for the Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha. The time is drawing near to complete this project. Here is a way you can help us reach the \$2,000 goal and still get something out of it for yourself.

Ann Columbus, one of our members, has put together a book of her daily inspirations. If you are on the list to receive these on a daily basis, you know how wonderful they are!

The book is "Inspirational Verses from the Heart of Ann Columbus." It was published and printed by another member,



Dianne Christian of Creations by Dianne. The cost is \$7 for black and white and \$17 for color. The profits will go to the well fund.

To order, contact Dianne at DChristianCCW@aol.com, or call her at 407-207-1100. You can also check with her at the next CCW meeting.

These make wonderful gifts. This book is filled with beautiful pictures to complement the verses.

Don't forget to save the fronts of your Christmas and/or greeting cards. Bring them to the meeting so they can be recycled into new cards.

ELECTION TIME

It doesn't seem possible but another two years is coming to an end and it is time to elect new officers.

The Nominating Committee is accepting names for the slate. If you are interested in submitting your name, please contact one of the members: Peg Middleton (407-977-7963), Judy Connor (407-277-5445), or Ellen Hutchinson (407-678-5293). Please do not submit anyone's name without their permission. All candidates must be approved by our Moderator, Fr. Derk.

The candidates will be announced at our March meeting and published in the Parish bulletin. Elections will be held at the April Meeting.

To be eligible to run, you must have attended three meetings before April, 2010, and to be eligible to vote you must have attended two.

Please prayerfully consider stepping up and putting your name on the ballot. Take ownership of your organization and help it flourish in the future.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please let us know of any illnesses or deaths of Council members and their families so we can get a prayer circle going and mail out a card.

It is better to get 10 notices than none and have someone assume the information was sent in and have an individual be missed.

Contact Dianne Christian, Corres. Sec., at creationsnewltrs@aol.com or 407-207-1100 (h) or 407-207-9100 (fax).

BUNCO CANCELLED

The BUNCO scheduled for Feb. 12th has been cancelled.

Mark your calendar now for our next BUNCO night which will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010, in the Parish Family Center at 7:00 pm. All are welcome for fun, snacks and prizes. Bring your spouses and friends. Cost is \$10.



ANGEL TREE THANK-YOU

If you ever doubt your donation doesn't make a difference, read on...

Dear CCW Friends,

The meaning of Grace is to be given something even when you don't deserve it. I'm not saying I'm a good kid, and I'm not saying I'm bad either, but at the moment I did not really deserve to receive anything. This is the first Christmas in three years that I have actually received something and the first Christmas I've spent away from home. By the pattern of ways things have been going, I did not expect to receive any gifts once again this year and, to my amazement, I was woken up at 5:00 in the morning to open my gifts. How much I appreciate these gifts couldn't explain or emphasize what they mean to me. Your generosity and time spent has taught me that it isn't just me against the world, that there are people who do not have the same mindset as me. Thank you for everything you've done and everything you will continue to do.

*Love
Jarvis*

SUPPORTING SEMINARIANS

The Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) has established a **Burse Club** to provide financial assistance to men studying to become priests. As an ODCCW Burse Club member, you are asked to offer prayers for vocations and financial assistance for the education of these men. You will be remembered in the daily prayers of the seminarians.

To participate, please send your name, address, parish and donation (\$1.00 per month is suggested) to:

ODCCW Burse Club
c/o Rev. Miguel Gonzalez
Diocese of Orlando
P.O. Box 1800
Orlando, FL 32802-1800.

Checks should be made payable to ODCCW-Burse Club. You may pay monthly or annually.

Thank you for your generosity.



February

- 4 Toni McBride
- 6 Ann Columbus
- 7 Alyce-Mae Alexander
- 7 Diane Fitzsimmons
- 23 Debra Escandon
- 23 Terri Lykins
- 26 Alice Seiwert

March

- 10 Mary Melim
- 11 Louise Wangenheim
- 23 Dottie Elmquist
- 25 Jayne Wales
- 28 Mary Pavlis
- 31 Michele Brent

Happy Valentine's Day

Our New Members

(Please add them to Your directory)



Lydia Denault
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OOPS!

Please make these corrections in your Membership Directory:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 1 Board Meeting
- 8 General Meeting
- 21 Host Youth Group Meal

March

- 1 Board Meeting
- 2-4 FOCUS 11
- 8 General Mtg.
- 9-11 Catholic Days at the Capitol
- 13 Central Deanery Gen. Mtg.
- 21 Host Youth Group Meal
- 28 Host Coffee & Donuts

April

- 4 Easter
- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 General Meeting
- 18 Host Youth Group Meal

May

- 1-3 ODCCW 42nd Convention
- 10 Installation Dinner (tentative)
- 15 BUNCO

June

- 13 Host Coffee & Donuts
- 24 Parish Picnic

July

- 23-24 Rummage Sale
- 31 Leadership Symposium at
Lake Yale

August

- 1 Leadership Symposium at
Lake Yale
- 14 BUNCO
- 29 Host Coffee & Donuts

Mission Statement

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

