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Mediterranean Night Fundraiser

Heidy De La Rosa and Lourdes Pena, Ways * & Means



L: VICKI CARNAVALE, LORRAINE LEE, JEANNE HENSON, NORA SZECHY, JOYCE AND MIKE PROKOP

“Summer, summer summertime Time to sit back and unwind” The French Prince & DJ Jazzy Jeff sang it best. What a wonderful evening we had at Leila Giries home with food, music, and wine. We were all able to unwind a little bit. The fundraiser supports the 2022 Christmas Adopt-A-Family project that benefits OLPH families. There were 67 people in attendance, and we raised \$3,424.81 for the Christmas Adopt a Family guild project.

Ways & Means would like to thank all who attended and participated. Thank you all for your support and generosity. A special thank you to Leila Giries for opening her home and cooking an exquisite traditional Palestinian meal. For her grandkids who barbecued the kabobs, served the wine and provided an eclectic playlist of music.



L: JAN BERRY, SAUL & HEIDY DE LA ROSA, LOURDES PENA, BONNIE BEALL, RUBY GAYTAN AND PAULA MAYFIELD

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OLPH WOMEN'S GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

A group of united, inspired ladies dedicated to enriching the lives of others through spiritual, social and charitable activities in our parish and community guided by the Blessed Mother.

Women's Guild President

JoAnn Ramirez



A Season of Change

As we transition from summer to fall, I am reminded that our parish is in a leadership transition and the Women's Guild is not

exempt from the winds of change. Monsignor Lorenzo's departure brought about the appointment of Fr. Danny as administrator. He recently informed me that he would like to meet with the Guild president on a monthly basis, therefore terminating the Parish Rep position on the Guild board. Any time I can represent our 200+ members I welcome the opportunity. Consequently, I will utilize this space to update you on our monthly meetings and I will also inform you about my role on the recently revived Pastoral Council.

Last March, Msgr. Lorenzo invited 32 ministry leaders to join the Pastoral Council. As your president I was invited to join this August group of leaders. We have met three times and at our last meeting the council elected Violeta Galdamez as its chairperson. I look forward to working with Ms. Galdamez, all council members and Fr. Danny. And, I am keen to learn what our first task is as the OLPH Pastoral Council.

As I understand it, the role of a Pastoral Council is consultative with a three-fold purpose. It 1.) investigates pastoral matters, 2.) studies them, and 3.) proposes practical solutions, solutions that are recommend to the pastor.

Pastoral Council members, as chief consulters to the pastor, represents the needs of all the people of the parish. The council reaches out to the parish community to determine what are the issues that are impacting their lives.

And then, through a process of prayer, study, and with open and honest dialogue, it recommends practical solutions regarding these issues; ways in which the parish can minister to the needs of the parishioners.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the pastor made all the decisions regarding the faith community. Any process he used in reaching his decision was an informal one. Today, we recognize that by baptism, the laity also has the responsibility to contribute to the mission of Jesus and that they are empowered – indeed sometimes obliged – to manifest their opinion on those things which pertain to the good of the Church (Lumen Gentium #37).

The opportunity to discover the actual struggles of the parish, study them and propose practical solutions to the pastor is exciting and I pleased the Women's Guild has been asked to join this pastoral journey.

As we enter our 71 st year of service, I affectionately appropriate my alma mater, Mount St. Mary's University's slogan to describe us is one word ... #Unstoppable.



IRMA FLORIN, OLPH CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR WITH OLPH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.

Women's Guild Vice President

Lucy Solares



It still feels like summer here in Southern California, especially after the heatwave we experienced in mid-September.

However, autumn is fast approaching and soon we will begin to see the gold, orange, and brown colors of the new season. Autumn also marks the time for membership renewal and we encourage you to renew your membership so that you can continue to join the fun of gathering with existing friends and making new ones.

A big “thank you” to those who attended the Salad Luncheon event in September. The delicious salads and desserts were prepared by the Guild Executive Board. Father Danny was the guest speaker and he gave a motivating and uplifting speech.

Please join us for our General Meeting on Wednesday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Violeta Galdamez of the OLPH School Educational Foundation. Dr. Galdamez graduated from the Universidad De El Salvador Facultad De Medicina in 1980. She is affiliated with Community Hospital of Huntington Park and specializes in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. She was recently elected Chairwoman of the OLPH Pastoral Council. Dr. Galdamez will enlighten us with information regarding the OLPH School Educational Foundation and its goals.

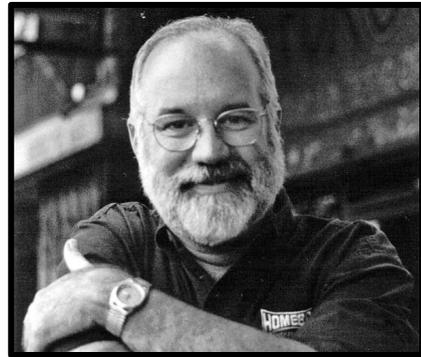
Please **RSVP by October 12th** to Linda Malme at (562) 869-6491. The donation is \$15.00 per person.

Save The Date for the following events:

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place at the Azar Event Center on Sunday, December 4th. This year's theme is “**A Warm Country Christmas.**” There will be delicious food, champagne, music, and raffle prizes for all to jingle and mingle. This event was a big hit last year – don't miss it! Details to follow.

The Guild will host a **Jolly Christmas Open House** for all Guild members and their families on Saturday, December 17th at the lovely home of Leila Giries. We will be serving a variety of tasty and savory desserts accompanied with festive music for the holiday season. Don't miss this warm and cozy evening with friends and family.

Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, will be our **Guest Speaker at OLPH Church on January 26, 2023**. Homeboy Industries is the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.



Father Boyle's book, “**Tattoos on the Heart**”, was on the New York Times-bestseller list in 2010 and, in 2017, he published his second book. Father Boyle received the California Peace Prize and was inducted into the California Hall of Fame. Father Boyle has received recognition and numerous prestigious awards from personalities such as President Barack Obama. Father Boyle currently serves as a member of Governor Gavin Newsom's Committee on Economic and Job Recovery Task Force in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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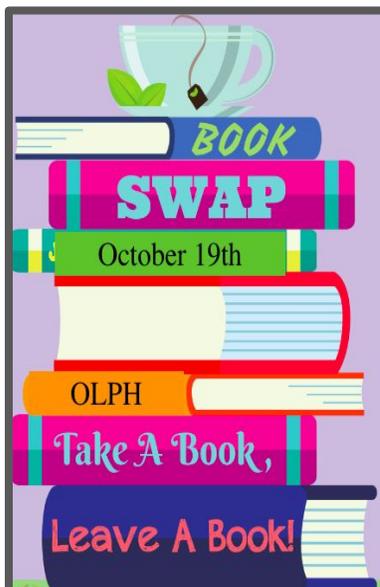
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BOOK EXCHANGE IS BACK!

Piles of books to simply take home with you at the October 19th General Meeting!

If you have books you are finished with, add them to the collection. Go home with some new treasures! See you there!



SAVE THE DATE

OLPH Christmas Luncheon

Financial Report for August 2022

Dianna Hampton

Beginning Balance: August 1, 2022..... \$ 4,930.64

Deposits \$ 8,859.94

Expenses.....\$ 1,125.15

Ending Balance: August 31, 2022.....\$ 12,665.43

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild

Annual Membership

Drive

ROSE DOUGLAS

Membership renewals are coming in fast and furious. I can't wait for the mail to arrive everyday. Thanks to all of you that have already sent in your renewal. And also, for clearly printing your information. This is a huge help in preparing for the new directory.

Membership forms are available in the rectory and on our website in case you would like one for a family member or friend. I am also happy to send them one in the mail if you send me their address.

I am in the process of soliciting business ads for the new directory. I would appreciate any leads to a business you can recommend because you have been happy with their service. This is a benefit to all members searching for reliable help or services. Our biggest selling point is that we only run an ad for one category of business, i.e. only one dentist. Please email me with any suggestions. The Guild has been a very active ministry doing wonderful things for our community. We should all be very proud!

Women's Guild 70th Anniversary Book

Now Available \$25.00



The Guild is pleased to announce the publication of its 70th Anniversary book, a companion to the 50th Anniversary book published in 2002. It chronicles the seven decades the Women's Guild has served the OLPH parish and community. Guild Historian Vicki Carnevale was instrumental in managing the publication of this book. We are grateful for her time and commitment to the Guild.

The printing of the book was made possible by an anonymous donor and all proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Guild's scholarship and disbursement programs. The Guild is grateful for the generous donation of our big-hearted friend of the Guild.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Renewal

Please renew today!

**Only renewals received by
October 31st will be in the
new directory.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Patti Sharpe

The campaign called “40 Days for Life” will be ongoing from September 28 through November 6, 2022. What started in College Station, Texas, is now an international movement in which Christians come together to pray, fast, and be a witness for the value of every life. This is done primarily by gathering near an abortion facility in their local community.

During these “40 Days for Life” in Downey, the important role is to be part of a prayerful and peaceful presence from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of FPA at 8635 Firestone Blvd.

“Women’s Reproductive Rights” very often equals death to the unborn child, the inconvenient human of our times. 64,000,000 of these inconvenient humans have been aborted since 1973 in the U.S. alone. We need to pray that God will somehow end abortion in our land, and in our city. We also need to share these facts with our neighbors and our families so that they will become solidly “pro-life”.

Hopefully, members of our Women’s Guild will unite with other Christians by prayer and fasting during these days. May our inspired women be witnesses to the community that ending a child’s life is always the wrong choice,

and that women in a crisis pregnancy deserve love and compassion, not the brutality of an abortion.

Statistics show that half of scheduled appointments do not take place in these clinics when there are people praying outside of an abortion facility. Please come and pray, and bring a friend. Contact Patti Sharpe for more information.



Annual Blood Drive

6th ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, November 13, 2022
from 8 AM --2 PM
at the Knights of Columbus Hall
11231 Rives Ave, Downey, 90241
(Firestone & Rives, behind McDonald's)

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Sometimes the need is sudden, such as an accident. Many cancer patients need blood, sometimes, daily, during chemotherapy. The blood used is on the shelves before the need occurs. What would Jesus do if He were asked to donate a pint of blood for one of His loved ones or even a complete stranger? Jesus gave His last drop of blood to save all of our lives. Consider Jesus' example.

To sign up to donate, go to;
redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code
OLPHCC on the "Make appt" tab.
Questions? call Paula (562) 923-3518

COMMUNITY

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*Alice in Wonderland
photo booth props. Ideal
for kids tea party.*

*Used once. Excellent
condition. \$10.00*

contact: Jo Ann Ramirez 714-932-3449

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Knights of Columbus

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the hall is available for:

- Anniversary parties
- Wedding receptions
- Christmas & holiday parties
- Retirement events

Seats up to 170 guests
Elevated stage for band or DJ
Full-service bar area
Professional kitchen available to
keep food warm only;
no cooking privileges.
Free on-site parking

Contact: Mario Mendoza (714) 367-6966

BINGO

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DOWNEY
11231 RIVES AVE. 90241
562.923.1932**

**BINGO EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
REGULAR GAMES AT 7:00 PM**



Christmas Adopt-A-Family 2022

If you were unable to attend the fundraiser in August, we are accepting donations for this worthwhile project through October 31. Kindly make your check payable to:

Catholic Women's Guild with the following notation
in the memo field: 2022 Christmas AAF.

Mail your donation to:

**Catholic Women's Guild,
att: Dianna Hampton, Treasurer,
10727 Downey Ave.,
Downey, CA 90241-3439.**

The Guild will send a formal acknowledgement
letter for any donation that is more than \$250.00.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Knights of Columbus
is hosting a Christmas Boutique
on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022
at the Hall from 10 am – 4pm
For more info contact Susie
Searcy 714.606.9544



- 1 Angelica Gonzalez**
- 3 Bob Brazelton**
- 4 Mae Galo**
- 4 Lillian Sposto**
- 7 Keiko De Carvalho**
- 8 Maureen Cimino**
- 8 Gloria Arreola**
- 11 Rebecca Padilla**
- 15 Emilia Di Corpo**
- 15 Liz Carungcong**
- 16 Mary Felix**
- 18 Melchora Galo**
- 19 Stephanie May Gallardo**
- 20 Christine French**
- 20 Karen Moy**
- 20 Debbie Roberts**
- 23 Renee Callahan**
- 30 Mayra Chirco**
- 30 Irene Segura**
- 31 Yolanda Chavez**
- 31 Gina Wormald**

Ways & Means Mediterranean Night

Thank you, Yolanda Ramirez, for managing the auction. Thank you, KC Cordero, Julie Goodus, Jeanne Henson, Leila Giries, and Heidy De La Rosa, for the auction donations. Also thank you Linda Malme and Yolanda Ramirez for the gas gift card donation. Those truly come in handy. In addition, we greatly appreciated Irma Florin and the OLPH confirmation students who were a tremendous help. They helped serve our attendees and were also invited to join us for dinner. Our events run smoothly with Linda and Nancy greeting our guests. Thank you for all you do.



DIANNA HAMPTON, ROSE DOUGLAS, NANCY LOPEZ AND LINDA MALME

As summertime unwinds now, we are changing gears and getting ready for wintertime. Ways and Means is planning an exciting Christmas Luncheon. Hope to see you at our Warm Country Christmas event on December 4th, 2022.



HOSTESS LEILA GIRIES WITH DEACON JOHN SAAVEDRA WHO DELIVERED THE INVOCATION FOR THE EVENING.

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