



Court St. Anthony #330

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Summer 2012



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Website

www.cda330.org
Special features: member spotlight, newsletters, Woman of Strength
Saint of the month, charitable projects, news, events & a fun photo gallery!

Summer Schedule of Events

June 3	Priest Appreciation Day		
June 10	Corpus Christi Walk	Our Lady of Carter Lake Church after special 11:30 am Mass	
June 11	Mass:	St. Peter's Church	5:15 pm
	Dinner:	St. Peter's Social Hall	6:00 pm
	Dinner Chairs:	Jo Meade and Rose Spoto	
	Meeting:	Installation of officers, standing rules vote	6:30-8:00 pm
July 9	No Mass		
	Dinner:	Pizza King	6:00 pm
	Meeting:	salad luncheon	6:30-8:00 pm
July 11	Salad Luncheon	St. Peter's Social Hall	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
July 15-22	National CDA Convention, Omaha		
July 21	Mass (open to public)	St. Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha	2:00 pm
Aug 13	Mass:	St. Peter's Church	5:15 pm
	Dinner:	St. Peter's Social Hall	6:00 pm
	Dinner Chairs:	Jeanette Bowen and Elaine Nugent	
	Meeting:	budget presentation and vote	6:30-8:00 pm

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.

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Prayer
Warrior Models



SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

WOMAN OF STRENGTH,
COURAGE, CONVICTION
& MISSION

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 5

BORN: AUGUST 25, 1905 IN POLAND

DIED: OCTOBER 5, 1938 IN KRAKOW, POLAND

CANONIZED: APRIL 30, 2000

(FIRST SAINT OF THE 21ST CENTURY)

SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER IMITATION OF
CHRIST, THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION,
AND HER BOOK,

DIARY: DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL.



JUNE IN BLOOM BY GOD'S HOLY HAND

"So sweet, so sweet the roses in their blowing,
So sweet the daffodils, so fair to see;
So blithe and gay the humming-bird a going
From flower to flower, a-hunting with the bee."

- Nora Perry, *In June*

Regent Review:
Sheila Graham

Dear members,

Membership in Catholic Daughters brings many blessings and joys into our lives. Each month when we gather for our shared meal and meeting, much more happens than what shows up in our minutes.

We greet each other with hugs and catch up on the news of our families and friends. Our meals are like family time with so much chatter and laughter soaring from each table as we sit together with old friends and new acquaintances. As the meeting begins we share our thoughts and ideas on what we as a court would like to do and how we can contribute to our community.

Often the conversation gets animated as we joke with each other or report on our membership activities. During the meeting time we ask for updates on our homebound and sick members, after which we say a prayer for them all.

It is with sorrow we report on the death of a member, like Marge Mulvihill who was our oldest living member. One of the benefits of membership IS that prayer from the court that we offer.

Usually the meetings go longer than anticipated because we share: we share our lives, our struggles, our faith, our futures and our past. Not bad for one evening's time.

God is in us.
God is with us.
God is ours and
we are His.

In Unity and
Charity,
your humble
regent,
Sheila



PLEASE JOIN US!!!

We would love to have you as a member of this spiritual charitable organization!

For more information call Regent Sheila Graham

712-256-0195 or email sheilabarak@hotmail.com.

One can say everything best over a meal.

- George Eliot, Adam Bede

Member Information

Congratulations to our new officers:

Regent	Sheila Graham
Vice Regent	Judy Lookabill
Financial Secretary	(needs to be filled)
Recording Secretary	Carol Hollenbeck
Treasurer	Sue Thomas

A special thank you for your many years of service to our two outgoing officers, Mariann Hilderbrand and Dola Mehsling. God bless!

Court Member Earns Honors

At the 2012 DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Convention, our court member Pam Ratigan was recognized as one of the 6 "Outstanding Women" who did great work in her community. We join with them to thank Pam for all of her community efforts as well as her vital role in our court!



In Memoriam

Marge Mulvihill
 April 27, 2012
 Member since 10/31/1954

Our prayers for Marge and her family at this time. God bless you.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Image

On March 27 the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was brought to Gabriel's Corner for a rosary at Planned Parenthood, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration as well as Holy Mass. Special prayers were said to end abortion and to bring peace to the Catholic faithful. Members Sheila Graham and Pat Christensen represented our court at the Mass and adoration.

Happy
 Membership
 Anniversary!

JUNE	
Rose Vergamini	6/4/1963
Jeanette Bowen	6/11/1990
Carol Hollenbeck	6/14/2010
Yvonne Hanneman	6/16/1980
AUGUST	
Alice Reiman	8/6/1987

Happy
 Birthday!

JUNE	
6	Judy Lookabill
10	Marcella Lee
15	Evelyn Seidler
19	Fr. Dave Fleming
19	Joan Gubbels
24	Rose Vergamini
29	Luana Paluka
29	Pam Ratigan
JULY	
6	Fr. Chuck Kottas
10	Amelia Andersen
24	Connie Kriegler
24	Marion Madden
AUGUST	
2	Rose Spoto
8	Pat Christensen
9	Reva Leuck
22	Katie Thompson
24	Maria Hurd



"COME

AND SHARE A POT OF TEA,

MY HOME IS WARM AND MY FRIENDSHIP'S FREE."

AUTHOR: EMILIE BARNES

Dinner Committees

JUNE 11

Chair: Jo Meade
 Chair: Rose Spoto

Connie Kriegler
 Marian Madden
 Mary Roush
 Charlotte Spoto

AUGUST 13

Chair: Jeanette Bowen
 Chair: Elaine Nugent

Joan Goeser
 Theresa Koch
 Dolores Witters

Thank you to all the court members who serve on these committees year round for us. You are appreciated!

Court Information

July 11
11:00 am - 1:30 pm



Summer Salad Luncheon

Set aside July 11th for our annual (and well-anticipated) summer salad luncheon!! Linda Spencer and Pat McGinn are chairing the committee and counting on the assistance of all of us to make this a fun fund raiser for the court. At our June meeting we will be signing up for the salads to bring and the jobs to be done. This year we will be selling recipe cards for our famous concoctions, so please email your recipe to Carol Hollenbeck at carolann23@cox.net or you can mail it to her at 107 S 38th St #219, Council Bluffs 51501.

Youth Projects



Good Faith Award

The following high school seniors (selected by their pastors) have received the Good Faith award for 2012:

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| Corpus Christi | Jacob Geier |
| St. Patrick | Mary Faurot |
| St. Peter | Elizabeth Beck |

The students, selected for "service, spirituality and living the Gospel message," were given a certificate and plaque at their parishes.

Education Contest

Thank you to Mariann Hilderbrand who chaired the Education Contest again for us this year and to Pam Ratigan and Joan Gubbels who chaired the night's dinner. Also thank you to all the court members who helped at the event. Our \$200 scholarship donation was presented to Mr. Joe Connolly, Saint Albert President, that evening. Winning entries of the education contest were sent to state. State winners will be announced at the Anna Baxter Day event and then sent to the national portion of the contest. (see the education contest award dinner program attached)

Charitable Projects

Life Saver Project

Thank you to Pam Ratigan who chaired the Life Saver Project for us and to the members who coordinated the collections at their parishes: Mariann Hilderbrand—Holy Family; Jeanette Bowen—Queen of Apostles; Pam Ratigan—St. Patrick; Joan Goeser—St. Peter. We collected a total of \$1,182.11 (\$21 expenses of candy). 60% (\$696.67) will go to the Phoenix House and 40% (\$464.44) will go to the state for disbursement to the 4 dioceses for their work against domestic violence.

Visits to our Homebound Members

We will be planning our court visits to our members who are not able to get out to our meetings and events. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our time and laughter with our sister members. Signup for this will take place at our June meeting.

Clean Sweep

Once again we participated in the *Clean Sweep* event on May 15. Linda Spencer, Kris Jarecki, Jean Palensky, Marti Lynch and Pat McGinn helped at the Bayliss Park picnic for those who were cleaning the downtown area of Council Bluffs in preparation for the Celebrate CB parade and events. This is a great way to show our court's support of our city.



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Catholic Daughters of the Americas . . .

- is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas
- is a spiritual charitable organization of women dedicated to the Catholic Church
- numbers 78,680 dues-paying members in 1,242 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Guam, and the Virgin Islands

Members of the Catholic Daughters . . .

- donate to charities, parishes, and Catholic schools
- participate in community projects and events
- plan youth projects, contests and recognitions
- take time for our own spiritual development
- enjoy each other's company at meetings and events and work hard for their parishes and communities
- are from all walks of life with a common faith goal

Please join us!!

For more information call Regent Sheila Graham
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Visit our website: www.cda330.org

2012 Education Contest Awards Dinner

March 12, 2012
Saint Albert Catholic School
Council Bluffs, Iowa



Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother,
the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
are united by their faith in Jesus Christ,
in their devotion to the Church and the Holy See.

2012 THEMES

“Planting the Seeds of Faith”
“Inspiring Others to Grow”

Court Saint Anthony would like to thank the following people for their volunteer help with our annual event.

EDUCATION CONTEST CHAIR

Mariann Hilderbrand

JUDGES

Art	Laural Ronk
Computer Art	Laural Ronk
Essay	Deb Hamling
Poetry	Dot Sillau
	Deb Hamling
Music	Dot Sillau
brand	Mariann Hilderbrand
Photography	Rob Peters

DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pam Ratigan and Joan Gubbels and all the CDA court members who donated food and served your meal

PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Emma Barnes
2. Michaela Beezley
3. Morgan Patterman

HM Shelby Andrews
HM Lauren Cornelius

DIVISION 3: Grades 9-10-11-12

1. Makayla Harris
2. Alex Rindone
3. Michael Schmidt

HM Katie Herrington

ART

DIVISION 1: Grades 4-5

1. Grace Phillips
2. Baylee Ratliff
3. Maggie Wettengel

HM Landry Cormier

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Erin Wright
2. Jackson Allmon
3. Lucy Sundrup

HM Maddy Ryan

DIVISION 3: Grades 9-10-11-12

1. Victoria Kragaskow
2. Gus Doll
3. Brent Burke

HM Thomas Bolgar

ADULT

1. Jean Palensky

POETRY

DIVISION 1: Grades 4-5

1. Maya Rose Lusk
2. Baylee Ratliff
3. Alexis Otto

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Christine Marar
2. Kaitlyn Pearce
3. Anthony Lincoln

DIVISION 3: Grades 9-10-11-12

1. Colton McBride
2. Cassidy Jensen
3. Kylie Ferguson

ADULT

1. Mary Sue Wickham

COMPUTER ART

DIVISION 1: Grades 4-5

1. Abby Barnes
2. Rylie Morton
3. Nick Lee

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Max Donaldson
2. Phoenix Ranne
3. Ellie Helton

DIVISION 3: Grades 9-10-11-12

1. Andy Donaldson
2. Nick Rallis
3. Brandon Clapper

HM Lucas Luke

ESSAY

DIVISION 1: Grades 4-5

1. Zoe Trager
2. Maggie Wettengel
3. Gracie Springman

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Megan Duggan
2. Clare Noethe
3. Travis Miller

DIVISION 3: Grades 9-10-11-12

1. Courtney Fostvedt
2. Patrick Martin
3. Brendan Stephany

MUSIC

DIVISION 2: Grades 6-7-8

1. Grace Cox

Presentation to Mr. Joe Connolly of \$200 to St. Albert for two scholarships to 8th grade gradu-



SAINT ALBERT SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT

Joe Connolly

JR/SR HIGH PRINCIPAL

Jonna Andersen

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Anne Jensen



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT LEADERSHIP

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DISTRICT DEPUTY

Terri Dynek

CHAPLAIN

Member
Spotlight



Marcella Lee

Marcella Lee was born and raised in Council Bluffs. She had "only one block to walk to Bloomer Public School for Kindergarten through 9th Grade." She was an only child, whose mother contracted Tuberculosis before she reached her teens. Her mother was in a medical facility for a lengthy time, while Marcella and her father made their way in life. Unfortunately, when her mother returned home her father abandoned the family. Marcella was in High School by this time. So, she and her mother got to know each other all over again, becoming very close. While growing up she attended the First Baptist Church, across from Bayliss Park, in Council Bluffs. The Baptist minister there became her guardian, in her father's absence.

Marcella graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. She recalls spending a lot of time at the downtown YMCA for meals and activities. During the 1940's she remembers that the "churches in the area were all very close." Members of different denominations in the area were all friendly and familiar with each other. Everyone was within walking distance and everybody walked.

In November 1950 she and Bruce Lee were married at the First Baptist Church. Bruce grew up in a large family near Onawa, Iowa. Marcella remembers wanting to have the "Ave Maria" sung at their wedding. This was not allowed in her church, although, at her request, the minister agreed to the melody being played on the organ. The words could not be sung during the ceremony. Music has always been a "very important part" of the worship service for Marcella and her husband.

Following their marriage Marcella's mother died at age forty-three. Bruce was working at Northern Natural Gas in Omaha at the time. He had many co-workers who were practicing Roman Catholics. Bruce began to look for answers to his questions and sought out the priest at St. Francis in Council Bluffs. Marcella was working at GE in Omaha, which was located across the street from Holy Family Catholic Church. Following a great deal of prayer and discussion Marcella and Bruce were both drawn to the Catholic faith by "the traditions" and became converts in 1953. They were "taken in at Holy Family."

During their early marriage, they were very involved in the CFM (Catholic Family Movement). The couple had two children, a daughter Catherine Rose and a son Randall, six and a half years later. Randall lives in Florida and has blessed them with four grandchildren; two boys and two girls. On their way down to Florida to visit they have a regularly scheduled stop at the national shrine, Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. They find meditation and prayer in a peaceful setting. They also stop at EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Birmingham, Alabama. EWTN, a global Catholic network, provides a spiritual oasis for the faithful, a place of prayer and learning. The Shrine was founded by Mother Angelica, and dedicated to the Divine Child Jesus, as a refuge for all. Marcella commented that the shrine is "so beautiful and reverential." They wouldn't pass by without stopping at these two very special holy sites to worship and be refreshed.

The Lees became members of Queen of Apostles when the church was built. Their second year at Queen of Apostles, Marcella's dear friend Irene talked her into being president of the Altar and Rosary Society. Irene told her it was "EASY." Marcella said they had "so much fun and accomplished a lot of fundraising. They were all really enthusiastic!"

Marcella joined our CDA court on November 12, 1967. She remembers being part of a "large group of about twenty new members who joined at the same time." She recalls a fundraiser Fashion Show at the Chieftain Hotel ballroom that the court put on. She said they were "all very much dressed up" with "sharp hats" and all. Marcella served as Treasurer of court at that time.

Bruce's work moved them to Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa and Columbus, Ohio between 1967 and 2000. But Marcella remained an active member of our court throughout the years. She was "always a member and always on a committee." The couple were members of the Serra Club of Council Bluffs. and changed the religious bulletin board at St. Albert school for four years. She also puts up posters for EWTN at church.

In June of 2012 Marcella and Bruce will both celebrate their 80th birthdays. Then in November they will observe the 62nd anniversary of their wedding day. What a remarkable year this will be for them and for their family! Marcella currently serves our Catholic Daughters Court as the Spiritual Enhancement Chair. She asks for and provides prayers for the court at each meeting and for those members who are ill or have passed away. She inspires us to be more prayerful and devoted to our Lord. Today we offer a prayer for you Marcella. God bless you and keep you in His care. We thank you Marcella, for your leadership and longtime service to our Court St. Anthony of Council Bluffs; your hometown.

My heart is steadfast, God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and chant praise. Psalm 57:8

Written by Carol Hollenbeck, May 2012



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HAPPY SUMMER!

State News/Events

Iowa Regent: Rose Holschlag
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Anna Baxter Day

Plans are in the making for our Anna Baxter Day celebration for June 24, 2012 at Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll. Education contest state winners will be announced. All members of the courts are invited to attend. This is a more fun and relaxed day for women across the state to gather and share some fun and food at the same time we learn more about Catholic Daughters.

Cost is \$12 per member which includes your lunch.

Watch the Iowa CDA website for more info.

National News/Events

Nat. Regent: Joanne Tomassi
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National Convention Agenda: Omaha, July 15-22, 2012

- Sunday, July 15: registration + optional tours
Monday, July 16: registration + optional tours
Tuesday, July 17: registration + optional tours + workshops
Wednesday, July 18: elections + workshops + opening ceremony
Thursday, July 19: Mass + meetings + voting
Friday, July 20: Mass + meetings + dinner
Saturday, July 21: meetings + installation Mass + banquet
Sunday, July 22: Mass + closing

Corpus Christi

Feast observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (or on the following Sunday). The feast, which celebrates the founding of the sacrament of the Eucharist, was established generally in 1264 with an office by St. Thomas Aquinas, which includes the splendid hymn Pange Lingua. In medieval times it was celebrated with pageants and the performance of miracle plays. The anniversary of the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus is on Maundy Thursday.

Saints and Lovers of the Eucharist

Table listing saints and their relationship to the Eucharist, such as Blessed Virgin Mary (#1 lover of the Eucharist), St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelic Doctor), and St. Ignatius of Antioch (Martyred for the Faith).

Eucharistic Miracles

Table listing locations of Eucharistic miracles: Lanciano (700's), Orvieto (1263), Cascia (1300's), Krakow (1345), Avignon (1433), Turin (1640), Fatima (1916).



Eucharistic Prayer

O Jesus, since You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion beneath the veils of this Sacrament, grant us, we pray, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always enjoy the fruits of Your Redemption, for You live and reign forever. Amen.

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. (Luke 22: 19-20)