



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild

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Linda Malme

by JoAnn Ramirez

On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, the Downey Coordinating Council honored 23 volunteers. This annual celebration brings together the spirit of volunteerism, showcasing inspiring stories and recognizing the selfless efforts of exceptional volunteers.

The Women's Guild has participated in this event for decades and this year's recipient was Linda Malme. Linda cherishes her volunteer work with the defunct OLPH Tuna Sandwich Program, which provided 800 sandwiches per week to the homeless on Skid Row for over 35 years. Linda and Glen, along with other volunteers, made 400 sandwiches every Tuesday. When the program shuttered due to COVID, Linda arranged with five local churches to continue sharing weekly donations.

The award not only acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of the Volunteer of the Year but also serves as a source of inspiration for others. Shining a spotlight on these exceptional individuals ignites a ripple effect of positive change within our community. Or as Linda expresses in her quiet manner, "service is love in action."

Over 18 friends of Linda and Glen shared this special evening at the Women's Club of Downey. On behalf of the Women's Guild we congratulate Linda for her well deserved recognition. If you see Linda around this summer make sure to extend a congratulations for her award. Congratulations Linda!



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

Lucy Solares



"He who plants kindness gathers love."

St. Basil

When I first moved to Downey in 2016, I was still employed, but a year later I retired from work to spend more time with my mother and to help care for her. During that time, I met Paula Mayfield who invited me to the Women's Guild Tea Party. This is where I first met a group of spirit-filled, dedicated, and talented women who had much passion and made the time to organize events and fundraisers for the betterment of the church and community. The enthusiasm displayed by these Guild women was contagious and this is when I knew I wanted to be a part of this great ministry.

I am now thankful and humbled to be given the opportunity to serve as President of the Women's Guild for 2023-2024. As I look over the list of Past Presidents, I am in awe of these wonderful women whose dedication and leadership I greatly admire. I am hopeful that, with everyone's help, I can come close to achieving the high level of effectiveness and success that they achieved over the years. It is a true honor to serve as the 56th President and I look forward to working very hard, with our Executive Board, Appointive Officers, Representatives, and membership as a whole to add to the legacy of the Guild.

During these past two years, as Chair of Ways and Means and Vice President, I had the pleasure of working closely with our immediate Past President, Jo Ann Ramirez. Thank you, Jo Ann, for sharing your vision and experience! You were an outstanding President, completely dedicated to the Guild's success. You pulled us through tough times as we all confronted the challenges posed by covid. Getting back to normalcy with on and off again restrictions was demanding and you led the way for us.

The motto from St. Basil, "He who plants kindness gathers love," is my inspiration as I prepare myself to embark on this journey this coming year. I am comforted in knowing that I will not be alone on this journey and that I will have the support of so many dedicated, motivated, and inspiring women serving with me as Executive Board members, Appointive Officers, and Representatives. As we all know, the work of the Guild is not easy and requires much dedication. However, I am constantly reminded of how blessed we all are to have the opportunity to do meaningful work that helps others in need. Whether it is helping families enjoy a special meal or gift during Christmas, assisting parents with the cost of their children's education or providing grants to assist our church, school, and local community organizations with their projects, what we do really matters, and it makes a big difference to the people who receive the fruits of our hard work and dedication. When we plant kindness, we gather love, and this love is the fuel that gives us the energy to keep going.

I invite all our members to join me this coming year as the Guild keeps going strong and continues to plant kindness and gather love.



**THANK YOU Frantone's
for your delicious food
and 59 years of service!
You will be missed!**

Women's Guild Vice President

Nancy Lopez

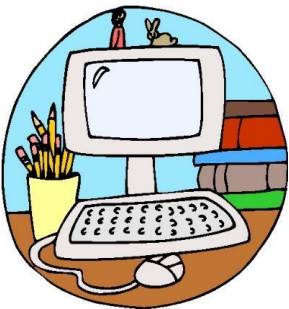


Greetings to all Guild Members!

As the summer days approach and we enjoy the lengthened hours of daylight, it is the perfect time to relax by spending more time outside with our friends and family. This time of year allows us to be more social as we take part in evening walks, bask in the sun by the beach, enjoy summer concerts at the park, savor some delicious food at a barbeque or picnic, or take a small vacation. So, with that in mind, I ask that you keep your calendars open! **Saturday, August 12th** we will be having our Hawaiian Sunset Fundraiser. This event will be to gather funds for our Adopt-A-Family (AAF) project. Please be sure to attend and make early reservations by the August 4th deadline, as there is limited space. The event will begin at 5 pm at the home of one of our generous guild members, Leila Giries. Tickets are \$30 per person (suggested donation). It will be a fun-filled evening with great-tasting food, lively music, raffle prizes, and a silent auction. We encourage you to extend the invitation to your friends and family so we are able to transform and make lasting memories for our OLPH families and children this coming holiday season.

I am pleased to write to you in this quarter's newsletter as your Women's Guild Vice President for the '23-'24 term. I feel blessed to be able to be part of this fantastic group and look forward to making a positive impact through our ministry in our community with God's guidance. As the summer days begin to swelter, don't forget to use sunscreen, and please stay hydrated and cool! God bless!

Newsletter Takes Digital Leap Summer Edition Only



We understand not everyone is comfortable with using technology or navigating the online world. This edition of the newsletter allows us to test an online version. If you or someone you know is struggling with going online, we are here to help. With the right resources and support anyone can learn to navigate the online world with confidence.

Seeking out help is the first step, so please feel free to contact _____,
_____ or _____ and start your online journey into the digital age.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

President...Lucy Solares

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Catholic Women's Guild

Membership

ROSE DOUGLAS

What a fun year we have had in the Guild. Lots of memorable meetings and functions. We are so very blessed.

Here is the membership stats

- Members – 141
- Friends – 22
- Secret Sisters – 13
- New Members – 19
- Lifetime – 3
- Total – 198



Donations

- Gift - \$645
- Scholarship - \$370
- Secret Sister - \$300

Thank you all for your generous donations!
 Please remember to use the local businesses in
 the back of the Directory.
 Have a wonderful and safe summer.

VISIT OUR
WEBSITE

Website:

womensguild.olphdowney.com

CONTACT THE GUILD AT:

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New Members

Brent, Amy
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 Birthday July 30, Spouse Mark

Lavey, Jill
 562-923-5819
 cell 562-716-4803
 Birthday Jan 30

Financial Report for April 1, 2023

Dianna Hampton

Beginning Balance: Apr. 1, 2023..... \$ 20,301.10

Deposits - April \$ 2,535.28

Expenses - April..... \$ 3,427.95

Ending Balance: April 30, 2023..... \$19,408.43



- 1 Kookie Brown
- 1 Stella Derry
- 1 Maria Tallini
- 2 Megan Torres
- 5 Carmen Marquez
- 6 Maria Sequeira
- 8 Mary Canaletti
- 9 Carol Vernoy
- 17 Jackie Bernal
- 23 Suzan Wilson
- 25 Chris Baumann



- 1 Bishop Joe Sartori
- 2 Gloria Ver Halen
- 5 Yolanda Medina
- 7 Lucy Solares
- 9 Josette Antonelli
- 9 Carol Vernoy
- 10 Jeanne Henson
- 13 Paula Mayfield
- 13 Mary Mulrooney
- 14 Joan Smock
- 15 Jeannette Cox
- 16 Lisette Grizzelle
- 20 Margie Delgado
- 23 Steffani McMains
- 26 Librada Pardo
- 27 Libby Zarrahy
- 30 Amy Brent
- 31 Nancy Angela Lopez
- 31 Martha Barcelo
- 31 Gwen Hakel



- 3 Joyce Prokop
- 4 Julie Bosdachin
- 6 Zulmy Mancia
- 9 Myrtle Celaya
- 10 Clara Veloz
- 14 Lourdes Pena
- 16 Durga Baumann
- 16 Louise Niewiarowski
- 17 Sharon Hudgens
- 18 Christine Pohlen
- 18 Norma Sarabie
- 20 Phyllis Gillespie
- 22 Stephanie Basurto
- 22 Irene Boyce
- 22 Theresa Ford
- 23 Erika Garcia
- 23 Melodie Santana
- 25 Patricia Stephens
- 28 JoAnna Fernandez
- 28 Shirley Lawrence
- 28 Consuelo Lomeli
- 29 Julie Goodus



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Summer Party Fundraiser

*Benefitting OLPH 2023
Christmas
Adopt-a-Family*

*Saturday, August 12,
2023
at 5:00 pm*

Home of Leila Giries

RSVP by August 4, 2023
Linda Malme 562-869-6491

Please join us for a
**HAWAIIAN
SUNSET**
Fundraiser Summer
Party

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Friends & Family
Welcome

Benefitting OLPH 2023
Christmas Adopt-A-Family
Hosted by
Catholic Women's Guild OLPH

**Silent
Auction**

Saturday, August 12 @ 5:00pm
Home of Leila Giries
10210 Cord Ave., Downey 90241

\$30
suggested donation
per person