



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court St. Anthony #330 Council Bluffs, IA Winter 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

January 2015

No Meeting

February 9, 2015

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

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

Meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Barb Fox, Shaklee Consultant

Theme: Valentine's Day

March 16, 2015

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

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

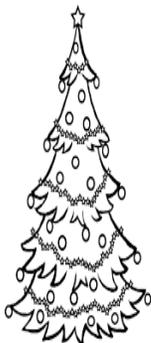
Meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Katie Boeckholt with St. Jude Hospice

Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Merry Christmas To All!



Membership

Anniversaries In January

Mariann Hilderbrand 2002
Dola Mehsling 2002
Sheila Graham 2003
Irene Schlautman 2003
Pam Ratigan 2008

Anniversaries In February

None

Anniversaries In March

Judy Mendel 1999

CDA DINNER COMMITTEE

January 2015

No Meeting

February 9, 2015

Rita Hughes
Sue Thomas

March 9, 2015

Education Contest

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

St. Albert Cafeteria

Joan Gubbels
Pam Ratigan

March 16, 2015

POTLUCK

All CDA Members Bring Food Dish

NO DINNER COMMITTEE

COURT #330 DUES

CDA Court Dues Of \$25.00
Due As Soon As Possible
To: Mrs. Julie Marlow
117 East Orchard Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Member Birthdays

January 2015

Anita Ruffner 4th
Dolores Witters 5th
Jean Palensky 8th
Patty McGinn 24th
Dola Mehsling 29th

February 2015

Mona Schlautman 9th
Mary Martin 15th
Josephine Goeser 17th
Mary Sue Wickham 26th

March 2015

Sue Meidlinger 17th
Mary Tedesco 18th
Mary Alice Wickham 29th



BIRTH OF JESUS

December 25

*Celebrating
the Birth
of Christ*



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

Letter From Regent Angie Shea: Dear Members, I know there are 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year, but doesn't it feel like this year has flown by in a nano-second? Here we are in the Winter Newsletter already! So much to be thankful for this past 2014 year and so much to look forward to in 2015. First of all, I want to say thank you to all our Court members. There are so many of you who go above and beyond to help when not even asked. My sincerest gratitude for being patient with me, as your newbie Regent. I'm happy to report I've almost memorized the procedure manual flipping through it so many times for references. Truly though, this role has been a blessing. It certainly has given me the opportunity to personally get to know you. I see Jesus in each of you and that helps me to better shape myself to let Jesus Christ know me. I like to read our CDA Mission and Purpose as a constant reminder to myself to be prayerful and embrace the principles of faith. Let us all renew our commitment to a life of unity and charity so that through our good deeds we may someday hear the beautiful word of St. Matthew's Gospel: "Come and receive the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world." This past October, we participated in the annual Respect Life Sunday Life Chain and 40 Days For Life where we all stood as prayer warriors for the unborn. This month of November we call to mind and pray for our deceased chaplains, deceased National and State Officers, all deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and our deceased men and women who served in the Armed Forces, that their souls may rest in peace. In December 2014, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This brings us right into the new year for the State Convention will be held in Des Moines on May 14-17, 2015, at the Holiday Inn on Merle Hay Road. Phone in your reservation now at 1-515-278-4755. Cost is \$89.00 per night plus 12% tax and the room includes two breakfasts. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Court #330 as we are in charge of door prizes. We need a minimum of eight ladies from our Court to attend. Prayerfully consider joining me at this convention. We'll have a fun time.

Letter From CDA #330 Court Chaplain Fr. Charles Kottas: One of the most beautiful times of the year is the fall season and especially the harvest season. If you grew up in rural Iowa or any other state you will identify with this column. To experience the crops coming to maturity and watching them be harvested is one of the greatest signs of God's love and goodness. I think of the scripture passage that says, "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains just a grain of wheat." When I see the great crop harvest do I realize how prophetic these words are. I was watching a farmer combine his corn and some asked me if we harvested in the same way as this farmer and I told them that we used to pick corn by hand with a team of horses pulling a wagon. To see the change in the way these machines harvest and to realize that someone has the ability to design them is one of the truly great miracles of our time. There are so many miracles that we can experience in the fall if we realize that all of these little miracles are God's way of manifesting his presence to us. The next time you are driving in the country, slow down and experience the miracles of God that are happening all around us. The second aspect of this time is that November is a month in which we remember all those who have died and gone to heaven. We celebrate the feast of All Saints and All Souls. So take some time this month to remember all the saints that you have known who have gone to heaven to become a part of the communion of Saints. Let us pray for each other in this month of November that we, too, one day are part of the communion of Saints.

Letter From CDA #330 District Deputy Terri Dynek: With the holiday season upon us, we need to remember that God gave us precious gifts when he created the world. We must remember to thank him for these gifts. These gifts are what enabled us to acquire all the material things in our home, and business. Do we need all these material things? Think about giving up one gift and have family time in which you play games, watch movies, enjoy the blessing of each other's company, and reminisce about the fun and funny things that happen. Most important is thanking God for everything he has given us including his Son Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the reason for the season. Always remember to keep Christ in Christmas! Blessed Holidays to you all!

Letter From CDA Iowa Regent Rose Holschlag: I will be stepping down from my position as Iowa Regent as I have served for the past two terms. I will be the first to admit I was a bit nervous when I took on this position. However, I soon learned that I am not alone in it. You the members, your state board, and our national officers are all here to work with each of us. What a blessing it has been to work with such a dynamic group of ladies!!! I sincerely hope that you will share your talents and take advantage of stepping up to serve on your state board for this terrific organization. Guidelines for you to do this are in the Tools of the Trade on page 4-9. If you aren't familiar with the Tools of the Trade, ask your regent to see it. She has it as well as the organization's bylaws which also contain important information. You and your court may want to submit an amendment to the bylaws. Information on how to do that also is listed in our Tools of the Trade. It is only by the members starting the wheel rolling to change the amendments and bylaws that they get considered for change. We all help to mold our organization by our input. Don't be left out or keep your great ideas to yourself. It would be nice to take part in the 40 Days For Life Campaign. If there is not an active campaign going in your community, we as Catholic Daughters can certainly pray for the success of the campaign in the communities that do host the campaign.

Letter From CDA National Regent Anne Nelson: Is the Catholic Daughters of the Americas really the best organization for Catholic Women? The answer is yes! We are the best. We are best at helping others with our monetary donations as well as our many volunteer hours. This only happens when we all work together as courts and states. As individuals, we do great things when we combine our actions with our members and with our state projects. Through our Circle of Love National Projects and Charities we touch the lives of countless numbers. It is through our prayers and good works that we improve the lives of many people from the unborn to the elderly, from the forgotten to the hurting. It is this work, this great potential we live out, that has kept me involved in the CDA. I will be celebrating my fifty years of membership soon and I have experienced this great effect first hand. As your National Regent, I have met people across the United States who have been affected by the work of your hands. To hear these people, plus many more, has made me feel so proud to be a member of an organization that can reach out and help so many.

Letter From CDA Iowa Chaplain Msgr. Carl L. Schmitt: Dear Catholic Daughters: I pray that you enjoy the special joys of summer and fall in Iowa. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire us to be loving servants in and to Jesus and our families in the service of our Lord. Our national guideline is: "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." We are not only called to be faithful to Gospel teachings but to faithfully implement them as we serve in our Church, our country, and in all the communities we are privileged to serve. This often requires change whether we like it or not. It is our choice to see it as burden or opportunity. In fifty-three years of service in the priesthood, I have experienced incredibly wonderful changes in our service to our Lord in the Church and the communities where God has placed us. Changes in ways we continue to live the Gospel values can lead to better good as we serve with our Lord. The teachings of our Lord remain the same. How we, as the Body of Christ, continue to apply and live those teachings during constant change remains as our opportunity.

CDA COURT #330 NEWS

CDA COURT #330 ATTENDS STATE WORKSHOP AT TRINITY HEIGHTS

By Mary Sue Wickham, CDA PR Correspondent Court St. Anthony #330



On Saturday, September 13th, 2014, five members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 attended the 2014 Catholic Daughters State Workshop held at Trinity Heights in Sioux City, IA. Those attending were: Regent Angie Shea, Recording Secretary Sue Meidlinger, Public Relations Correspondent Mary Sue Wickham, District Deputy Terri Dynek, and State Treasurer Sheila Graham. Iowa Officers were: Regent Rose Holschlag, 1st Vice Regent Darlene Moritz, 2nd Vice Regent Jan Grundmeyer, State Secretary Betty Pratt, 2nd Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles, and Pro-Life Chairman Marilyn Boes. The 2014 CDA State Workshop was hosted by Court Ave Maria #269 from Sioux City. 2nd Vice Regent Jan Grundmeyer gave the welcome. Nineteen Catholic Daughters Courts were represented. Iowa Regent Rose Holschlag gave a introduction by reciting "Ministry vs. Job" prayer.

Jan Grundmeyer gave an update on the Fall Food Event, the CDA State Project. She thanked all courts that contributed \$4,600.00 to the 2013 Fall Food Event. These funds were disbursed to the diocese in which the court resided to help with food assistance for the needy. One half of the proceeds should be sent to the state. The other half can be used in the local community where there is a need. All funds are sent to State Secretary Betty Pratt by deadline of December 31st, 2014.

1st Vice Regent Darlene Moritz gave a recap of the Standing Rules. She then announced the election of new National Elect Regent Helene Shephard. Moritz gave examples taken from the article "The Leader Passes The Baton." Moritz said, "Great leaders lead a trail to the next generation of leaders that lead by example." Moritz continued to say, "Leaders today need a roadmap such as having the Tools Of Trade and Bylaws. With the tools in hand, a leader is someone with a vision to articulate to other members. The role of the leader is to define the organization's goals and tasks." Iowa Regent Rose Holschlag gave the Spirituality Report. Holschlag spoke of three goals that each Catholic Daughters Organization should try to achieve: to create one new program within their organization within the next two years, to try and increase membership within each court, and to increase awareness of spirituality. State Secretary Betty Pratt discussed Section 5 Page 27 of the CDA Tools Of The Trade Handbook.

At 11:00 a.m., Bishop R. Walker Nickless of Sioux City, IA led a prayer service for the unborn held at Trinity Heights Queen Of Peace Circle Of Life Tomb Of The Unborn. September 13th, 2014 was known as National Day Of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Bishop Nickless also gave the prayers and reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries and also said a prayer for the victims of abortion. Iowa Regent Rose Holschlag spoke about the importance of improving the quality of life within your court and discussed the Circle Of Love Program. She then led everyone to sing "Grace Before Meals" to the tune of Edelweiss. Lunch was served. 2nd Vice Regent Jan Grundmeyer presented the National Education Awards. 29 courts participated in the 2015 National Education Contest. State Treasurer Sheila Graham spoke about the budget of her local Court St. Anthony #330 of Council Bluffs, IA. The 2015 State CDA Convention will be held May 14-17, 2015 in Des Moines, IA at the Holiday Inn North Merle Hay Plaza. CDA Court St. Anthony #330 is one of the hosting courts.

CDA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – CDA COURT ST. ANTHONY #330

THE SEWING LADIES FROM ST. PATRICK’S – 5 CDA #330 MEMBERS ACTIVE

By Mary Sue Wickham, CDA PR Correspondent Court St. Anthony #330



The Sewing-Quilting Ladies, organized nearly 50 years ago, and the Craft Ladies, who were organized recently, are all members of St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society. Five of these members: Rose Spoto, Marian Madden, Pam Ratigan, Jo Meade, and Mary Roush are all members of Catholic Daughters Court St. Anthony #330. Every Wednesday morning, these women can be found volunteering their time by sewing, making quilts, and crafting projects for those in need in the community. The group can also be found making lap robes and walker bags for all the local nursing homes. The crafters make items for all ages infants through adults. Craft sales are held throughout the year after masses, at the St. Patrick Annual Dinner, and at the St. Albert's Auction by taking orders. Money from the sales is used to buy supplies for the Altar Society, to make donations for the community and to buy material for making the quilts and crafts. Besides taking quilts to local nursing homes, quilts are also taken to the Micah House, American Red Cross, and to Immanuel Pathways. Quilts are also sent to Mohm's Place. Every year a quilt is donated to the St. Albert Auction. Quilts are also made to put with the Christmas baskets that are distributed by the Community of Christ Church.

THE SALAD LUNCHEON COMMITTEE – LINDA SPENCER & PATTY MCGINN

By Mary Sue Wickham, CDA PR Correspondent Court St. Anthony #330



I would like to introduce to you two of our wonderful Catholic Daughters who contribute a lot of their time to our CDA Court St. Anthony #330 Organization. These ladies are Catholic Daughters Linda Spencer and Patty McGinn. CDA Member Linda Spencer was born on April 22nd, 1944. Her younger sister, Mary E. Sealock, and her mother, Mary L. Sealock, are both members of Catholic Daughters.

When Linda was three years old, her dad died and she, her sister, and mother moved in to live with her grandparents and two uncles. Linda attended Franklin School, Edison Junior High School, and Thomas Jefferson High School. Upon graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1962, Linda started working at Mutual Of Omaha Insurance Company. In May 1964, Linda married her husband Ray Spencer and they became parents to two lovely daughters named Teri Lynn and Dawn Marie. "Grandma Da" as her five grandkids call her, tries to visit her three grandchildren in Oklahoma for their special events and is involved with her two grandchildren here in Council Bluffs.

Linda retired from Mutual of Omaha in September 2003. In 2004, she went to work at Creighton University in the area of Internal Medicine by coordinating 3rd and 4th year medical student schedules. In 2007, her husband passed away with Pulmonary Fibrosis. In 2009, Linda quit her job at Creighton to stay with her mother. She became very involved in working with many activities within her church and with Catholic Daughters. Being a member of Holy Family Parish in Council Bluffs, IA for 45 years, she taught CCD at Holy Family. Linda and her husband were Co-Chairs of the Holy Family Church Dinner and worked at ethnic dinners, funeral dinners, salad luncheons, rummage sales, etc. In the month of September 1994, Linda joined Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 Organization and has been an active member for twenty years.

At the present date, Linda and her great friend Patty McGinn are Catholic Daughters members who are on the CDA Community Committee and the Financial Review Committee. They work to promote and coordinate court volunteer efforts such as CDA events and projects as: Corpus Christi Walk, Life Chain, 40 Days For Life, Keep CB Beautiful, and Celebrate CB. They are on the Fundraising Committee. Coordinate the Lifesaver Drive and are Co-Chairs of the Salad Luncheon. Linda and Patty have served on the Salad Luncheon Committee for several years. They help to organize the annual fundraising event which is held in July at St. Peter's Social Hall every year. Linda Spencer has been Chairman of the Salad Luncheon for five years.

Two years ago, Linda and Patty were coordinators in charge of making and designing the cookbook of recipes for their Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 Organization. They were in charge of collecting favorite recipes from each Catholic Daughter member and of designing a recipe book of all these wonderful recipes. The cookbook of CDA Court St. Anthony #330 was sold for \$5.00 a cookbook. Linda Spencer has attended CRHP Christ Renews His Parish. She is now President of the Holy Family Altar & Rosary Society where she had served in the role of Secretary/Treasurer. She takes communion to the homebound of the parish, is a Eucharistic Minister CHI Alegent Creighton Mercy Hospital, and a member of the Mercy Guild at Mercy Hospital. Linda also enjoys spending time with her wonderful mother, Mary L. Sealock, as she helps her sister with her mother's care. Linda is the Secretary/Treasurer for the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Linda enjoys being a Catholic Daughter because she enjoys being a part of the fundraising and how it benefits those in need.

CDA Member Patty McGinn has had a very wonderful life. Patty was born on January 24, 1947. Her mother's name was Lorraine Honey Oshlo. Patty attended Thomas Jefferson High School. Upon graduation in 1965, she had a 42 year career working with the Federal Government. From September 1965 until December 1994, she worked with the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base. For the next four years, from December 1974 through October 1978, Patty worked in Federal Aviation Administration at Offutt Air Force Base. The next six years, from October 1978 through November 1974, Patty worked within the Federal Prison System at North Central Region in Omaha, Nebraska. During the years of November 1984 through October 2007, Patty then began working in the District of Nebraska with the United States Marshals Service. Towards the end of her career, Patty spent her days working part-time with Fed Ex in Omaha, Nebraska during the months of July 1999 through October 2008. Patty was born an only child. Her mother Lorraine raised her alone and was her very best friend. After her retirement from working with the federal government, Patty became her mother's caretaker. Her mom Lorraine passed away one day before her 94th birthday. Patty was blessed to have one son named Sean McGinn who is 31 years old at the present date. Sean is employed by Allied Oil in Omaha, Nebraska. Patty says she is so blessed to have such a wonderful son and she is thankful to have him everyday. Patty's hobbies include cooking, gardening, and entertaining. Patty is a member of Holy Family Parish. On December 12, 2011, she became a member of Catholic Daughters of Americas Court St. Anthony #330. She has been an active member for three years. Patty is on the CDA Community Committee with her friend Linda Spencer. She is also on the Financial Review Committee. Patty also enjoys serving on the Lifesaver Drive Committee and on the Salad Luncheon Committee as well. Patty truly enjoys being a Catholic Daughter because she enjoys helping with fundraising and helping those in need. Patty says she has met so many wonderful women of all ages within our CDA Organization whom she is honored to consider her friends.

COURT #330 PHOTOS



JUNE 2014 CORPUS CHRISTI WALK



JULY 2014 SALAD LUNCHEON

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NOVEMBER 2014 CDA MEMORIAL MASS

CDA STATE EVENTS - IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

2015 CDA EDUCATION CONTEST - Themes: "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself" and "Be A Good Neighbor". Categories: Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. For more information to enter contact Education Contest Chairman Mariann Hilderbrand at 402-510-9778 or mhilder@aol.com. All information for the Education Contest will be in the Fall Quarterly Newsletter from National including rules, forms, and deadlines. State Education Contest Chairman is State 2nd Vice Regent Jan Grundmeyer. All 1st place entries from your local court must be sent to Jan Grundmeyer by the deadline date of March 15, 2015 to be entered into state competition.

May 14-17, 2015 – CDA STATE CONVENTION - held in Des Moines, IA at Holiday Inn North Merle Hay Plaza. \$89 plus tax for two double-beds. Hosting CDA Courts are Ames, Ankeny, Council Bluffs, Creston, Dunlap, Earling, Glenwood, Iowa City, Muscatine, Ottumwa, Portsmouth, and Washington.

CDA NATIONAL EVENTS – NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

FEBRUARY 1, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE - Please submit your papers to Nominating Chairperson Rita Carlson, 1306 19th St., Ft. Dodge, IA 50501.

FEBRUARY 15, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR LIST OF ALTERNATES AND DELEGATES
Please submit your papers to State Regent Rose Holschlag at her winter address of: 800 SH 495 #577, Alamo, TX 78516 or phone # 1-954-579-7794,

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION – 56th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION – to be held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania in 2016; hosted by State Courts of Pennsylvania.

REFLECTION FOR THE MONTH

ST. NICHOLAS PRAYER FOR CHILDREN – by Father Daniel R. Engbarth, St. Nicholas Church, Aurora, Illinois

God, we pray that through the intercession of St. Nicholas you will guide and protect our children. Keep them safe from all harm and help them to grow to become loving disciples of Jesus in your sight. Give them strength to always mature into deeper faith in you, and to keep alive joy in your creation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER- HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1ST, 2015

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

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Happy
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