Happy Spring!

We welcomed nine new members to our court in March; they were initiated during a ceremony at our last meeting. We were happy to have our District Deputy Alice Figorova and State Treasurer Terri Beltran join us for the ceremony. We heard about a possible change coming to Catholic Daughters; there is currently a study being done to consider changing the name of the order, since we now have courts in other countries. I’ll certainly keep you informed of any changes; you might also read about it in the Share magazine you receive in the mail. Also, although March is membership month, if you know of anyone who would still like to join our court, please ask them to come to a meeting and see what we’re all about! And speaking of courts, two new courts were instituted in Texas in February; one in Spring and another in Fort Worth. We wish these new courts much success as they start their new sisterhood as a Catholic Daughter organization.

We are looking for members to chair two committees; first is the Nursing Home Birthday Party committee, which includes coordinating a party for the Garden Villa residents three times a year. Thanks to long-time member Josie Knebel, who chaired this committee for 22 years; she has retired and moved to be with her daughter, and we appreciate all her years of work with our court. Another long-time committee chair is Florence Adamitis; she joined our court as a charter member in March of 1945 (yes, 1945!) and has been the Spiritual Committee chair for countless years. Her work includes leading the rosary at the Garden Villa nursing home twice a month; she also clips and brings meaningful religious stories to our meetings, but she is no longer able to do so. If you are interested in either of these rewarding positions, please let me know.

Our scholarship season is wrapping up with the recent April 5th deadline of our local court scholarship for graduating seniors. Regardless of which scholarships our students applied for, we wish all of them success in their educational futures. If you are the mother of a high school junior, please contact me about the reception our court sponsors for graduating seniors each year; it is customary for the juniors and their parents to host the event; it will be held Sunday, June 4th after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

We received several entries for our annual Education Contest, and the winners have been invited to our April meeting. Also at this month’s meeting will be Mary Meyer, who will give a short presentation about the Hospice program. April is also the month for our semi-annual financial review, and we officers have been busy contacting members about paying dues. And last, this month is the state convention; Catherine Drapela and I will be attending this event in Corpus Christi. At this month’s meeting we will have convention raffle tickets for sale, so please support our state convention by purchasing a raffle ticket. If you’d like to buy a ticket ($1 each or 6/$5) but cannot attend the meeting, please contact me for some tickets.

Our Bakeless Bake Sale officially ended March 31st, but of course we’ll still take any late donations. It was truly a success as 248 members donated a total of $6,087.00 toward this fundraiser. Thanks to all of you who gave any amount to help our court meet its financial obligations and goals.

To every member of our court, I wish you a Joyous Easter; I’ll see you at the April 17th meeting at 7:00 following the 6:30 rosary in the Chapel.
**March Meeting Notes**

The regular meeting was held Monday, March 27, 2017.

Nine new members joined our court.

We had two special guests at our meeting — District Deputy Alice Figirova and State Treasurer Terri Beltran.

Financial secretary reported 40 members present tonight and a total membership of 495 with nine new members as of March 27, 2017.

**Committee Reports:**

*Crafts* — Olivia McDonald’s report was read.

*Spiritual* — We are looking for a new chairman for this committee.

*Refreshments* — Hostesses for the March meeting were Jeraldine Socha and Josephine Rucka.

*Nursing Home* — We are looking for a new chairman for this committee.

**Old Business**

1. We voted on a $100.00 donation to Wharton County Youth Fair Special Friends Day. Motion passed.

2. Discussion of the State Convention on April 20-23, 2017, at Corpus Christi and Regent Dana Sternadel and Catherine Drapela will be attending. We are selling raffle tickets for the convention and they will be on sale at the next meeting. ($1.00 each or 6 for $5.00)

3. Bakeless Bake Sale report - $6,087.00 has been turned in with 248 members participating. Deadline March 31, 2017.

4. Report on the Education Contest was given by Regent Sternadel. Five entries will be sent to state-Bethany Baker and Brooklyn Dixon in the Art category; Hannah Sutton and Amber Sutton in the Poetry category; and Meredith Radley in the Essay category.

**New Business**

1. Voted on giving $100.00 each to Deacons Jacob Mendoza and Jacob Vacek on their ordination date of May 20, 2017. Motion passed.

**Other Business**

1. Jeraldine Socha asked for prayers for member Delores Priesmeyer and her husband, Carl who is in Methodist Hospital.

March birthday-Paula Clark

Attendance prize-Josephine Rucka

Jelly bean contest-Betty Parma

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Fellowship Hall with the rosary starting at 6:30pm.

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This month’s **CDA** checklist:

- Let Dana know how I want to RECEIVE my monthly bulletin
- **SEND** in my annual $25 dues
- Call Dana about the Seniors reception (if I have a junior in high school)
Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374

March Hospitality Cards Sent

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Ann Bilicek
Anita Vinklarek
Margaret Anderson
Hattie Drozd
Rita Vanek
Mary Sexton

Get Well
Lillian Strnadel

Sympathy
Donna Hicks - Mother
Hattie Drozd - Brother
Hattie Drozd - Sister
Barbara Naiser - Brother

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If you know of any occasion which necessitates sending a hospitality card, please call me at 543-4734. – Margie Swoboda

Crafters & Quilters

Olivia McDonald: 543-7587 • ogmldd@gmail.com

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Her telephone number is 979-332-4333 and she will receive mail at her daughter’s address: 4434 Lonesome Dove Trail, Abilene TX 79602-8154.

Josie thanks you for your prayers and she will keep in touch.

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(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:30 p.m. in Chapel
Meal @ 7:00 p.m. Mikeska Fellowship Hall)

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We hope to see you all there!

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A star next to your label denotes that you are PAST DUE on your membership dues.

Do you have a student who’s a High School Junior?

Please contact DANA to see how you can help with the Annual Reception for GRADUATING SENIORS.

IF YOU HAVE A STAR BESIDE YOUR NAME, YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES! PLEASE PAY DUES! THEY ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON JANUARY 1ST, AND SOON WE WILL HAVE TO SEND DUES TO NATIONAL AND STATE. PAY DUES!

Bakeless Bakesale

AS OF MARCH 31ST, $6,087.00 HAS BEEN DONATED BY 248 MEMBERS!

Thank you to all who contributed!

Donation items needed for Casa Juan Diego, the mission in Houston that our state CDA supports. Any donations can be brought to the meeting.

Items needed: feminine napkins, diapers, baby wipes, bed pads, and adult diapers.

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CDA National website: www.catholicdaughters.org