

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



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October

- 2nd – Respect Life Sunday
7th-9th CDA State Retreat –
American Martyrs Retreat House,
Cedar Falls, IA
10th Financial Review
16th – CDA Sunday – 10:00 AM
mass at St Peter's, don't forget to
wear your CDA stoles!
17th – October Meeting
- Rosary 5:15 St Peter's
Social Hall
 - Dinner 5:45 St Peter's
Social Hall
 - Meeting 6:15 St Peter's
Social Hall
- 31st – Court St Anthony 96th
Anniversary

November

- 1st – All Saints Day
6th – 40 days for life –
Ending Rally at Gabriel's
Corner
14th – November Meeting
- Memorial Mass for
Bernice Ronk and Mary
Tedesco 5:15 St Peter's
Church
 - Dinner 5:45 St Peter's
Social Hall
 - Meeting 6:30 St Peter's
Social Hall
- 27th - Advent Begins

December

- 12th – December Meeting
- 5:15 Mass at St Peter's
Parish
 - 5:45 Dinner, Meeting
and Christmas
Party/Gift Exchange
- 25th - Christmas

Court #330 News

www.cda330.org

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<p>Member Anniversaries in October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1953 – Luana Paluka • 1954 – Darlene Morrow • 1976 – Elaine Nugent • 1995 – Mary Sealock • 1995 – Catherine Thompson • 1998 – Charlotte Spoto • 1999 – Maxine Welchel • 2009 – Maxine Gotto <p>Member Birthdays in October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th – Carol Andress • 8th – Jo Meade • 9th – Donna Collins • 9th – Judy Mendel • 23rd – Marti Lynch • 25th – Yvonne Hanneman 	<p>Member Anniversaries in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1955 – Evelyn Seidler • 1957 – Josephine Goeser • 1959 – Rose Spoto • 1967 – Marcella Lee • 1969 – Mary Alice Wickham • 2004 – Maria Hurd • 2004 – Shirley Thomsen • 2006 – Joan Goeser • 2008 – Carol Andress • 2008 – Kris Jarecki • 2008 – Judy Lookabill • 2013 – Julie Marlow • 2015 – Jessica White • 2015 – Kay White <p>Member Birthdays in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th – Kathleen Carlin • 18th – Darlene Morrow • 18th – Mary Morrow • 22nd – Sheila Graham 	<p>Member Anniversaries in December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 – Marion Madden • 2003 – Patricia Christensen • 2011 – Teresa Koch • 2011 – Marti Lynch • 2011 – Patricia McGinn • 2011 – Mary Morrow • 2011 – Mary Sue Wickham • 2012 – Rita Hughes <p>Member Birthdays in December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th – Shirley Thomsen • 9th – Kris Jarecki • 9th – Angela Shea • 21st – Irene Schlautman • 27th – Carol Hollenbeck • 30th – Teresa Koch

At our August 8th meeting we collected school supplies for the Council Bluffs community schools.

The court did a great job collecting!



A Message from our Court Leaders

Goodbye summer – hello fall! This means our new calendar year has begun. We've just completed circulating the Circle of Love and dinner committees. Thank you all for moving out of your comfort zones and signing up for a new committee. I also want to thank those members who worked very hard on past committees. Your hard work efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you ladies! It really helps our court grow and be identified when we come together as a team in the public's eye to see what we do in action. That's what the Circle of Love is all about. Be sure to mark your calendars for CDA Sunday which will be held on October 16, 2016. We will wear our purple stoles and attend the 10:00am mass at St. Peter's.

In Unity & Charity,
Angie Shea
Regent

This summer has been exceedingly hot. This past week our Knights of Columbus Council has been soliciting, by selling tootsie rolls with the money going to help the mentally challenged in Council Bluffs. It seems like each year that we pick the hottest days of the year to do this. As I was helping with this endeavor by working two hours at a grocery store I was so impressed with the generosity of so many people. Several people remarked that they were so impressed with our efforts raising money for the mentally challenged. I have been helping with the endeavor for twenty years and one of things that impresses me is how much easier it is to raise funds than it was a number of years ago. I think we can all learn a marvelous lesson when we help people who are less fortunate than we are. I hope that every one of us has the opportunity to reach out to someone less fortunate than we are. I hope that even though the summer has been extremely hot that you have had an opportunity to touch the lives of the less fortunate.

Fr Chuck Kottas

Dinner Committees

October:

- Rita Hughes
- Joan Von Tersch

November:

- Carol Hollenbeck
- Sue Meidlinger
- Pam Ratigan
- Jan Roth
- Sue Thomas

December:

- Mary Carroll
- Pat McGinn
- Mary Sealock
- Linda Spencer
- Mary Alice Wickham
- Mary Sue Wickham

Court 330 Annual Salad Luncheon

Our annual salad luncheon was held on Wednesday July 13th. We had a very successful year, fundraising more money than the past couple years. Thanks to Linda Spencer and Patty McGinn for the beautiful table decorations and all of their hard work heading up the committee and thanks to all the court members that brought salads, desserts and worked the luncheon. See www.cda330.org for more pictures from the luncheon.

Winners of the Salad Luncheon Raffle:

- \$100 BP Gift Card – Montey Stork
- \$100 Hy-Vee Gift Card – Mary Johnson
- Amber Rosary from Lynch's Jewelry – Mariann Hildebrand
- Stars & Stripes Mugs & Bowl Set – Paulene Fox
- Honey Bee Yard Ornament & Basket – Linda Spencer
- Set of 20 Coasters – Jan Roth
- Serving Tray Set – Maxine Welchel
- Knife Set – Donna Collins
- Table Runner - Marlene Little
- Sugar & Creamer Set – Linda Spencer
- Scentsy Candles Basket – Carol Hollenbeck



Member Spotlight

Donna Collins – Member since 2013



Donna was born in Council Bluffs, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, and by age two her family had moved to a farm near Woodbine, IA. She went to country school for three years with her mother as her teacher! Her maternal grandmother had grown up on a farm in a family of nine children; so she had vast experience with teaching children, but no formalized degree. Donna's mom was qualified to teach her at that time with a Normal School background. Donna's mom would go on to formalize her degree, while teaching and raising four children on the farm. Later on her mom taught Elementary School in Woodbine for years. Donna would follow after her mom, teaching Elementary School in Atlantic, Iowa and Lewis Central

here in Council Bluffs. Donna also taught part-time at IWCC (Iowa Western Community College) for many years, working with students getting their GED degrees. This is a family of teachers to be sure!

Donna had one brother and two sisters; she was next to the last in birth order. There was "always something to do on the farm like chores, gardening and I rode a horse." She attended Woodbine High School, where she was sweethearts with her now husband of 48 years, Gary. After graduation Gary left for the US Air Force, serving for the next four years, mostly in England. During his absence they didn't have any contact as Donna was busy attending Northwestern Missouri State, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. After returning from the Air Force Gary married Donna and he took a job with Union Pacific that he held for 37 years until his retirement. Always with a goal in mind, Donna is currently painting the basement walls and floor of their lovely home. She says she is "determined to finish" this project and "can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Donna and Gary were blessed with three children. Danny was their oldest who had Down's Syndrome and passed away in 2012, having been given 41 precious years with his family. Daughter Cathy also entered the teaching profession as an instructor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Son David is a professional drummer who also teaches at IWCC. Cathy and her banker husband Jeff have given them two grandchildren; Zach, who is entering UNL this fall, studying computers, and Danielle, who will be a sophomore at Lincoln Southwest.

Donna's family is not only a family of teachers, but a talented musical family. Donna has publicly played the Bass Clarinet since her high school marching band days at Woodbine. She continued playing in a Clarinet Quartet with the IWCC Community Band for about 35 years. This group has played venues such as The General Dodge House at Christmastime and other events. She said, "I enjoyed those occasions very much." Her wind instrument is her focus, although she also plays piano. Son David is an award winning drummer since high school, earning an Iowa All-State rating in Percussion. Both her grandchildren play double reed instruments. Granddaughter Danielle plays oboe, sax and piano. Grandson Zach plays the bassoon and piano. Donna played music of the 1920's, from original sheet music that belonged to her aunt, on her Bass Clarinet at our court's 95th Anniversary Party last fall. (see photo)

Originally the Collins family attended Queen of Apostles until their children were in school; since then they are longtime parishioners at St. Patrick's. Since retirement Donna does a lot of quilting and has been active with the Sewing Circle at St. Patrick's, making lap robes for local care homes. She enjoys other service activities such as making pies and working at the annual city-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Recently Donna and Gary joined the Tai Chi class at Queen of Apostles Great Hall on Wednesday afternoons, from 1:30 to 3:00pm. They are enjoying great benefits, "physically and spiritually" from this exercise/meditation activity, where all participants are Catholic Christians.

Donna accepted an invitation from member Judy Lookabill to attend our Court #330 meetings and joined the court in 2013. She said she enjoys the "camaraderie and friendships" she experiences in our group. She also appreciates the "common goals of monetary and GIK (Gift in Kind) donations for the community." We are grateful that Donna is our sister in CDA and we welcome her active involvement, her cheerful disposition and many talents.

Give praise with blasts upon the horn. Psalm 150:3

Iowa CDA

www.iowacatholicdaughters.org

2016 Workshops beginning in August

All workshops are open to ALL CDA members not just officers. Please come with any questions, concerns and ideas to share.

- 8/20 - CDA Workshop, Greene IA, St Mary's Catholic Church, 105 Main St., Greene IA 50636, parking behind the church. Deadline Aug. 15th
- 9/10 -CDA Workshop, Des Moines IA, St Francis of Assisi Church, 7075 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines IA 50266, Deadline Sept. 5th
- 9/17 - CDA Workshop, Sibley IA, St Andrews Church, 708 8th St, Sibley IA 51249, Deadline Sept. 17th

Other Iowa CDA Important Dates

9/24/16-9/25/16 - Christ Our Life Catholic Conference – Wells Fargo Arena – Des Moines, Iowa – Visit www.christourlifeiowa.com for more information

10/7/16 – 10/9/16 - Catholic Daughters and Women's Retreat – American Martyrs Retreat House – Cedar Falls, Iowa –See article in Summer VOICE edition.

Our Iowa CDA Leadership at Anna Baxter Day



A Note from Cleo Harder, Iowa Spiritual Enhancement Chair

As Catholic Daughters and members of our Courts we nourish our faith. Our faith inspires us as Catholic Daughters to have strength in today's world. Quoting from Pope John XXIII, "All work becomes supremely great when it is done in the Spirit of our Lord".

Our Courts support those receiving the Sacraments by sending cards, by giving rosaries, and by providing breakfasts or dinners. RCIA members are encouraged by our CDA Courts.

In our communities we are providing needed articles to the Crisis Centers and other organizations. CDA members are volunteering at our nursing homes and hospitals as many Courts are praying the rosary with the residents. Courts are providing prayer blankets for Hospice and other health care facilities. Our CDA members are supporting our Seminarians with spiritual bouquets, with cards, and small gifts. In one Court the members have small jars in their homes titled, "Prayers-Pennies-Priests. They say a prayer as they drop coins in the jar. The money is used for cards and small gifts for our Seminarians.

I encourage all Courts to use the Catholic Daughter web site for ideas for Spiritual enhancement, also all the other sites that provide prayer services. Our "Voice" has many informative ideas for service and prayer. remain the basis for laws governing our land, and that Christianity will grow in the United States and in the world. Our suggested time is 8pm.

I encourage everyone to continue to pray the rosary daily.

Our faith inspires us "Remember...our work becomes supremely great when it is done in the Spirit of the Lord."

National CDA

www.catholicdaughters.org

From National Chaplain Father Mathew Kuhn

Our Lord Jesus challenges us this week to consider: "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." He asks us to consider what we treasure in our lives and how we invest ourselves, our treasure, and our time. Jesus asks us to make the Kingdom of God our goal, and to store up treasure in heaven instead of here on earth. There is no perfect, lasting kingdom here on earth. Nothing here will ever satisfy our desires. So what Jesus is asking of us also happens to be that which will make us most happy and fulfilled.

Christ offers us here and now the model for our self-investment: He gives himself totally over to the Will of God the Father. Jesus invests Himself fully in the service of those most in need, and places all his resources, all of his time and talents, at the service of the poor, the sick, and those burdened by their sins. He invests everything in the Kingdom.

So how are we doing? Are we investing ourselves, our time, and our treasures in things that will last? Do we give ourselves to God and to others, or are we more concerned with our own gain, our personal satisfaction, and with the passing pleasures of this world?

Do I spend more time on entertainment than I do on prayer? Do I spend more money on my hobbies than I contribute to charities and to my Church? Do I enjoy my coffee more than I enjoy my family? Am I even spending time and money on sinful things that lead me away from God and others? We must consider our final Heavenly destination and live each day and each moment as a step toward that goal. Am I investing in my ultimate future, or am I wasting my time and endangering my eternity?

Peace in Christ,

Father Matthew Kuhn

National Convention

The 56th Biennial National CDA Convention was held in Pittsburgh July 20-24, 2016.

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

Motto: Unity and Charity

Purpose: As the largest organization of Catholic Women in the Americas and founded through the Knights of Columbus Catholic men's organization, our purpose is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church.