He is Risen

Mailed on March 2

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National Regent’s Message

Helene Shepard, National Regent

Dear Catholic Daughters,

As the perennial crocus pushes its stem through the earth it tells us that the cold and bitterness of winter are coming to an end. We can once again look forward to the brightness and warmth of spring. So too, does Risen Christ giving us hope, that the light and warmth of the Father’s love is enduring. We Catholic experience this on Easter Sunday through the prayers and the readings at the Liturgy, we can say with complete trust, He is Risen. He goes before you.

In reflecting on spring and new growth, we can’t help but think of the new growth that has taken place in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas these past six months. Any growth that has taken place is the result of a TEAM effort; for we are a team working together to bring about Unity with Christ through loving service in His Church. This teamwork will bear the fruit of increasing membership and courts.

By the care and concern we Catholic Daughters show for others, for our Parish, our Diocese and our Community, we become Easter people. Peg Ekerdt quoted in The National Catholic Reporter, “We are the Easter people who believe that the cross transformed all suffering and pain, and the Resurrection secured the promise of eternal life. It is the paschal mystery, this Easter faith that we are called to live each day.” It is through the Catholic Daughters that we bring the message of faith, the spirit of hope that this world can be a lovely place.

By now you have received your Call to Convention from your state. Read the document and make a decision to attend the convention. State Conventions are for all Catholic Daughters who are delegates and alternates as well as for each and every member. It is a time for you to make your voice heard and become renewed and dedicated to the ideals of CDA. You also meet old friends and make new ones and I promise, share many laughs.

If you fulfill the requirements to become a state officer and serve on the State Board but did not send your resume and papers in to the nominating committee you can still run from the floor. Bring the necessary items with you to the convention. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to serve your state in a leadership role.

By the time you receive this letter the March for Life will be but a memory and a beautiful one at that. Each year it is an awesome experience for all Catholic Daughters who participate in the Vigil Mass and in the March itself. It is wonderful to join thousands of people who are willing to stand up and make a statement for what they believe. Please look for the complete report in the next issue of Share.

Just to bring you up to date on the activities of your National Board, we have all been very busy visiting the states that we supervise by attending state meetings and workshops. Before going to the March, the National Officers went to New York City and stayed at the Grand Old Lady on W 71st Street to work on the budget for the coming year. It is wonderful to see all the networking going on among the three levels of our Order—National, State and Local Levels—along with the Staff at the Office.

God bless all those who have helped to make these six months a success. Working together as a TEAM, we accomplish so much more. A Blessed Easter to each of you and your families. May the Risen Lord once again bless you with the virtue of hope in His risen power to raise up each of us in eternal life. Have a Blessed Easter.

In Unity and Charity, Helene

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WORDS OF WISDOM

If we all understood this at 25, life could have been much simpler!

Philosophy 101....

As we grow older, and hence wiser (wisdom), we slowly realize that:

Whether we wear a $300 or $30 watch — they both tell the same time.
Whether we carry a $300 or $30 wallet/handbag – the amount of money inside is the same.
Whether we drink a bottle of $300 or $30 or $3 wine – the hangover is the same.
Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. – the loneliness is the same.
And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.
Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down – we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination – everyone arrives at the same time.

We should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north- south-east-west or heaven and earth — that is true happiness.
Dear Catholic Daughters,

If April is the cruellest month, according to Robert Frost, February must be the grandest month when it comes to renewing our faith. Just look at all the opportunities we have to be renewed and refreshed – and the weather is cooperating beautifully too.

When as a young priest we were called to a home for one homebound to receive the Eucharist, we were met at the door with someone leading the way with a lit candle. All was done in silence. After communion was over, then we could sit and visit. Earlier this month we had the Feast of the Purification, when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, and Simeon prophesied: this child will be a light to the nations….and so began the custom some 1500 years ago of blessing candles on this day, candles for worship and also for mass and Stations of the Cross, old fashioned perhaps but rock solid in helping us get rid of some bad habits, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and prepare for a glorious Easter, having experienced the way of the cross.

Remember the good old days? Let’s bring them back. As the prophet Ezekiel says, “I want to give you a new heart, and take away your stony hearts.” For those with faith, no explanation is necessary. For those without faith, no explanation is possible.

Let us pray for each other that our Lenten journey will awaken in us the real message of Easter.

Fr. Jim
State Chaplain

Dear Iowa Catholic Daughters,

I trust everyone had a good winter and you are ready for spring. It’s always an exciting time of the year as we anticipate the earth coming to life with warmer temperatures and a colorful landscape.

This is also the time of year we journey with Jesus during the Lenten Season. It is a time of prayer and fasting with deep thought about what Jesus did for us. May your Lent be a time of spiritual fulfillment.

The State Board and Host Courts from the Archdiocese of Dubuque have been busy preparing for the State Convention to be held May 5-7, 2017 in Ames. We hope many of you are planning to attend to help make decisions vital for the success of our organization. It is also a great time to meet some of your CDA sisters and visit with members of other courts. What a great way to share ideas!

Did you think about possibly running for a State Office and missed the deadline for submitting your paperwork? You are definitely encouraged to run from the floor at the State Convention. You will need to submit the required paperwork to the State Regent before the convening of the first meeting of the convention. The procedure and requirements are listed in this issue of The VOICE and can also be found in the July 2016 Bylaws – Pages 31-32 Section 4. Holding an office is a special way to serve Jesus through the Catholic Daughters.

Do take time to carefully read this issue of The VOICE and see what is happening around the state in CDA. There is also a lot of information about the convention as well as many deadlines to meet during this busy time. Check out the Important Dates to Remember for those deadlines.

The year ahead looks to be exciting for the Catholic Daughters. The Lifesaver Campaign occurs in April, the State Convention is in May and Court 302 Des Moines and Court 321 Oelwein will celebrate 100th Anniversaries in June and Court 300 Dunlap will celebrate this great milestone later in the year. Our best wishes as they all prepare to celebrate. State workshops will be held around the state in late summer and early fall. Please plan to join in on these activities.

As always thank you for making our newsletter the real “VOICE” for the Iowa Catholic Daughters. You have done a great job sending pictures and articles about your many activities. Please remember to attach photos as a .jpg file or mailing your photos is fine also. Articles need to be sent in a word document rather than a PDF because of the difficulty working with PDF’s. The deadline for submitting information to Jan Grundmeyer for the summer issue is May 20, 2017.

We greatly appreciate your continued efforts to increase membership. Thank you also for keeping the membership current for your court. This prevents issues of The VOICE being returned to State at a postage cost and ensures that each member will receive their copy. Please send all changes to our State Secretary Kaye Stock and to National. Note that after April 1 all mail should be sent to Kaye’s summer address.

Be aware that National does not send any membership changes to State and State does not send changes to National. It is up to each court to send the information to State and National.

Please let me know of any questions or concerns about anything in this issue of The VOICE. My contact information can be found on the Officers Page in this issue. I’m looking very forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in Ames.

After a prayerful Lenten Season may you celebrate a Joyous Easter with those around you.

In Unity & Charity
Jan Grundmeyer
1st Vice State Regent

Submit your Court news and photos for our next issue to Jan Grundmeyer.

Items must be received by May 20, 2017, for the Summer issue.

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From the Desk of the State Regent, Darlene Moritz

Without looking at the calendar, it looks like spring is here early this year and many have been enjoying it. But the calendar does tell us that our 40 days of Lent will be starting soon and then the celebration of our Risen Lord. Ninety days have gone by too fast since the last edition of The Voice was mailed. The days are counting down to the 52nd Biennial State Convention and it will be here before we know it.

Speaking of fast. The first court in Iowa to send in their State Convention delegate and alternate sheet was Ct. 350 of Dyersville. Congratulations!!! And the Manchester Court #1976 was the first to turn in their raffle item description. THANK YOU! And “Thank you” to all who have been so generous with their time and talents when asked to be of assistance. It sure makes the process much easier and faster to say the least. The convention does have deadlines and they are coming up fast. Your court Regent will be receiving tickets for the various raffle items. A list of the raffle items coming to the convention are found in this newsletter for your viewing. If you cannot attend and would like to take a chance on an item you can purchase tickets and send them to Audrey Marley. Regents have her address from the first call to convention letter. She will see that they are placed in the various items of your choice. All courts are also reminded that they are to bring/send a copy of their Program books. Your court is also asked to ‘Showcase’ what your court has done during the past two years. Attendees will cast their Showcase ticket for the display they feel is both inviting and informative. So, show your stuff and at the same time, share ideas!

The attire for the convention is business casual. A CDA jacket or sweater would help as convention halls tend to be on the cool side. On Friday, we encourage all to wear red as they do at the National Conventions. The color red symbolizing, ‘Remembering Everyone Deployed.’ All local court officers and District Deputies are to bring their robes for Mass. Be sure they are clean, pressed and are eleven (11) inches off of the floor with your white shoes you will wear. Small earrings and no hosiery are now acceptable. If you do choose to wear hosiery, it has to be light/natural in color. No hooped earrings. At the Memorial Mass on Saturday we will be reading the names and praying for the repose of the souls of all the deceased members since the 2015 State Convention. Please be sure to bring your list of deceased members names. A proposed agenda and articles in this newsletter of the speakers will inform you of what is in store for those attending. We look forward to seeing so many Iowa CDA members. We thank the courts of the Dubuque Archdiocese for working together with the Ames Court to help with this convention. Read more in this issue. The semi-annual financial reviews are due in April. April is also time for one of the state fundraisers, the Lifesaver project. It’s going to be a busy spring again.

Our thanks and gratitude to Carolyn Smith of Glenwood, Iowa for being our Seminarian Chairman over the past few years. Carolyn has requested to step down and we welcome Susan Sundlin of Court #2515 Our Lady of the Lake, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Susan and Carolyn have visited and will be getting together in April to pass the books and information on. Thank you, Carolyn, for all the work you have done in getting names of Seminarians to the local CDA courts in Iowa as we continue to support them through cards and prayers.

We wish you all a Most Blessed Easter and look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in May. God Bless!

In Unity & Charity
Darlene Moritz, State Regent

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from sunny Arizona to warm you up. Some people around here will say how cold it is. I remind why they live here or at least spend their winter here! I did get my annual taste of the cold on my trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life and thankfully we didn’t get snowed in this January as we did last year with 2 feet of that white stuff.

On February 2nd, with the Presentation of the Lord, the Christmas season is officially over for another year. And before we took a deep breath, Lent is upon us.

This is such a special time for us to prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in atonement for OUR sins. We all put a lot of time and fiestiness into celebrating Christ’s birth but as the holidays go, Easter is a more important day because without the Resurrection we have no redemption. “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:14

During these days of Lent I encourage you to take some extra time for prayer. Find a quiet time and place to take yourself away from the noises and distractions of our daily lives. Your prayer can be any kind, the rosary, prayers from a Lenten book, just talking to God as your BFF or maybe just listening in centering prayer so God can speak to you. Also during Lent we focus as we did as children on what we will give up during Lent. Giving up something such as sweets, smoking, or something else that is a challenge in our life is a great time for work on discipline. This Easter let’s try doing something special, something extra. We could visit or call our home-bound CDA sisters or those in nursing homes. Send a note or card to family and friends that you haven’t seen or spoken to for a while. When you make that pot of soup on a cold winter afternoon, make a little extra for that neighbor living alone. Better yet invite her/him to share it with your family at your dinner table.

Just a couple weeks after Easter, it’s time for Iowa’s State Convention and I hope that many of you are planning to attend and be a voice in what’s happening in your state. It’s a great time to share and renew friendships and make new CDA friends. That is a special part of being CDA sisters and a true blessing. Your State Board and the convention committee have worked hard to make the convention a very informative and entertaining weekend for all who attend. As we work hard in our local courts it is always exciting to hear what other courts are doing and maybe get ideas to take home to your court. Convention is not just for voting delegates, it is for every Catholic Daughter in Iowa so make your reservations.

Blessings of Lent to you and your families and a Glorious Easter.

Susan Moné’
National Director

Local Court Newsletter Contest Alert

All local court newsletters need to be sent to Jan Grundmeyer by March 15, 2017 to be judged. The first place winners in the various divisions and categories will be sent to the National Newsletter Chairman. All winners will be recognized at the workshops this fall. Please adhere to the contest rules which were sent to your court regent last September. Thank you to all of the courts who send out newsletters and to those who submit their newsletters for the contest.

Visit the Catholic Daughters of the Americas website: www.catholicdaughters.org
Third Place Winners in 2016 Education Contest

POETRY DIVISION I
3rd Place  5th Grade
Lindsey Diaz, Court McDermott # 504
Washington

We Are God’s Creation
I promise to plant and water trees,
    When I am on my hands and knees.
My trees grow tall and strong,
    Birds fly in and sing their songs.
Squirrels run up and down my trees,
    Making nests of branches and leaves.
I can protect God’s Creation of trees,
    When I am on my hands and knees.

POETRY DIVISION II
3rd Place  7th Grade
Allison Kutsch, Court Dubuque # 1287
Dubuque

God gave us the beautiful green earth and clean air,
    It’s our personal responsibility to ensure its care.
The world we were given was once pristine,
    We need to restore it to how it once was seen.
Global warming, lack of water and environmental pollution,
    We must all work together to BE THE SOLUTION!

POETRY DIVISION III
3rd Place  10th Grade
Kyle Bames, Court St. Anthony # 330
Council Bluffs

The Lord has blessed us with great gifts,
    and called us to serve him as well.
The Earth is one of the gifts
    He gave to us.
We are called to protect God’s gifts.
    We are called as Stewards.

ESSAY DIVISION I
3rd Place  Grade 5
Sophia Woods, Court St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton # 2291
Cedar Falls

As Catholics, we believe that God created this beautiful Earth for us to love and cherish. And we do, every day we do. But there is more to it than that.
We can’t just look at all of these amazing things, say “Oh, that’s nice,” and turn our heads to who made this for us. We need to protect all this beauty and contentment in the earth that God made. We, as mere humans, can’t comprehend the beauty of God’s earth, but we do realize that it is important to take care of it, for ourselves and other generations to come. Recycling, throwing out trash, planting trees— they all seem small, but in the long run, who knows? Maybe that little piece of plastic that you recycled today made the grass a little greener somewhere in the world. Maybe that tree you planted made it easier for someone to breathe. Maybe, just maybe, that piece of trash that you threw out saved an animal’s life. And God will always love us. He’ll love us no matter what we do. He always will look on us as His most beautiful creation. We will never be able to pay all of that back, but we might be able to pay back a little of that love by taking action to protect God’s creation, just as he took action on the cross for us.

ESSAY DIVISION II
3rd Place Grade 7
Elizabeth Sigwarth, Court Dubuque # 1287
Dubuque

God gives each generation the responsibility of stewardship of his creation. Although stewardship includes tasks great and small, it is much more than just picking up a piece of trash. It is also showing our love for God through every action towards others. Being a steward of God’s creation is tricky but with the right perspective it can be made simple.
First, how are we treating the physical world? Look at the sky. How do we want to leave this panorama to our children? Most would agree that, it should be beautiful, clean, and enjoyed forever. The way many people actually treat it says differently. A person who walks by to throw away their pop can and misses the receptacle may not know it, but the ugly picture of a broken planet is one step closer. Then there are the ten people who see this and decide to walk on. Those who ignore this small, but vulgar, act also carried the planet closer to its death. This poor example is now seen as acceptable and the indifference becomes contagious. In doing so, we are not playing our part in treating our earth with respect.

Often our physical world is a reflection of our treatment of ourselves and others. So, how is the human race treating each other? For the most part, our behavior is not commendable. We have had the benefit of thousands of years to understand the importance of one another, and what are we doing? Civilization is falling to division. We create barriers between us that make it impossible to accept the love and happiness of others. If even one person can conquer those barriers, they can harness that love into happiness for us all. Our souls are given the strength to take down more barriers. But, right now, we are not treating our peers, family members, or even strangers with the respect that they deserve. How can we change that aspect of our society? Treat others how Jesus would treat them. A person could be very stingy, or parsimonious, but Jesus would want us to treat them with more love than anyone could ever speak of. That is how we can make our world brighter.

In conclusion, the way we fulfill our duty of stewardship starts with how we treat each other, and will be reflected in how we treat our mother earth. We should reflect on how we want to be measured in our divine duty as stewards. In a thousand years we may be considered barbarians for the way that we lived, and spat upon for the way we left our world in a torn-up, rugged, and just plain unhealthy place for future generations. So, as temporary human beings sent to treasure our earth, how are we taking actions today to benefit each other and those special persons to yet inherit the earth?

ESSAY DIVISION III
3rd Place  Grade 11
Margaret Kenkel, Court St. Rose of Lima # 6 Carroll

How Do We Care for the Environment?
    Providing care and help to the world is one major job for human beings. God made the world a beautiful place and it is our responsibility to care for the environment. Would it be polite for one to go into someone’s house and make a mess? They would not be thrilled and neither would God when we trash the earth. Simple, easy jobs done every day add up to make a big difference. Recycling, conserving water, carpooling, and picking up trash go a long way to help protect the planet.

Carpooling is a simple and fun way to help pollution. Why take five vehicles to a park when there can be one ride? These fumes emitted can cause global warming. Also, they can absorb into soil or plants affecting systems in animals. I try to carpool all the time and everyone is benefiting from not spending extra gas money. Littering is illegal and another harm to the environment. Take responsibility and be the one to pick up trash in a park to help make it look clean. Having a lot of trash in a beautiful park could ruin the reputation in one’s town. There is always a trash can and I pick up trash as I walk. Also, there are people in other countries that have no water. Conserving water is an easy way that everyone can do to help. I try to take a ten minute shower instead of taking fifteen minutes. One would be surprised in how much water is saved compared to what they think. When handwashing dishes, use only one sink full of water instead of doing it twice. There are many ways out there and you should be the one to make a difference. Finally, recycling is also an easy way to assist the environment. The more waste and plastics thrown into landfills the bigger the problem becomes. Plastics that are not biodegradable will stay at the landfill for years and can give off fumes that will harm the environment. Also, recycling reduces energy consumption so there will be no extra manufacturing. I try to fit all of these ways into my life.

We need to take advantage of the abilities that God gave us. He made us in His image and there is no doubt that He would do everything possible to help His creation. It does not make us feel any better to destroy our home. Carpooling, recycling, conserving water, and picking up trash can easily fit into one’s routine every day. Make this world a better place for you, for everyone, and especially for God.
Thank You

Words are hard to find to express my sincere thanks to all the Catholic Daughters of Iowa and even from courts in other states who sent their condolences on the occasion of my father, Arthur T. (Thomas) Mulvihill, meeting his heavenly reward. He was a true patriot for this country and a soldier for Christ. He reminded me plenty of times, ‘God first, my wife and family second and then the rest’. We couldn’t be prouder of a dad like we had. He was the best. God Rest His Soul and ‘Thank You’ again.

Darlene Moritz
Iowa CDA State Regent

Thank You from the University of Iowa Hospital for the Chaplain Fund

The CDA Court Presentation #1460 sing Christmas carols at the Christmas party, from left, Joan Gaul, Arlene Fangmann, Rita Willenbring, Judy Link, Alvin Murphy, Eileen Kluessner, Jane Sweeney, Dorothy Schieltz, Donna Strief, Lois Boeffi and Florence Jaeger; second row, Elaine Steffensmeier, Mickey Burlage, Betty Pins, Marie Thier, Gail Hefei, Mary Kluessner, Rosalyn Kramer and Peg Palmer

A Warm Welcome to Our New CDA Members: Spring 2017

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Thank You from Father Fangmann

I thank all the C.D. of A. members who sent such nice cards and prayers for my recovery. It worked – I’m doing much better.

Thank you,
Father Fangmann

Iowa CDA Lifesaver Project

Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be collecting donations during the month of April to help fight domestic abuse. Lifesaver candies are given out as a sign of thank you for the donations.

This is an Iowa State Court Project and all local courts are asked to participate in this project by collecting donations during April at any weekend Masses. Many courts have found it easier, with the priest’s permission, to collect the money during the second collection at Mass and then distribute the candies as the parishioners leave church. Please use Lifesaver candies to keep with the theme. You may also wish to ask for donations at different stores in your community with permission from the store manager.

60 percent of the proceeds are kept in the local court and should be given to a local shelter or program of your choice making sure it does not support abortion. The other 40 percent of the proceeds should be sent by May 31 to the 2nd Vice State Regent (see name and address below). This money will be sent to the diocese in which your court resides. The Bishops decide which shelter or program will receive your donations.

Local courts have done a fantastic job supporting the Lifesaver Project through the years. Many men, women and children who suffer physical, mental or verbal abuse have been helped with the donations. Thank you for your participation in this very worthwhile project!

Karen Kasparbauer, 2nd Vice State Regent
3061 370th Street
Manning, IA 51455
Thank You from the Bishops

January 31, 2017

Jenifer Nielsen, M.D.
Deaconess Hospital
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Dear Jenifer:

Thank you for your letter of January 17th enclosing two checks:

1) $166.50 (93136-14717) for priest education in the Diocese of Des Moines;

2) $183.50 (93128-11777) for the needy in the Diocese of Des Moines.

These gifts will be applied in the specific causes you identified. Please extend heartfelt thanks to all of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, State Court of Iowa, for this significant generosity. It is another example of the support we, in the State of Iowa, experience from the Catholic Daughters.

May all of the Catholic Daughters enjoy God’s abundant blessings in 2017.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Bishop of Des Moines

January 27, 2017

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Attn: Darlene Moritz
PO Box 474
Milford, IA 51351

Dear Darlene and all the Catholic Daughters:

I would like to personally thank all of you for your contributions of $437.25 to support priest education and $2,615 to support the needy of our Diocese. Your generosity allows us to continue the work of the Church in our local Diocese. We have many programs and ministries that enable us to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ and your gift helps us in our mission. I am very grateful.

This acknowledgement of your contribution to the Diocese of Sioux City provided pursuant to section 1704 (8) of the Internal Revenue Code must be kept as reference to your contribution for tax purposes. The Diocese of Sioux City in no manner provides any goods or services in connection with this contribution. We may have provided you with intangible religious benefits, in whole or in part, for your gift.

Thank you for your time and continued support. May the Lord give you peace.

Your brother in Christ,

+ Michael J. Boucicault
Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless
Bishop of Sioux City

January 27, 2017

Ms. Deborah Steger
723 2nd Street S.E.
Dyersville, Iowa 52040

Dear Ms. Steger,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter with which you sent two very generous donations, one for priest education, and another for the needy.

Please communicate to the State Court of Iowa of the Catholic Daughters of America my gratitude for their gracious assistance.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Michael G. Jacobs
Archbishop of Dubuque

To see more CDA local court news, photos and other information online, visit iowacatholicdaughters.org
Local Court News

Court St. Rita 321 Oelwein
Oelwein, IA — Court St. Rita 321 last gathered together for their annual Christmas Banquet on December 10. Scheduled to be held at Luigi’s, the event was changed to Sacred Heart Social Hall due to the fire that had recently destroyed the restaurant. The Sacred Heart quilting group had donated a Christmas themed tied quilt that was given away in a drawing. Diane Stejskal was the winner.

The court has not been meeting during the winter months. However, the team organizing the 100th anniversary of the court has been busy. Various duties have been divided among the committee members. The date of the event will be June 24th. It will include a Mass followed by a historical display, dinner, a speaker and special presentations at Sacred Heart. The committee has already secured the speaker, arranged for a catered meal and sent advance notice of the event to area courts and officials of CDA.

Submitted by Virginia Larimer

Diane Stejskal, winner of a quilt at the Court St. Rita Christmas party.

TOP: Court St. Rita’s 100th anniversary committee: Back left to right are Court Chaplain Deacon James Patera, Virginia Larimer, Linda Ridihalgh and Mary Reeder. In front are Novella Wilson and Chris Stolfus. Other members include: Erika Brockmeyer, Barb Vandersee, Barb Voshell and Delphine Deane. ABOVE: Court St. Rita member Madonna Stickel, a Grandview Health Care Center resident, joined in the court Christmas event.

Court 1926 Cascade
Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Blessed Mother # 1926; Cascade, Iowa, held a harvest of blessings banquet honoring our members for their years of service to CDA. The tables were decked out in a fall harvest theme. We had a delightful time with a potluck supper and dessert after. We are proud of all our members. We also have 9 ladies who have served over 50 years in CDA. They are: (pictured Jeanie Sadler, Jean Nauman, Margie McDermott), Imelda Beringer, Mary Kay Connelly, Theresa Drew, Carol Gehl, Dorothy Kremer, and Mary McDermott. Ladies, you are a blessing.

Court # 342 Fidelis, Wesley
TOP LEFT: Court Fidelis #342 Wesley enjoyed their Guest Speaker, Linda Vault from the Algona Care Team. Linda gave a wonderful presentation at the Courts September meeting. She told about articles given to a child when they need to be placed in a different environment when having to leave their home, and the support needed from community organizations.

ABOVE LEFT: Sister Janet Goetz of St. Cecelia’s Algona spoke at Court Fidelis #342 Wesley October meeting telling about her calling to the convent and her experiences in education. She also was blessed that the Lord had returned her to her home area for the remainder of her calling and was able to be surrounded by family and friends.

RIGHT: Jessica Darling, to share with the needy at Christmas.

ABOVE RIGHT: Alison Rosenmeyer, a new member of Court Fidelis #342 Wesley (and Regent Rosemary Snyder’s Granddaughter) is a great addition to their membership. She received a CD of A pin, Rosary and Rosary Case to enjoy. Regent Rosemary Snyder (standing) is pictured with Alison as she looks at her new CD of A pin.

TOP RIGHT: Court Fidelis #342 Wesley tied fleece throws along with help from the St Joseph’s Wesley Youth Group, led by Mandy Glawe and Jessica Darling, to share with the needy at Christmas.

Right: Jessica Darling is also a wonderful new member of Court Fidelis #342 Wesley. She is shown with the CD of A pin, Rosary and Rosary Case she received. Court Fidelis #342 Wesley has had five new members in the last year!

Court #1714 Jesup
Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup IA. sent out Holiday greeting and prayer cards to those in the military from our community. Pictured are photos of the greeting and prayer cards (taken by Monica Bengston).

COURTESY MONICA BENGSTON

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Local Court News

Court # 1768 Cedar Rapids
Kate Getty of Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO) spoke at the February CDA meeting of Court #1768 Cedar Rapids, St. Theresa, the Little Flower. MCO provides financial aid, referrals, and a food pantry, serving an average of 120 families a week. Court #1768 donated non-perishable food items for the pantry.

Pictured (L-R) are Shirley Bush, Kate Getty of MCO, Claire Ahart, and Susan Frischkorn.

Court # 388 New Hampton
LEFT: Members of Court Joan of Arc spent a morning at Carnegie Cultural Center Engaged in a fun program about vintage advertising. The group went out for lunch together afterwards. RIGHT: Catholic Daughters Julie Eckenrod (left) and Dianne Quinn (right) presented a donation check to Marilyn Stanton at the New Hampton Food Pantry.

Court # 1976 Manchester
Court Mary of the Assumption met at the Pizza Ranch on February 7th in Manchester. A program was given by Nancy Kudros, a volunteer at the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Catherine McAuley Center was founded by the Sisters of Mercy. Nancy gave a very interesting explanation of the services provided at the center including Adult Basic Education, Transitional Housing for Adult Women many who are homeless and need help stabilizing their lives, and a Refugee Settlement Program. Much of the work is accomplished by volunteers. Linda shared many ways people can volunteer.

The program was followed by the business meeting for Court 1976 with one focus being the selection of delegates and alternates for the State Convention.

Court #1156 Maquoketa
Court St. Raphael #1156 in Maquoketa held a baby shower at their November meeting. Members brought baby items to donate to babies in need.

LEF T: St Edmond Chamber Choir: Kersten Tipping, Music Instructor, Jaci Taylor, Nolan O’Connor, Rachel Sherry, Cade Naughton, Zoe Assadipour, Nelson Cook, Meghan Hanley, Megan Flattery, Zephan O’Connor, Zoie Assadipour and Liam Conrad. RIGHT: Marie Sheeder and Jason Fitzgerald, Director of YWCA

Court #216, Fort Dodge
“A Catholic Daughter Christmas” was held on Dec. 8th, 2016 in the Corpus Christi Worship Site’s Center. A social began with appetizers of a meat, cheese and cracker trays along with punch. Entertainment was provided by the Chamber Choir from St Edmond H.S. performing Christmas carols. It was wonderful to have the youth in attendance to show off their talents!

The members reflected on their many blessings by bringing an unwrapped gift and/or household item for the women and children living at the shelter. The YWCA shelter is for abused women and children who would otherwise not have a Christmas. The director Jason Fitzgerald of the YWCA was very appreciative. Jason is the son of deceased #216 member Linda Fitzgerald. It was a blessed Christmas event leaving everyone filled with the spirit of the true meaning of the season-the birth of Jesus Christ.

Court #390 Jefferson
The CDA court at St. Joseph’s in Jefferson enjoyed their Christmas Lunch with absolutely delicious food at the local Angie’s Teagarden. Pictured are those in attendance. 1st Row- L to R- Fr. Jeff Schleisman, Ruth Feldmann, Joan Wahl, and Katherine Podlesak. 2nd Row- L to R- Essie Kowaleski, Anne Gingery, Pat Monthei, Isabel Smith, Joyce Morris, Ruth Naberhaus, Marilyn Ganoe, Alice Hamilton, Glennie Costello, Jean Finch, Sue Wind, Johnetta Harms, Doris Kennedy, and Sharon Wright.

Court # 216, Fort Dodge, IA Honors Longtime Member
Member Frances Adams has been a member of Court #216 since 1936. Frances is one of 46 life members of Court #216 (members for 50+ years), making her a member for 80 years – what a milestone! The month of December, Frances celebrated her 101st Birthday and was gifted with flowers from our court presented by Elta Mae Blair, Marie Sheeder, Regent and Rose Mary Ruddly. Frances was very happy to be remembered on her day! Thank you Frances for your years of service! Front (L-R) Frances Adams, Rose Mary Ruddly; Back (L-R) Elta Mae Blair, Marie Sheeder.
WEB BYTES
February 2017

By Rita A. Carlson, IA CDA Webmaster

Spring is in the air with a flurry of activities beginning with our 52nd Biennial Catholic Daughters State Convention. The State Convention is a wonderful event to network with your sisters in Christ. Rest assured your State Officers are working hard to give you the best and latest information in addition to happenings within Catholic Daughters. You don’t want to miss the line up of guest speakers, we are blessed to have them in attendance.

Please browse the State website for news and information, your committee chairs are staying abreast of the most recent current issues that are important to Catholic Daughters in keeping with our mission in part “justice, equality, advancement of human rights & dignity for all”. My point is that we have this tool of our website that is a wonderful way to communicate to the public and our members; who we are and what we do. Be sure to keep that in mind the next time you have a bake sale, church dinner or volunteer at a missionhouse. Let your light shine by sending me your events and photos to post on your webpage.

If you have pictures or news articles that you would like on your court’s page please send to me: Rita A. Carlson; Webmaster at iowafarmgirl4@hotmail.com Article format preference is pdf format and all photos must be a jpeg format limited to 5 MB. In the subject line of the email please type “CDA”, and I will respond upon receipt of the email so you know that it has been read.

If you are interested in starting your own website for your court I would be more than willing to give advice and/or directions on how to make that happen. Thank you to those of you who have reached out, as stated the website is a great tool but not the only one. Be sure to enter the website contest!

Please encourage your members to view www.iowacatholicdaughters.org where there is good information listed in addition to links to our National webpage. We welcome any suggestions and/or comments on the quality or specific information you would like to see or need. Please contact State Regent Darlene Moritz or Rita A. Carlson, Webmaster.

Stay tuned for more news and updates....happy clicking!

Your Sister in Christ,
Rita A. Carlson, Webmaster
Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas

CDA SUPPLIES UPDATE: There will be just a limited amount of supplies for purchase at the State Convention. However, samples of many of the various items from National will be available to look at. Convention attendees will be receiving a list of supplies in their convention bag that shows what is available in the National Store. Due to the ease of ordering from National by visiting their website at www.catholicdaughters.org and clicking on the word Store, State will no longer maintain a large inventory of supplies. If you have questions about ordering supplies please contact your court’s District Deputy or State Treasurer Deb Steger.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
There is an error in Article XIII, Section 3, on page 39 of the recently 2016 Bylaws.

Please cut out the section below and affix to replace the current page 39.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Sec. 3. ELECTIONS
A. Written notice and/or notice via electronic (email) mail of at least ten (10) days from the date of postmark must be given to all members of the Court, as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.
B. Prior to the election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May.
C. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in the alternate years to the State elections and shall hold office for two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A plurality vote shall elect. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election.
D. Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.

Sec. 4. INSTALLATION
Local Court installations shall take place no later than the regular September meeting.

ARTICLE XIV CAMPUS COURT
Sec. 1. COMPOSITION
The composition of Campus Court is at least fifteen (15) members at institution made up of full or part-time students and may include faculty, faculty wives and staff, if the College or University allows, and which maintains a membership of no fewer than eight (8) members who have been received into a Catholic Daughters of the Americas court on a College or University campus.

Sec. 2. OFFICERS
A. The officers of a Campus Court shall be a Regent, Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer if permitted to function by campus rules.
B. Nominations for court officers are made from the floor at the first business meeting of the fall semester.
Pictured are (left to right) Rose Mary Knox, Recording Secretary; Maxine Balk, Vice-Regent; Donna Rosonke, District Deputy from New Hampton, Iowa; Carole Burke, Regent and Wilma Balk, Financial Secretary. Missing from the photo is Darlene Kuennen, Treasurer.

Court # 814 West Union
After Court Little Flower’s Dec. 6 meeting, our ladies “merrily” packed 40 Christmas cookie tins to take to the nursing homes and shut-ins.

ABOVE LEFT: Mary Ann, Marcia, Anne, Florence, and Mary are busy uncovering the goodies. ABOVE RIGHT: Florence, Mary & Roberta with some cookies and our beautiful Christmas tins. TOP: Mary Ann Hoey, Anne Sellers, Florence Johnson, Judy Meskel, Mary Polk, Roberta Mittelsted, Marcia Soppe, & Colleen Guenther.

Court # 14 Emmetsburg
Catholic Daughters Court # 14 St Rose of Lima members helped with the backpack program for Feed Our Kids in December. This is a project sponsored by individuals and organizations – backpacks are sent home on Fridays for children whose food is scarce in their homes.

CDA members pictured helping with the project are: (left to right) Lou Ann Huberty, Angie Beem, Jane Bruch and Diane Smith holding helper, Danny.

Court # 2515 Spirit Lake
Our Lady of the Lakes Court #2515, St. Mary’s Church in Spirit Lake held their annual Advent by Candlelight on Nov. 29. Mass was celebrated at 5:30 followed by a soup and bread supper. Mary Brandt presented the program for the evening. The Cycle of Conversion was introduced and how that cycle can be found in preparing our hearts for Advent. Gospel stories were presented with a focus on life in the Holy Land and history. In addition, small group discussion centered on discussion of their relationship with Jesus as fully divine and fully human. Two different approaches to Christology were explored: that of the Jesus of history and that of the Jesus of faith.

Court #216 Fort Dodge
Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #216, Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Dodge IA, presented Donna Porter with her 50 year member pin. Donna has been an active member of Court #216. She will be among the 46 other life members of our court. Congratulations Donna, many blessings to you from Court #216!

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2017 State Convention Raffle list

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Pictured are (left to right) Joan Pendergast, Pam Loosan, Donna Johnson, Donna Deck, Donna Peterson, and Donna Bixler.

L to R Joan Peterson Treasurer, Mary Salocker Financial Secretary, Marie Sheeder Regent, Donna Porter, Christina Rosch Vice Regent, Doreen Coppinger Recording Secretary and Msgr. Kevin McCoy Court Chaplain.
## 2017 IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Quality Inn and Suites, 2601 E 13th St. Ames, Iowa  
May 5-7, 2017 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning)

Registration fees include meals so we ask you to check which meals you will be there for so we have an accurate count. Breakfast is complimentary at the Quality Inn and Suites Hotel. COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE.

At our Court meeting held on ________, this active member of our Court was elected as our ( ) Delegate, ( ) Alternate, or ( ) Non-Voting Member

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For Court Delegates, Alternates and Members

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Any walk-ins without registrations will have the additional $20.00 added to each of the above CONVENTION fees.

NOTE OF INFORMATION:

Anyone who has family members wanting to attend the convention will need to make reservations for them and pay for the meal/meals they plan to be present for. Husbands and family members are welcome to join us but we do need to know so we have an accurate meal count for those preparing the food. These guests are also welcome to attend the Masses and listen to the speakers at the convention.

Meal costs are:  
Friday Lunch $25.00  Friday Supper $30.00  Saturday Lunch $25.00  Saturday Evening Banquet $40.00

These meals are all included in the registration fee for delegates and alternates. This is just for those wishing to purchase additional meals.

Thank you for your cooperation and see you at convention.
52nd Biennial CDA State Convention
May 5-7, 2017 Proposed Agenda

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017
AM
6-8 Complimentary Breakfast by pool
7-8:30 LOBBY - Registrations and Accept showcase and raffle items
8:45 Line up for Mass (Local officers and District Deputies in robes)
9:00 Presentation of the Colors and Banner - Blessing of the Shrine
9:15 Mass
10:30 Opening Ceremonies
   Introductions
PM
12:30 Lunch

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
AM
6-8 Complimentary Breakfast by the pool
7:45 Installation Mass (All officers wear robes)
9:45 Announcements
11:00 Memorial Mass

1:15 A.D.A.
3:30 Break
3:45 National Regent, Helene Shepard
4:45 Awards
   Education - Janet Laubenthal
   Newsletter-Jan Grundmeyer, 1st Vice State Regent and Editor of the Voice
   Website - Rita Carlson, State Webmaster
   Circle of Love Recognitions - Showcases -
   ANOUNCEMENTS

4:00 Social Hour Campaign - 50/50 sales, (cash bar)
4:15 District Deputies & Circle of Love Committee meet
5:00 Supper
5:30 Entertainment Mr. & Mrs. Emil Polashek of Ames
8:30 Raffle Room Closes for the evening

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
AM
6-8 Complimentary Breakfast by pool
7-7:45 Registration and accept Raffle items

2017 Convention Speakers

Abortion Dialogue Academy Team to Give Presentation at State Convention

Jacob Burow: Co-Founder
Jacob was heavily involved in the 40 Days for Life movement in Bryan, Texas during high school. He began volunteering with Justice for All as their Logistics Coordinator in 2006. He spent 11 years working extensively with JFA as a certified dialogue trainer. He accepted a full time position in 2012. During his time at Justice for All Jacob had over 3000 conversations with people on the abortion issue. In 2014 Jacob co-founded the Abortion Dialogue Academy. In 2016 he married Katie Burow, his co-founder and business partner. Today he serves as the Executive Director and President of the organization.

Katie Burow: Co-Founder
Katie attended Xavier College Preparatory, a Catholic high-school in Phoenix, Arizona. She went on to study Marketing, Economics and Strategy at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis. While in college Katie led the WU Students for Life club for 3 years. Katie worked as a summer intern at Justice For All in 2012 and 2013. She also completed the Students For Life of America Wilberforce Fellowship in 2013. In 2014, Katie co-founded the Abortion Dialogue Academy. In 2016 she married Jacob Burow, her co-founder and business partner. Today she serves as the Vice President and Programs Coordinator for the organization.

National Regent Helene Shepard will be the Representative from National at the three day Iowa State Convention. Regent Helene will be a featured speaker on Saturday.

Sister Lisa Maurer, OSB is a Benedictine Sister of the St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth. She taught and coached for many years in the Catholic schools in southern Minnesota. Her first active ministry as a Professed Sister was as the Pastoral Associate at two parishes in Duluth.

Sister Lisa is the Director of Mission Integration for the Benedicite Health System and an assistant football coach at the College of St. Scholastica. She speaks throughout the upper Midwest to a variety of audiences on a wide range of topics.

Bill LeMire is the Director of Advancement for The Labouré Society. Labouré is a national, Catholic nonprofit organization that teaches future priests, sisters and brothers how to accelerate the resolution of their student loan debt so that they may enter religious formation.

Bill is a 1985 graduate of The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He has a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law also in St. Paul, and he has a Masters’ Degree in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas. For 27 years Bill was a litigator and trial lawyer with a law firm in Minneapolis where he enjoyed a national practice in a variety of different specialties. In October of 2015, Bill left the practice of law to join the Labouré Society and their mission to rescue vocations for the Catholic Church.

Monsignor Kenneth A. Seifried was born in rural Pocahontas County, Iowa, 26 October 1936. He was reared in the Manson area, graduated from Manson High School. He is a graduate of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa and attended Mount Saint Bernard Seminary, Dubuque and was ordained a Catholic priest, 1 June, 1963, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1963, he received his Masters of Education, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska and for the first seven years of his priesthood, he taught at Kuemper Catholic High School, Carroll, Iowa.

In 1970, he joined the United States Army as a chaplain and served twenty-eight years upon his retirement with the rank of Colonel. During his military career, he served nine years overseas which included Vietnam, Korea and Germany. Stateside, he served in Georgia, Colorado, New Jersey and Kansas.

He is a graduate of AZUSA Pacific University, Burbank, California (MS), Immaculate Conception Seminary, Long Island, New York (MDIV), United States Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia and the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

On March 7, 1997, Pope John Paul II awarded him the title of Monsignor, making him a Prelate of Honor and a member of the Papal Household.

In 1998, he was assigned to St. Joseph Parish, Granville, Iowa as pastor and president of Spalding Catholic Schools which he served for seven years.

In 2005, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Milford, Iowa and retired from the active ministry in 2009.

Monsignor Seifried is also a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and a member of the American Legion.

He resides in Holstein, Iowa, serving as a sacramental minister and doing some substitute teaching in the local high school.

Called to Serve ...
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for your Iowa Catholic Daughter members at the convention.
In order to run from the floor, you must submit the following to your State Regent, Darlene Moritz, prior to the first rap of the gavel at the opening of the convention.
1) A statement of Eligibility 2) A statement of endorsement by your Local Court signed by a majority of your Local Court Officers, and 3) Your written Consent to Serve.

A delegate at the convention needs to nominate you from the floor and shall give a statement of your qualifications. The State Board determines the amount of time to be allowed for this statement.

Officer duties are listed in the Tools of the Trade book and can be read online at the National website, www.catholicdaughters.org.

If you have any questions or concerns about running from the floor at the convention, please contact your State Regent, Darlene Moritz at (712)-330-6725.
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Important Dates to Remember

March 1 ......................................................... Ash Wednesday
March 1-4.................................40 Days for Life – Pray for the Unborn
March 2 ......................................................... Read Across America
March 12..............................Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15.............................Deadline for Circle of Love Reports to State Chairman
March 15.............................Deadline for Education, Newsletter, and Website Contest entries to the State. Note: Education is sent to Janet Loubenhal; Newsletter is sent to 1st Vice State Regent Jan Grundmeyer and Website is sent to Iowa CDA Webmaster Rita Carlson. All addresses are listed on the Officers and Chairpersons Page in The VOICE.
March 17.................................................St. Patrick’s Day
March 19.........St. Joseph’s Day
March 25.............................Sioux City Diocese Women’s Conference ‘Extreme Makeover’ in Carroll, IA. Featured Speaker: Teresa Tomea – scdiocese.org/womens-ministry
April ..................................................Local Courts complete Financial Review Paperwork
April ..................................................Catholic Daughter Lifesaver Campaign Across Iowa
April 1.............................Deadline for State Chairmen to send best entries and their report for the State Convention Book to the State Regent Darlene Moritz
April 1.............................Deadline extended for Bylaws and Resolutions to Rosemary Ruddy at 1234 N 24th Place, Fort Dodge, IA 50501
April 5.............................Deadline for Early Registration for State Convention to Karen Kasparbauer
April 9.................................................Palm Sunday
April 14.................................................Good Friday
April 16.................................................HAPPY EASTER!
April 23.................................................Divine Mercy Sunday
May 1.........................................................Financial Reviews are due
May 1.............................Deadline for all the National CDA Scholarships
May 4.........................................................National Day of Prayer
May 5-7.............................One Million Rosaries for the Unborn
May 5-7.............................52nd Biennial State Convention, Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 E 13th St, Ames, Iowa 50010
May 14.................................................Mother’s Day
May 20.................................................Deadline for submitting items for the summer VOICE to Jan Grundmeyer
May 25.................................................Feast of Ascension
May 29.................................................Memorial Day
June 4.................................................Pentecost Sunday & Priest Appreciation Day
June 14.................................................Flag Day
July 13-15.............................................State Officers Conference, Belleville, Illinois

“FUN”D Calendar Winners from Iowa!

December 5, 2016 – Janis H., Mason City, IA
December 7, 2016 – Mary Jo S., Lawler, IA
December 12, 2016 – Joyce N., Dyersville, IA
December 25, 2016 – Andrea L., Maquoketa, IA
February 13, 2017 – Marsha L., West Union, IA

The winners’ names are posted on the National Website. Be sure to check this out and see if your name is there!

Prayerful Memories

Court St Rose of Lima #6 – Carroll
Darlene Oswald
Maureen Martin
Jeanette Eischeid
Colette Potthoff
Theresa Soyer

Court St Raphael #1156 – Maquoketa
Marjorie Van Dorn
Irene Williamson
Ann Wagner

Court #1287 Dubuque – Dubuque
Joyce Miller

Court Presentation #1460 – Farley
Lois K. Connell
Rita Butron
Betty Jasper
Louise Baske

Court Our Lady of Fatima #1492 Manning
Patricia Drees

Court Maria Goretti #1545 – McGregor
Marilyn Trappe

Court Santa Maria #179 – LeMars
Marlene Harpenau
Theresa Freking
Dorothy Tremmel
Helen Miller

Court Our Lady of Good Counsel #216 – Ft Dodge
Phyllis Avelleyra
Mary Eleanor McNeilly
Jeanne Streff

Court St Katherine #266 – Earling
Angelia Gaul

Court #269 Ave Maria – Sioux City
Mary Jane Wille

Court St Monica #300 – Dunlap
Marge Peterson

Court St Rose #350 – Dyersville
Gladys Gaul

Court Ascension #495 – Independence
Jill Junk
Sally Ciesielski

Court Joan of Arc #524 – Muscatine
Florence Storr
Phyllis Nau

Court Little Flower #814 West Union
Ann Minger

Court Our Lady of the Holy Rosary #2476 – Glenwood
Karen Thiem
A Lifetime Spent Helping Others: Mary Louise Caponette Celebrates 94th Birthday

MUSCATINE, Iowa — To celebrate her birthday, 94-year-old Mary Louise Caponette helped serve lunch at the Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA). Caponette is a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, a group of women who work to help those in need. She said the Muscatine group belongs to St. Mary and Mathias Catholic Church. “We do lots of charitable work, for instance what we’re doing here today,” she said. She has been serving lunch at MCSA every Saturday for 24 years, and said she also organizes a Thanksgiving dinner, and a Christmas dinner which are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. “We work together on lots of things,” Caponette said.

Caponette said she enjoys working with those in need. “Sometimes people just need someone to say hello, and a little kindness, and I’ve done that all my life,” she said. She has made friends with two tables that she calls her “senior tables,” who come for a meal but also for friendship. “These are seniors that their want is communication,” she said. Caponette said she always pours milk when serving lunch as a way to communicate with everyone who comes to MCSA for food. “Some of these people don’t have anyone to say hello to them the whole week,” she said.

But Caponette says she gets just as much out of volunteering as she gives. “I think it brings me a lot of happiness,” she said. Kjìstiìn Osland, 15, said she admires Caponette’s commitment to helping others. “She’s the biggest inspiration and role model I’ve ever seen in my life,” Osland said. Julia Elliot said she hopes when she is 94 she has as much energy at Caponette. “I want to be able to do what she’s doing when I am her age,” Elliott said. Caponette sat in the lunch room at MCSA and talked with those who stopped, wishing her a happy birthday. “I like people, and I like to help and reach out to people,” she said.

Court # 1806 Waucoma Helps with Habitat for Humanity Project

As a “Work of Mercy”, members of Court Queenship of Mary # 1806 Waucoma, Iowa, aided a project of “Habitat for Humanity” in Winneshiek County, which was to convert a terminated Quaker Church in Hesper, Iowa, to living quarters for an eligible family in the area.

This family received an interest-free loan and also was helped with the remodeling.

Court # 1057 Ashton Winter Projects

LEFT: Pictured (L–R) are Muriel Schaa, Marjorie Klein, Laura VonDerLieth and Marion Dombe working on the baby blankets. RIGHT: Those preparing the Valentine treat trays include (L–R) Lois Roth, Karen Trei, Jeanne Krogman and Janene Freking. Missing from the picture is Nancy Marnach.

Spreading the Word About Catholic Daughters

State Treasurer Deb Steger and 1st Vice State Regent Jan Grundmeyer are pictured at the vendors table for the Catholic Daughters at the Beauty in Christ Conference held at St. Pius X Parish in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on February 4th. Susan Frischkorn, Regent from Court # 1768 in Cedar Rapids also worked at the table. Approximately 600 women attended the first ever Women’s Conference of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. It was a great opportunity for Susan, Deb and Jan to highlight the Catholic Daughters and share information with many of the attendees.

Court # 524 Muscatine Welcomes New Members

New members for Court Joan of Arc #524, Muscatine, are left to right Michelle Spellman, Jennifer Noll, and Karol Beatty. Regent Ann Bahn is welcoming the new members.

Court # 1057 Ashton Winter Projects

Ashton’s Court Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1057 has been busy with projects this winter. Many baby blankets were made and will be donated to Mary’s Choice in Sioux City. An additional day of blanket making is scheduled. At the same time, the court made Valentine treat trays for 4 area nursing homes, an independent living home, medical clinics, hospitals’ staff, and a parochial school. The members also made a tray for a family in need because of a medical situation. The town of Ashton is small and depends on the two communities of Sibley and Sheldon for their medical needs. The ongoing project of Valentines has seen at least 20 years of giving.