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# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## WOMEN'S CATHOLIC GUILD

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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.

### At-A-Glance Activities

10/22 The Stand Up Comedy Club, Bellflower

10/31 Renewal Campaign Ends

11/12 Blood Drive K of C

11/29 Board Meeting (replaces 12/6 meeting)

**No December General Meeting**

12/3 Annual Christmas Luncheon Azar Event Center

### Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Fundraiser

A big "thank you" to all for your support and generosity. We are happy to announce our Hawaiian Sunset Dinner had 53 guests, and we raised \$3,356.80 for the OLPH Christmas Adopt-A-Family 2023. A special thank you to Leila Giries for graciously opening her lovely home for this important fundraiser. Leila and Maria Stephenson led a team of Guild members to transform Leila's backyard into a tropical Hawaiian setting, and they led in preparing delicious Hawaiian foods, including appetizers, main entrée, and an assortment of colorful Hawaiian drinks.



Leila's grandkids were at the grill and assisted with serving wine and an assortment of drinks. For the second time, Irma Florin and the OLPH confirmation teens helped serve the food to our guests. Father Danny gave the blessing, then food and fellowship filled this perfect summer evening. After dinner, the silent auction and raffle delighted everyone who attended.

This evening could not have happened without the help of our Guild members: Nancy Lopez, Julie Bosdachin, Yolanda Ramirez, Linda Malme, Evelyn Snyder, Gloria Mendoza, and our photographer, Sarah Perez.



Thank you to our raffle and silent auction donors; Leila Giries, John Giries, K.C. Cordero, Dorothy Biby, Noe Padilla, Lulu Nassar, Ron Meyer, Bill McCluskey, Kookie Brown, Terry Wright, Marge Lewis, ather Danny, Yolanda

Ramirez, Jo Ann Ramirez, Dianna Hampton, Nancy Lopez, Mary Rock, and Maria Stephenson for your generous donations.



# PRESIDENT

Lucy Solares



*He who plants kindness gathers love – St. Basil*

October is a busy month. Fall is making its presence known, school is in full swing, and All Saints Day is fast approaching. In the Catholic calendar, October is the month of the Rosary - October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary has been a sign of hope and a source of many graces. One of our long-time Guild members, Louise Niewiarowski, who recently passed at the age of 100, was referred to by those who knew her as a saintly woman, devoted to praying the Rosary daily and determined to attend daily mass when her health permitted. She knew of these graces and lived by them. Louise was a blessing to all who knew her, and she will be missed. I had the opportunity to attend the OLPH Back-To-School BBQ on Friday, September 8th. I was able to talk to various parents about the Guild and pass out membership applications. Our School Representative, Maria Roque, was able to do the same. I received positive feedback from parents, and I am hopeful my visit was fruitful. We are in full force with the Guild's Membership campaign. The connection made with some of the parents at the Back-To-School BBQ night was very important. This is a vital bridge to inform school parents on what the Guild has done for the school, including informing them of the upcoming events and activities the Guild has calendared. As I shared with you in our September Newsletter, two of my goals are to increase membership and visibility with other ministries at our parish and school, this is a step toward these goals. Remember to renew your membership and invite a friend or two to one of our meetings. They will see fun and vibrant members and will be enticed to join! Watch for announcements of all the Women's Guild activities. Look at our At-A-Glance Activities in this newsletter and mark your calendar. We are looking forward to another wonderful year.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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**Leila Giries**







# VICE PRESIDENT

NANCY LOPEZ



Autumn has begun and the season of change is officially here. As the long days of summer are past us and the days ahead begin to get shorter and cooler, we look forward to the festive days of the season.

We had a great turnout at the September General Meeting. It was wonderful seeing everyone, especially our new members. We were blessed to have Fr. Benedict as our guest speaker. We enjoyed seeing our members win raffle prizes, savor the wide variety of salads and having fun mingling while playing the "Get To Know You Bingo".

Please join us for our next General Meeting on October 18th. We will have a festive "Días De Los Muertos" themed event with entertainment provided. We encourage you to bring pictures of your loved ones to place on the shrine to pay respect and honor our friends and family that have passed.

The Hambone's Fundraiser was a great success. We had many of our members attend with their family and friends.

Save the date for our next fundraiser - Sunday, October 22nd! Come join us for some good laughs, drinks and food at The Stand Up Comedy Club in the city of Bellflower. This fundraising event will benefit the Catholic Women's Guild. See details in our church bulletin and newsletter.



Picture below are our amazing confirmation teens assisting at our summer fundraiser. They assisted in serving and helping our guest to their seats. It is always great to see our youth visible and present at OLPH Women's Guild events.

Father Danny giving a blessing at our Hawaiian Summer Night Fundraiser.





## 2023 Scholarship and Community Grant Disbursement

During our last fiscal year, with your financial support, the Guild was able to provide the following donations:

- Five \$1,250.00 Scholarships were awarded to Downey 8th grade students enrolled in a Catholic high school this fall, for a total of \$6,250.00. Our scholarship awardees are:

**Daniel Camacho- Loyola High School**

**Hugo Pacheco - Loyola High School**

**Leia Cortez - Ramona Convent High School**

**Melissa Palencia - St Joseph High School**

**Bella Rodriguez - St. Joseph High School**

- Five OLPH Church and community organizations:
  - OLPH Church Adult Choir (iPad and amplifier) \$1,300.00
  - Ministry of Consolation Life After Loss (grief workbooks) \$ 500.00
  - OLPH Church Environment (seasonal decorations) \$ 500.00
  - St. Gertrude the Great School (CA state intervention program) \$1,000.00
  - Friends of the Downey Library (summer reading program books) \$ 500.00

**Picture shows one of the scholarship awardees. Additional information can be found on our website.**



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Rose Douglas

Our membership drive is well under way.

Thanks to all of you that have already sent in your renewals. If you have not renewed yet, please take a moment and send yours to me or drop off at the rectory.

Keep in mind Women’s Guild memberships make nice gifts for family and friends.

We also have Secret Sister funds available to use for any member, existing or new, that can use help with membership fees. Just contact me and I will be happy to help.

Additional membership renewal forms are available on the Guild website and in the rectory. I can also mail one to anyone you needs one.

“By Caring About The Happiness Of Others We Find Our Own” - Plato

### Update Directory

#### NEW MEMBER

Villanueva Roque, Maria  
cell 408-401-8951

7/23

10620 Western Ave Apt H  
90241

[umaria606@yahoo.com](mailto:umaria606@yahoo.com)

#### ADD EMAIL

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#### DECEASED

P.26 Commodore, Joe

P.41 Niewiarowski, Louise





# Successful Casino Trip

PAULA MAYFIELD

The Guild's Casino Trip originally scheduled for August 22, suddenly had to be cancelled and rescheduled to September 5th thanks to Hurricane Hilary! Our guests were very understanding and gracious about the changes. Many of them were waiting at the church even before we arrived that morning! We gave out several \$5 Bingo prizes (all the better to slip that bill into a slot machine!), and on the way home we had nine raffle prizes to distribute! So many thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes, water, and their helping hands to load everyone on the bus with their name tags, goodie bags, go-home snacks and water! As they were leaving us and heading back home, our guests were asking us when our next trip would be, to be sure to call them when it happens and that they had so much fun on the bus

with us unlike other casino bus trips they've taken. The final numbers are not in yet, but our Casino Trips are fantastic fundraisers! We had 56 seats filled, at \$20 each...Hopefully, we'll be doing this again in January 2024 and we hope to see YOU on the bus!



*Our casino trip was enjoyed by all. By the smiles on these faces, they will be back for our next casino trip!*





# Happy October BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bob Brazelton
- 4 Mae Galo
- 4 Lillian Sposto
- 8 Maureen Cimino
- 8 Gloria Arreola
- 11 Rebecca Padilla
- 13 Dulce Franco
- 15 Emilia Di Corpo
- 15 Teresa Romero
- 16 Mary Felix
- 19 Manel Patricia Peiris
- 20 Christine French
- 20 Karen Moy
- 20 Katia Reyes
- 20 Debbie Roberts
- 20 David Macayaon
- 23 Renee Callahan
- 25 Marlena Jimenez
- 29 Winnie Hopkins
- 30 Irene Segura
- 31 Yolanda Chavez

# Spiritual Development

PAULA MAYFIELD

*"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body."*

*St. Teresa of Avila*



## Financial Report

October 1, 2023

Dianna Hampton

### Beginning Balance

August 2023.....\$ 8,504.35

### Deposits

August 2023.....\$ 4,598.23

### Expenses

August 2023.....\$ 2,507.07

### Ending Balance

August 31, 2023.....\$ 11,045.51

**OLPH Women's Guild  
7th Annual Blood Drive  
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

# GIVE BLOOD

## **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?**

Jesus gave His blood so that you and I could live! Our Lord gave every last drop of His Precious Blood to save us! Can YOU spend one hour on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, giving just one unit of blood to save one of God's beloved children? Although an estimated 38% of the U. S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do each year. Blood cannot be manufactured—it can only come from generous donors. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. One donation can save the lives of 3 people. Please set aside one hour on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> to become just a little more Christ-like! Be somebody's hero!

For more info and to schedule an appt in your preferred time slot, please call Paula Mayfield (562) 923-3518 (landline). Also, please let me know if you are able to volunteer to help out the day of the Drive. Many thanks!



Twice a year, since 2010, we have announced the **40 Days for Life campaign**, which is a call to pray, fast and stand as witnesses for the value of every unborn human life. Since Downey has a very active abortion clinic on one of our busiest streets, this call is relevant and urgent for our Guild members. While going through the Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz, the teaching of the Catholic Church was duly noted regarding "The Proliferation of Sin". The third item, "*by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so*" is what is happening when Christians in a city are indifferent and inactive in the face of child-killing. By actively coming out to pray and "stand witness" we are disclosing the evil going on at that location, and are hindering the loss of lives by our powerful prayers and fasting.

This is why 40 Days for Life helps us to be better Catholics living out our faith and standing up for truth in our culture. The fall campaign begins September 27 and ends on November 5, with the hope of prayer coverage every day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The director of 40 Days for Life in Downey is Omar Saucedo and his number is (323) 500-8930. Bring a prayer partner and your rosary and be of strong courage believing that our heavenly Father's will is for His children to stand up against the evil of child killing across our land, and especially in our own city of Downey. For further information, call Patti Sharpe, Guild member, and member of Parish Respect Life Ministry.



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# General MEETING

**Friday, October 13, 2023  
at 10am**

**OUR THEME WILL BE**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
11231 RIVES AVE  
DOWNEY

RSVP BY 10/13  
COST - \$15

AFTER DUE DATE THE COST WILL BE \$20  
(CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

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