



## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

### Court St. Anthony #330 Council Bluffs, IA Fall 2015 CDA Newsletter

**Motto:** Unity & Charity

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

**Mission Statement:** 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.

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**CDA Meetings****October 12, 2015**

Location: Pizza Ranch  
Meeting Room

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Meeting

Month Of Holy Rosary

**October 25, 2015**

95<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Of Court  
#330 Celebration

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00  
p.m.

Location: St. Peter's  
Social Hall

**November 9, 2015**

Memorial Mass

Location: St. Peter's  
Church, 1 Bluff St.

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass

Dinner: St. Peter's Social  
Hall 5:45 p.m.

Meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Katie  
Boeckholt of St. Jude  
Hospice

**December 14, 2015**

Location: St. Peter's  
Church, 1 Bluff St.

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass

Dinner: St. Peter's Social  
Hall 5:45 p.m.

Meeting: 6:15 p.m.  
followed by CDA  
Christmas Party

**Membership****Anniversaries In October**

Luana Paluka 1953  
Darlene Morrow 1954  
Mary Tedesco 1954  
Elaine Nugent 1976  
Mary E. Sealock 1995  
Catie Thompson 1995  
Charlotte Spoto 1995  
Maxine Whelchel 1999  
Maxine Gotto 2009  
Sheila Graham 2009

**Anniversaries In November**

Evelyn Seidler 1955  
Josephine Goeser 1957  
Rose Spoto 1959  
Bernice Ronk 1966  
Marcella Lee 1967  
Mary Alice Wickham 1969  
Jean Palensky 1971  
Maria Hurd 2004  
Shirley Thomsen 2004  
Joan Goeser 2006  
Kris Jarecki 2008  
Judy Lookabill 2008  
Carol Andress 2008  
Julie Marlow 2013

**Anniversaries In December**

Marian Madden 2001  
Patricia Christensen 2003  
Teresa Koch 2011  
Marti Lynch 2011  
Patty McGinn 2011  
Mary Morrow 2011  
Mary Sue Wickham 2011  
Rita Hughes 2012  
Sally McKanna 2012

**Member Birthdays****October**

Carol Andress 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jo Meade 8<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Collins 9<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Mendel 9<sup>th</sup>  
Marti Lynch 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Yvonne Hanneman 25<sup>th</sup>

**November**

Kathleen Carlin 17<sup>th</sup>  
Darlene Morrow 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Morrow 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sheila Graham 22<sup>nd</sup>

**December**

Shirley Thomsen 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kris Jarecki 9<sup>th</sup>  
Angie Shea 9<sup>th</sup>  
Irene Schlautman 21<sup>st</sup>  
Carol Hollenbeck 27<sup>th</sup>  
Teresa Koch 30<sup>th</sup>

**CDA DINNER COMMITTEE****October 12, 2015**

No Dinner Committee

**November 9, 2015**

Donna Collins  
Joan Goeser  
Sheila Graham  
Carol Hollenbeck  
Judy Lookabill  
Jan Roth  
Angie Shea

**December 14, 2015**

Patty McGinn  
Mary Sealock  
Linda Spencer  
Sue Thomas



*Blessed Virgin Mary Patroness Of Catholic Daughters  
Catholic Daughters Of The Americas Court St. Anthony #330*

**Letter From Regent Angie Shea:** Dear CDA Members, It has been one year now since I've been elected regent for our Court and the time has just flown by! I feel blessed to be involved in such a wonderful organization. To reflect back on the year, in February, two new members, Donna Leick and Jodi Hargens-Galaska, were installed in our court. Welcome ladies! In March, the Education Contest coordinated by Mariann Hilderbrand and food chefs, Joan Gubbels and Pam Ratigan was well attended. Radio personality, Jen Brown, of KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio 102.7 emceed this event. Several students from St. Albert won several places in the many categories as well as one of our members, Mary Sue Wickham winning some awards for these items at the state convention. Four members who have never attended a CDA convention went in May to Des Moines. They were Shar Pekny, Sue Meidlinger, Rita Hughes and myself. In January and in June, we lost three of our long time members: Mary L. Sealock, Reva Leuck and Angela Cash, may they rest in eternal peace. We also have a member, Linda Pfenning, whose husband, John, is working on admission into the Candidacy phase of his calling to become a Deacon. Please pray for both John and Linda in helping them with their studies in their weekend classes, energy with all of their traveling and retreats and most importantly pray that they are accepted into the Candidacy phase of this process. We love our deacons and priests! We also need to keep in our prayers those who are sick and those suffering with cancer and undiagnosed ailments. In the upcoming months, we will be signing up for the various committees and discussing our budget. In October, Court St. Anthony #330 will celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Mark your calendar to join us on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Hall from 2:00pm – 4:00pm to celebrate this anniversary. Your Sister In Christ, Regent Angie Shea.

**Letter From CDA #330 Court Chaplain Fr. Charles Kottas:** One of the wonderful things to do is to spend time with the adults of our parish. We spend so much time educating our children that we don't spend sufficient time on adult faith formation. One of the watch words of today's religious education programs is that we believe in education from the earliest ages through adulthood. One of the most important parts of our religious formation is to have an understanding of other churches. What I have discovered when I wrote a study of the other churches is that many of them were started by people who were predicting the end of the world. As you can observe, most of these people were not correct in their prediction. The beauty of our Catholic Church is that our church was started by Jesus Christ. We should all thank the Lord for the marvelous church that we are blessed with and that the church has remained faithful to the teaching of Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that all of you have an opportunity to spend some time this year growing in your faith and in your relationship with Jesus. Your Court Chaplain, Fr. Charles Kottas.

**Letter From District Deputy Terri Dynek:** As I sit here in the family cabin in Northern Minnesota and the rest of the family is asleep, I'm sitting here thinking, "What should I write about for my District Deputy letter". Then the idea hits me!! I'm here in what we call God's country! As I look around, I can see what God created in seven days. The water is crystal clear. You can see the bottom of the lake and the fish. One little fishy kissed my Great Granddaughter's foot yesterday. She was really surprised! All the wildlife that you see, not only in the water, but the different kinds

of birds and animals from the little humming birds, to the large bald eagles, turtles, deer, and you might even see a bear, which, by the way, I've never seen in the 45 years that I've enjoyed coming here. It's a place that you can go to Mass outside, either at the Boy Scout Camp across the lake or at the "Grotto" at St Mary's Church in Two Inlets, MN, which just adds to the beauty of the Mass and the creations that God gave us. The lake has been so beneficial for my recovery, but not being allowed to do much has made me stop and think of the good things God has given me. Having breast cancer is just another bump in the road that has been given to me to help me become stronger, and to cause me to reflect on my family and the things he wants me to do. With our country in turmoil, the Supreme Court ruling the same sex marriage is legal in all 50 states, the killing and the abuse of innocent children, and the abuse of the elderly, we as Catholic Daughters need to work harder and wiser to help stop this turmoil. It's not going to happen overnight, but we can make a start. So while we are all enjoying our summers and our time with our families, think about the ways we as Catholic Daughters of the Americas can make a difference in our communities and in our parishes. Also, stop and really look at the beauty that we enjoy thanks to the creations that God gave us in seven days. In Unity and Charity, District Deputy Terri Dynek.

**Letter From CDA Immediate Past State Regent Rose Holschlag:** Thank you to all of our wonderful Iowa Catholic Daughters! You have made the last years very enjoyable for me as your State Regent. The 2015 State Convention is history and many new friendships and memories were made. It was awesome to see all of the first timers attending, as well as, all of you who wouldn't miss a convention. If you know of a town or parish that does not currently have a Catholic Daughters court and you would like to see one there, I am willing to help you get a court going there. Together, we can make our services and benefits available to more of our Catholic ladies. This also applies to getting a Junior court going in your own parish or town. Our Iowa Catholic Daughters are in very good hands with the new slate of state officers that you elected for the next term. We have a very energetic and enthusiastic board that will make us all proud. Congratulations to each one of you and may God's blessings continue to shower on all of you. Remember, with God, all things are possible. To all of our wonderful Catholic Daughters, how great it has been all these past years. Nearly always positive cooperation and kind words of encouragement I have gotten from you. You are the cream of the crop. Our motto is action until we meet again. May God bless each and every one of you always. Your CDA Sister in Christ, Rose Holschlag.

**Letter From State Regent & Former Editor Of The Voice Darlene Moritz:** It is now time for me to pass the baton over to the new editor of The Voice, Jan Grundmeyer, who is also your newly elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent. I have enjoyed working as editor of The Voice. I know that Jan will do a fantastic job going forward. Thanks to all who have supported me and congratulated me as your new State Regent of Iowa, as well as, the outgoing officers and new officers. It is now time to put the bibs on and get to work. We welcome Fr. Jim Bruch as our new State Chaplain from the Sioux City Diocese. Fr. Bruch is a great asset to the Iowa Catholic Daughters. We will be consulting Fr. Bruch on questions that arise regarding the Church and CDA. Many District Deputies and State Chairmen have stated their desire to continue on in their positions and we have some new names coming in. At convention, there were nine courts volunteering to host a workshop this fall and some for Anna Baxter Day next year. Sincerely, State Regent & Outgoing Voice Editor, Darlene Moritz.

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## **COURT #330 NEWS**

### **IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 51<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION HELD, COURT #330 MEMBERS ATTEND**

#### **BY MARY SUE WICKHAM, PR CORRESPONDENT COURT ST. ANTHONY #330 COUNCIL BLUFFS**

The Iowa Catholic Daughters 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial State Convention was held May 14-17, 2015 at the Holiday Inn NW in Des Moines, IA. "To Jesus Through Mary" was the theme for the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial State Convention. The Iowa Catholic Daughters Of The Americas Organization was established on November 19, 1913. Today, there currently are 66 local Iowa courts and 4,400 members. The State Patron Saint of the Iowa Catholic Daughters is St. Therese of Lisieux. Members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 in attendance at the state convention included Regent Angie Shea, Recording Secretary Sue Meidlinger, Treasurer Shar Pekny, and CDA member Rita Hughes. Council Bluffs was one of the hosting courts.

The 13 hosting courts for the state convention included courts from three Iowa dioceses. Courts from the Diocese of Davenport included: Iowa City, Craigie #94; Muscatine, Joan of Arc #524; Ottumwa, Adelaide Proctor #43; and Washington, McDermott #504. Courts from the Diocese of Des Moines included: Ankeny, Bishop Edward Celestin Daly OP #1945; Council Bluffs, Court St. Anthony #330; Creston, Joan of Arc #428; Des Moines, Ave Maria #302; Dunlap, St. Monica #300; Earling, St. Katherine #266; Glenwood, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary #2476; and Portsmouth:, St. Maria Goretti #2498. The only court from the Diocese of Dubuque hosting was Ames, Madonna #858.

The opening ceremony was held with all Catholic Daughters officers dressed in robes. Mass was celebrated with a Bible Enthronement. Monsignor Carl Schmitt, Iowa CDA Court Chaplain, gave the welcome. The Flag Salute was given by Iowa State Regent Rose Holschlag. The national anthem was led by Father James Sichko of Lexington, KY. Introductions were given by Peg Jacobson, Convention Chairman. Attendees were welcomed by CDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles. The Keynote Speaker was Father James Sichko who spoke on the topic "Making Every Day Count- Pray, Act, Live." During the Business Session, committee appointments were announced by the Iowa State Regent Rose Holschlag of Court #388, New Hampton, IA. State Secretary Betty Pratt called the roll call. A social hour and an appreciation banquet were held. Convention Chairman Peg Jacobson then announced the members of the Iowa CDA Board. The guest speaker for the banquet was Karen Schwaller, author of The Dirt, who spoke about "Mother: Stepping Into Faith... And Other Things."

On the second day of the convention, the rosary was recited before a Memorial Mass. During the Business Session, the Resolutions/By-Laws Committee Report was given. Reports were given by the Credential Committee, the Iowa CDA Website, and The Voice (Iowa Catholic Daughters State Newspaper). After lunch, guest speaker Sam Mulgrew of New Melleray Abbey spoke about the Trappist Monks' commitment to constructing caskets and urns. The Nominating Committee Report was given by Chairman Rita Carlson. Mark Forrest, an International Irish Tenor, spoke as the Keynote Convention Speaker. His topic was entitled "Living In The Present Moment."

On the third day of the State Convention, a Holy Hour of Adoration led by Mark Forrest preceded the Mass. After lunch, CDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles delivered her message. Awards were given prior to the Grand Banquet with entertainment from the Seraphic Singers Youth Choir.

The 2015 State Education Contest winners representing CDA Court St. Anthony #330 of Council Bluffs, IA included: Art, Division III: 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Victoria Kragoskow; Computer Art, Division I: 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Michael Marar; Computer Art, Division II: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Max Donaldson; Essay, Division III: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Jordan Scott; Photography, Division II: 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jayden Cates; Photography, Division III: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Lauren Cornelius; Photography Adult Division: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mary Sue Wickham; and Poetry, Division III: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Nicole Hilderbrand. Mary Sue Wickham received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Iowa Catholic Daughters Of The Americas 2015 State Newsletter Contest representing CDA Court St. Anthony #330 of Council Bluffs.

On Sunday, the last day of the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial State Convention, Bishop Pates of the Des Moines Diocese celebrated Mass. State Chaplain Msgr. Carl Schmitt and CDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles installed the new officers during Mass. Newly elected Iowa Catholic Daughters officers included: State Regent Darlene Moritz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent Jan Grundmeyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent Karen Kasparbauer, State Secretary Kaye Stock, and State Treasurer Deb Steger. The new State Chaplain is Fr. Jim Bruch from the Sioux City Diocese.

The closing ceremony was held with the retiring of colors and announcing the State Convention raffle winners. In closing, it was announced that in 2016, the National Catholic Daughters Convention would be held in Pittsburgh, PA. Plans are underway for the 2016 Anna Baxter Day and the 2017 State Convention in the Diocese of Dubuque.



### **CDA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JAN ROTH**

**BY CAROL HOLLENBECK, COURT ST. ANTHONY #330**

Jan DeLance (Roth) was raised near Dunlap, Iowa. She attended country school until she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She and her sister did not have a home church and were invited by students to attend their Sunday school at the Lutheran Church. They also attended a summer camp that the church sponsored at Lake Okoboji. She was a member of the church choir in which the other members were “so welcoming.” She said that the people at that church were “so good to my sister and me.” She credits those experiences for providing a “foundation for my faith.” After graduation from Dunlap High School in 1960, she came down to Omaha and attended the CE (Commercial Extension) School of Commerce. In December 1960, she was hired by Paramount Paper Products of Omaha as an executive secretary. She would work at Paramount Paper for eight and a half years. She advanced up through the ranks of the company and became the first woman and youngest person to become a supervisor there. She came to know a terrific fellow-employee at Paramount Paper named Moe. In 1965, she and Moe were married at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Omaha. Five years later they were blessed with a son, Scott, and at that time, Jan converted to

the Catholic Church. She was confirmed at St. James in Omaha in 1969 where they were parishioners. Their daughter Sandy came along in 1980. Jan and her husband Moe would later be founding members of the new Elizabeth Anne Seton Church of Omaha in 1981. They established the renewal process for the parish as leaders and were members of the choir. Jan was president of the Daughters of Seton, and organized the Seder Meal, serving three to four hundred people. Jan's husband, Moe, passed away in 1988 when her son Scott was 19 years old and her daughter Sandy was 8 years old. Both the Roth children attended Catholic schools for their entire education. Jan was also an EME (Eucharistic Minister) and served on the Parish Council at Elizabeth Anne Seton.

Jan has worked as an accountant for the Visiting Nurses in Omaha and as a clerk at an Omaha Public Library. Following her husband's death, she worked part-time so she could care for her young children. She worked at Lancer Label for a total of nine years full-time and ten years part-time until her retirement at age 70. Jan joined CDA Court St. Anthony #330 in 2007 after relocating to Council Bluffs. She attends mass at Queen of Apostles site of Corpus Christi Parish. She has served as Treasurer and Regent of our Court. She said that she joined "to meet people." She is active in the Past Regents group and can be counted on to serve at Lenten Raffles, Salad Luncheons, the Auditing Committee, and many other activities. She has attended CDA workshops across the state and was a delegate to the National CDA convention in Omaha in 2012. She said the women of this court have "always been welcoming and good to me." Jan is an active attendee at the Senior Center in Council Bluffs, IA where she is currently taking a writing class there. An avid reader, she belongs to three book clubs. Her son is earning a Ph.D. and is a History teacher. Her love of writing and reading surely had an influence on him. Jan's daughter, Sandy, attended law school at the University of Minnesota and currently works as a lawyer in Minneapolis, MN. Jan very much enjoys traveling and keeps in close touch with family. That family now includes four grandchildren whom she "loves to watch." Jan Roth has a beautiful smile and a wonderful laugh. She brings joy to her friends, family, and her CDA sisters. Thank you, Jan, for your service to our court. "Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates." Proverbs 31:31.

### **CDA STATE EVENTS – IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**October 9-11, 2015: Iowa Catholic Daughters Retreat.** Retreat to be held at American Martyr Retreat House in Cedar Falls, IA with Fr. Mel Hemann. Theme: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, there will be peace."

**October 18, 2015: Catholic Daughters Sunday**

**Iowa CDA State Workshops:** August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Iowa City, IA; September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Creston, IA; October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – Dyersville, IA; and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Emmetsburg, IA.

### **CDA NATIONAL EVENTS – NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**November 1-14, 2015: CDA Pilgrimage To Rome.** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Officers and Directors present: Italy & Medjugorje 14 Days Pilgrimage led by Fr. Matthew Kuhn, CDA National Chaplain departing November 1, 2015 from New York at a cost of \$4,398.00 all exclusive except lunches. It's a two-week pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, France, Venice, and Medjugorje. Our National Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, will lead us on the pilgrimage and celebrate Mass for us each day. Trip will take us to the Vatican, and to St. Peter's Basilica, to an audience with Pope Francis, and visit Pontical North American College in Rome.

## CDA STATE EVENTS – IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



### 2015 IOWA STATE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFICERS

Newly-elected 2015 Iowa State CDA Officers installed at the CDA 2015 State Convention In May 2015 were: Deb Steger, State Treasurer; Kaye Stock, State Secretary; Darlene Moritz, State Regent; Jan Grundmeyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent; Sherry Nilles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent; and Karen Kasparbauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent.

## CDA NATIONAL EVENTS – NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



### 2014-2016 NATIONAL BOARD OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Front Row pictured left to right: National Director Joyce Ann Fleming, National Director Janet Martineau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles, National Regent Shirley Seyfried, National Secretary-Treasurer Vickie Feist, and National Director Carol Bachmann. Second Row pictured left to right: National Director Margi Oller, National Regent-Elect Helene Shepard, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice National Regent Olga Samaniego, and National Director Letty Calvetti. Back Row pictured left to right: National Director Sheila Storey, National Director Susan Mone, National Director Jo Hammen, and National Director Ruth Guidry.



**COURT #330 PHOTOS**



**MAY 2015 CLEAN SWEEP/KEEP COUNCIL BLUFFS BEAUTIFUL PROJECT**



**MAY 2015 IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 51<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION**



**JUNE 2015 CORPUS CHRISTI WALK**

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