



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court St. Anthony #330 Council Bluffs, IA Winter 2016 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 2016****No Meeting****February 8, 2016**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:
St. Croix Hospice**March 14, 2016**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.

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

Member Birthdays**January**Patty McGinn 24th
Dola Mehsling 29th**February**Mona Schlautman 9th
Mary Martin 15th
Josephine Goeser 17th
Mary Sue Wickham 26th**March**Sue Meidlinger 17th
Mary Tedesco 18th
Mary Alice Wickham 29th**CDA Court Dues Of
\$25.00 Due Soon
As Possible To:
Mrs. Julie Marlow
117 East Orchard
Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA.
51503****CDA DINNER COMMITTEE****February 8, 2016**Brenda Dresen
Donna Leick
Marti Lynch
Joan Von Tersch-Crampton**March 7, 2016****Education Contest**

Location: St. Albert Cafeteria

Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Joan Gubbels
Pam Ratigan**March 14, 2016**

CDA Officers



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

Letter From Court #330 Regent Angie Shea: I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our members in our court for making this past year fun, exciting and very fruitful with our many local and national events. We never sit idle, that is for sure! The Holy Spirit has guided us on many wonderful paths. We took on a little more fundraising effort than we did in the past and are trying to be a bit more visible in the public eye so people know and recognize our organization. We do a lot of “behind the scenes” work and we want to be recognized! After all, CDA is one of the largest woman’s organizations in the Americas. Our court is blessed to be able to assist those in need. May the upcoming new year bless you immensely and keep you all in good health and spirits. Your Sister in Christ, Angie Shea, Regent, Court St. Anthony #330.

Letter From CDA #330 Court Chaplain Fr. Charles Kottas: The fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year. It is so magnificent to see the trees turn colors and to see the harvest begin. Many people have said that the colors of the trees in Iowa are just as beautiful as the trees in the New England States. What I would encourage all of you to do is to take a drive and look at the magnificent beauty that God created for all of us. The harvest of the corn and beans always makes me think of the generous love that the Lord has for all of us. The gospel passage talks about the seed must die so that we have an abundant harvest. The fall is also the time when school begins and our religious education classes begin. I always think about the religious education classes as a time when we plant the seeds of faith. One of the greatest ministries for the church is to pass on our Catholic faith to our children. I ask all of you to pray for the religious education teachers that they are very blest by the great ministry that they are living. Sincerely, Court #330 Chaplain Fr. Kottas.

Letter From District Deputy Terri Dynek: I haven’t planned well for this quarter newsletter. So let’s have some fun. Take a piece of paper and write down the words “Thanksgiving” and “Christmas”. Let’s see how many religious words you can match with the District Deputy. Example: T= trinity, R= rites, etc. We will plan to do the word Thanksgiving at the November 2015 CDA Meeting and do the word Christmas at the December 2015 CDA Meeting. There may be a surprise from the District Deputy. God bless you all. Sincerely, Court #330 District Deputy Terri Dynek.

Letter From State Regent Darlene Moritz: The Iowa Catholic Daughters have two state projects every year and we have been requested to add one, but we need to attend to the two that we have. First is the “Lifesaver Program” in April every year. As you know, each court keeps 60% of these funds to help in their local communities and the 40% is sent to the Diocese. Victims of abuse are not to be left out in the cold and forgotten. We cannot turn our heads and think that it does not exist. The other state project is the Fall Food Event. It is held every year in the local courts and it might be a bake sale, garage sale, pies by the slice or cinnamon rolls sold, but the Fall Food Event is to again help the respective Diocese with the needs of others. Both of these projects really fit into the National Regent’s Theme of “Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me.” Matthew 25:40. Your courts need to be also discussing the upcoming National Convention in

Pittsburgh, PA in July 2016. We are planning to be busy again and expect to have a great time traveling, praying, and sharing. Do plan on attending.

Letter From The Voice Editor & Iowa CDA 1st Vice-Regent Jan Grundmeyer: It is with much excitement that I write my first letter as editor of The Voice. I think about our news traveling throughout Iowa to all of our CDA members and it is a great feeling. I thank Darlene Moritz for her past four years as editor of The Voice making it a truly remarkable publication. I have my work cut out for me. I am also grateful for all of the interesting information you have sent me to be published in the fall issue. A very special part of our publication is the news from our courts. This is such a tremendous way to get news from all of our CDA members letting them know about the great things happening in our courts and sharing ideas and activities that others might possibly use.

Letter From National Regent Shirley Seyfried: We have just returned from a wonderful State and Territorial Court Officers' Workshop at beautiful Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. It was so good to see so many officers there working hard to do what is best for the state courts. Thank you to all who were able to come; may God bless you as you go back to your states, hold workshops, and make plans for the coming year. Thank you to the board members for the terrific job you did in presenting the workshop and for all of the effort put into your presentations. This will be a big year as we strive to meet our membership and court development goals. At the workshop in Belleville, several announcements were made that will affect all of us. Please spread the word to our members through your workshops, court announcements, and newsletters. These include:

1. The Online Store: The CDA web store has been upgraded to make your shopping for CDA items more convenient. With the upgrade, we are now able to accept online payments through PayPal. Using PayPal allows us to offer you multiple payment options including bank account and credit card, while not requiring the CDA Store to accept and secure that valuable information. To make purchases by PayPal, at checkout select Payment Terms of Credit Card and Payment Method PayPal. Note that credit card field appears but does not allow you to type. Please disregard the credit card fields as we cannot remove them from our website, and we cannot accept direct processing of credit cards. In addition, now with the ability to use PayPal, we are changing the payment policy for orders. Individuals will now be able to order; it does not need to go through a court officer. In order to simplify payments, we have decided that we will now ask for full payment including postage when ordering.
2. National Projects: We have exchanged one of our National Projects with one of our National Charities. Laboure' will now be a National Project and the Disaster Fund will be a National Charity. Therefore, the five National Projects for which you will send \$20 per project per year are: Habitat For Humanity, Holy Cross Family Ministries, Laboure', SOAR, and Smile Train. Thanks to those who sent your donations to these very worthwhile National Projects.

Letter From National Chaplain Fr. Matthew Kuhn: Dear Sisters In Christ Jesus: How do you deal with an unsupportive or even hostile priest when trying to establish or renew a CDA court? In two words: love him. For better or worse, God has sent Father to your parish to serve the needs of the people of God. How well Father accomplishes this task is up to him. So how do we, as part of the people who need him, react to his hostility. My first suggestion is to sit down with Father and ask him to tell you about his history with CDA and other organizations. There may be an old wound on his heart from a bad encounter in the past. It may be that he is finally overwhelmed. Be aware, too, that the first reason he gives may not be the whole cause of his reluctance. Ministry is complex and all-consuming for priests; he needs your support too! Sincerely, National Chaplain Fr. Matthew Kuhn.

COURT ST. ANTHONY #330 NEWS

95TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #330

By Mary Sue Wickham, PR Correspondent



On Sunday, October 25th, 2015, the Council Bluffs Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 celebrated its' 95th Anniversary as a Catholic Daughters court from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall. The theme for the special celebration was "The Roaring 1920's." Members of Court St. Anthony #330 who were honored for their many years of dedicated service to the Catholic Daughters were: Marcella Lee – 48 years; Mary Alice Wickham – 46 years; Joan Gubbels – 23 years; Linda Spencer - 21 years; and Mary Sealock – 20 years. Making the honoree's presentation was Regent Angie Shea with District Deputy Terri Dynek handing out certificates. Two new members Jodi Hargens-Galaska and Joan Von Tersch-Crampton joined the Catholic Daughters organization this past year.

Other Iowa Catholic Daughters courts who celebrated anniversaries in the year 2015 included: Court St. Rose of Lima #6 of Carroll, IA and Court St. Rose of Lima #14 of Emmetsburg, IA – 111 Years; Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling, IA – 100 Years; Court St. Theresa #578 of Akron, IA, Court Delores #458 of Cherokee, IA, Court Joyce Kilmer #460 of Esterville, IA, Court St. Mary #512 of Greene, IA, Court Ascension #495 of Independence, IA, Court Joan of Arc #524 of Muscatine, IA, and Court McDermott #504 of Washington, IA – 95 Years; Court Bishop Edward Daly #1945 of Ankeny, IA and Court Our Lady of Victory #943 of Ossian, IA – 90 Years.

The Council Bluffs Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 was instituted on October 31st, 1920. A group of women decided to form a Catholic Daughters court in Council Bluffs, IA. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 was formed with Miss Dela Cain as the 1st Grand Regent. Under her leadership, the court grew to 220 members in three years. Today, the organization has a membership of 62 women who are dedicated to the mission of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The current court members come from the three local parishes in Council Bluffs, IA and surrounding areas. Current Officers for Court St. Anthony #330 include: Regent Angie Shea, Vice-Regent Sue Thomas, Treasurer Shar Pekny, Recording Secretary Sue Meidlinger, and Financial Secretary Julie Marlow. Father Charles Kottas of St. Peter's Parish serves as Court Chaplain and Terri Dynek serves as District Deputy for Court St. Anthony #330.

WINGS OF HOPE BOARD PRESIDENT GUEST SPEAKER AT CDA MEETING

By Mary Sue Wickham, PR Correspondent



Patti Higginbotham, Board President of Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center in Council Bluffs, IA, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 of Council Bluffs, IA. Higginbotham talked about how the Wings of Hope Organization began and about the types of services that the Wings of Hope Organization offered.

The Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center was established when Higginbotham began her career working as an oncology nurse in 1979. Her father-in-law, Dr. Robert Higginbotham, was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 1986. The concept of the Wings of Hope Organization was established in 1994 as a non-profit organization. The Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center provides emotional support and guidance to cancer patients, family members, and health care professionals. Higginbotham, today a nurse practitioner with the CHI Health Breast Care in Omaha, was the first President and Founder, and currently serves as Wings Of Hope Board President.

Higginbotham started her nursing career at Nebraska Methodist College School of Nursing. Higginbotham received a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from Creighton University. She attended the Nebraska Medical Center receiving an advanced nurse practitioner degree. A graduate of St. Albert High School, Higginbotham is active as a parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish of Council Bluffs. She and her husband, dentist Dr. Brad Higginbotham, have three children Abbey (husband Mike), Nate, and Alex. They also have two grandchildren Eva and Emerson.

"At Wings of Hope, the most active support group is a rehab class entitled "A Time To Heal", a 12-week program for people with all cancers that is offered in the fall," Higginbotham said. "We also offer a young women's breast cancer support group and a regular breast cancer support group. A support group, "Hope For Tomorrow", is for all types of cancers and caregivers."

The Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center offers support groups, private counseling, patient and family education, as well as a resource library and community educational opportunities. The Hope Program provides financial assistance for qualified cancer patients who are unable to pay medical prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and nutritional supplements. In 2013, Wings of Hope received a \$50,600 two-year grant to help fund their one-on-one support counseling and other support programs.

Last October 2014, the Wings of Hope Organization held their annual recognition dinner honoring volunteers and presented two awards. The Ken Peterson Award went to nurse Ann Jones. The Larry Hill Award was given to Karen Krause. Over the years, Krause has donated quilts that were raffled raising \$30,000 for the organization.

CDA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



CDA Membership Spotlight – Submitted Article

Linda Spencer

Member Since 1994

Linda (in green) with (at left) daughter Dawn Cloyd, granddaughter Demi Cloyd, mother Mary L. Sealock† at the 2011 Summer Salad Luncheon.

Linda Spencer's father passed away when she was only three years of age. Along with her mother and younger sister Mary, she moved into a two bedroom home with her grandparents and two teenage uncles. During a bout with whooping cough, the two sisters sleeping quarters were moved into the kitchen pantry! That was a successful move, as they did not spread the disease to the rest of the family. She had multigenerational support while she attended Franklin School and Edison Junior High. After graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1962, Linda started work at Mutual of Omaha. She was employed there until 2003. In 2004 she went to work at Creighton University coordinating third and fourth year medical student schedules in Internal Medicine. She left Creighton in 2009 to help care for her Mother who had been diagnosed with Lymphoma.

Linda married her husband Ray in May 1964 and they were blessed with two daughters, Teri Lynn and Dawn Marie. While raising their family, the Spencers were co-chairs of Holy Family Church dinners, worked at ethnic dinners, funeral dinners, rummage sales and many other events. She taught CCD classes, attended CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) and is currently President of the Holy Family Altar and Rosary Society. She has been an active member of her parish for 45 years. Linda lost her husband to Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2007. She has five grandchildren, three in Oklahoma and two in Council Bluffs. She makes the 488 mile trek to Oklahoma frequently to see two grandchildren who are in High School and one at OU. She has a granddaughter attending Northwest Missouri State and a grandson who will soon graduate from Bellevue University. Her nickname, "Grandma DA" was started by her oldest grandson who got the "DA" from LINDA. Her Iowa license plate reads "GRAM DA."

Linda joined our CDA Court in September of 1994 and for 21 years has actively supported our motto of Unity and Charity. She serves on the Financial Review Committee and coordinates the annual Life Saver Drive to fund Domestic Abuse Shelters. Linda has organized the Summer Salad Luncheon for the past five years and continues to co-chair that event with her good friend Patty McGinn. She has faithfully supported the Corpus Christi Walk, Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, and Keep CB Beautiful. She and member Patty McGinn took it upon themselves to design and create beautiful purple and gold CDA stoles, so that our members are recognizable in a Funeral Honor

Guard, Rosary, Mass or other formal occasions. Our court is most grateful for their generosity and skills.

Outside the many, many hours Linda gives to our CDA court, she is involved in other service areas as well. She is currently the Branch Secretary/Treasurer of The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. She takes communion to the homebound of her church. She has been an Eucharistic Minister at CHI Mercy Hospital for six years and is a member of the Mercy Guild there. She has served on Jury Duty. BUT...when it is time to relax and celebrate good times with friends and family, she is there too! There have been numerous trips down to Oklahoma in October for a huge Craft Fair, held in seven buildings on the State Fairgrounds. They made bright pink tee-shirts one year that read: "WOW" in black lettering, meaning "Wild Oklahoma Weekend!" Linda brings laughter and smiles wherever she goes and we thank her for that, and her enduring service to our court.

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy. Psalm 34:6

CDA STATE EVENTS – IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

July 18 – July 24, 2016: Catholic Daughters Of The Americas 56th Biennial National Convention In Pittsburgh, PA. Start planning and saving now! The 2016 National Convention is just under a year away. Please mark your calendars, save the dates, and prepare for the faith, fellowship, and fun of the next convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during the week of July 18th- 24th.

Iowa Catholic Daughters State Chairs: State Projects Chair Sherry Nilles, Immediate Past State Regent Rose Holschlag, Right To Life Chair Marilyn Bose, Quality of Life Chair Monica Johannsen, Community and World Issues Chair Mary Lou Ludwig, Legislative/Operation Morning Star Chair Sheila Graham, Retreat Chairman Rose Holschlag, Priests/Seminarians Religious Chair Carolyn Smith, Spiritual Enhancement Chair Cleo Harder, Youth Chair Angie Beem, Family Chair Marilyn Kral, and Public Relations Webmaster Rita A. Carlson.

CDA NATIONAL EVENTS – NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

June 26, 2016: Anna Baxter Day – West Bend, IA. The Anna Baxter Day will be held in West Bend hosted by St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Court #1797. Plan on attending June 26th, 2016.

2014-2016 National Board: National Regent Sheila Seyfried, National Regent Elect Helene Shepard, First Vice National Regent Olga Samaniego, Second Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles, National Secretary-Treasurer Vickie Feist, National Chaplain Fr. Matthew Kuhn, National Directors Carolyn Bachmann, Letty Calvetti, Joyce Ann Fleming, Ruth Guidry, Jo Hammen, Janet Martineau, Susan Mone, Margi Oller, and Sheila Storey.

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JULY 2015 CDA SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON



**AUGUST 2015 CHARITABLE PROJECTS
BACK TO SCHOOL**



AUGUST 2015 NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION



OCTOBER 2015 CDA 95TH ANNIVERSARY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016!