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## This 'n That...

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*Here am I, Lord, I come to do Your will. — Psalm 40*

*We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives. — John F. Kennedy*

**A**s we enter this season of Thanksgiving, may we remember our busy summer and fall days that have brought us to this point in our CDA journey!

*What if today we were just grateful for everything?  
— Charlie Brown*



Planning for our DD and Officer Workshops in October kept the “Board” quite busy **and what a weekend it was.**

- ◆ Approximately 70 members and 25 courts were represented.
- ◆ On Friday evening, following a very informative District Deputy Workshop, 19 ladies were installed as DDs, five of which were new. They were presented with their DD pins.
- ◆ The Officer Workshop consisted of a 45-minute breakout session for each office, Mass by our State Chaplain and an afternoon of Membership antics, Protocol and Parliamentary Procedure. Of course, it would not be a CDA gathering without a “Share the Wealth.”

*State Officers' thoughts on special CDA Christmas memories are featured in this newsletter.*

As always, REMINDERS:

- ◆ **State and National Dues**—to be paid immediately upon receipt. Remember you will have two invoices (for National), the original and the other with the amount of the increase for your court.
- ◆ **Fall Financial Review**—due NOW with figures through September 30, 2022
- ◆ **State Convention**—April 21-24, 2023, Blair Co. Convention Center, Altoona, PA
- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Call to Convention**—PLEASE SHARE!! (HAS JUST BEEN MAILED TO ALL REGENTS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND CHAIRMEN.)
- ◆ **Time-table for State Convention**—check this out inside *The Angelus* and mark your calendars

As you receive your newsletter, we have entered into the Season of Advent, the first season of the Christian church year, leading into the Christmas Season. My wish for you is that the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy. ◆

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## CDA Mission Statement

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.*

# News from National

## Susan Moné, National Regent Elect



Greetings to Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, I wanted to write a letter to all of you to introduce myself as the new National Supervisor for Pennsylvania and look forward to it with a personal connection. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as the fifth of six children and the only girl! My father worked as an accountant for 35 years for Alcoa and my mother was a nurse. I went to 12 years of Catholic School education and to nursing school. I worked about 10 years in Pittsburgh and then moved with my parents to Mesa, Arizona in 1974. I worked in Mesa for 30 years before taking early retirement

to travel and to enjoy grandchildren. Most of all these 40 years, I was a Labor and Delivery nurse and shared in the miracle of new life daily—what a blessing. My husband and I have been married for almost 43 years and share six children and eight grandchildren plus an angel in heaven.

I am very proud to say that I am a 3rd generation Catholic Daughter. My grandmother was a member of Court Bellevue #655 for 50 years and my mother a member of Court Bellevue for 35 years and another 16 years in Mesa, Arizona. I joined as a charter member with my Mom, to Court Our Lady of the Desert #2164 in Mesa, January 1977. I have held all the local court offices, District Deputy, and all five State offices, as well as several chairmanships both State and National levels. I served as National Secretary-Treasurer, 2nd Vice National Regent, First Vice National Regent and currently, I am the National Regent Elect.

Catholic Daughters in Pennsylvania has a wonderful history, and all of you should be very proud of that history. You have the honor of having the oldest existing court in our organization with Court Columbia #2 in Meadville. You have a history that goes back to our very beginnings in 1903 with strong women of faith and courage that formed our organization with its rich traditions. You are strong women of faith and courage who continue those traditions.

I know the struggles we all face in our courts to grow and continue to make a difference especially after over two years of COVID that affected us all in our work. Now we are all working to get back on our feet and getting our courts active in our parishes and communities again. I hope to be able to be of help the next two years, and please know that my Catholic Daughter sisters are in my prayers at daily Mass and my rosary for the success of your courts and the health and happiness of you and your families. I ask for your prayers too for Our Blessed Mother to walk beside me and the Holy Spirit to guide me.

I have my calendar marked for your Pennsylvania State Convention in April and look forward to meeting many of you there. I'll feel right at home. Our National Regent's theme for her term is very powerful in these times we live in and great words to live by: "Faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains." God's peace and joy. ♦

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Fall: September-November  
Winter: December-February  
Spring: March-May  
Summer: June-August

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Winter: November 1  
Spring: February 1  
Summer: May 1

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# 55<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

## “CDA UNITY THROUGH CHARITY AND LOVE”

Shirley Hall, State Regent

**B**elieve it or not, here we are again, planning another fun-filled State Convention.

- ♦ **FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION—PAST REGENTS, REGENTS, DDs, CHAIRMEN**—was sent out late October.
- ♦ **OPENING MASS—5 p.m.**, April 21, 2023, St. John the Evangelist Church, 344 Baynton Ave., Altoona. **4:15 p.m.**, we will gather for procession. Robes for all officers.
- ♦ **TOMBOLA** (basket raffle)—clear wrapped basket/ gift from court/ individuals in the \$50 range.
- ♦ **CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE**—Chairman, Margaret Gowaty, 973 Fifth Ave., East McKeesport, PA 16035, margiekid1@aol.com. (address error in first call). All offices are open.
- ♦ **DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE** in Convention liturgies, be a member of a Convention committee, be a time-keeper, etc.? Please contact me (Shirley) or your AREA SUPERVISOR.

### DEADLINES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Prior to January 15, 2023.....	Bylaw amendments to State Regent
Postmarked by February 1, 2023 .....	Submission of packets by candidates for State office
Prior to February 15, 2023.....	Elect delegates and alternates
Postmarked by February 15, 2023 .....	Deadline for Delegate & Alternate Forms
Postmarked by February 15, 2023 .....	Resolutions to State Chairman
Deadline March 15, 2023.....	Reports to State Regent for printing
Deadline March 15, 2023.....	National & State donations for PA donation report
Two months prior to Convention .....	Official Call to Convention with Agenda
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### Communion of Saints



*Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman*

**W**hen the difficulties of life seem to interfere with our religious beliefs, where can you turn for help or inspiration? The saints in heaven have experienced similar life experiences and found a way to overcome them. The communion of saints gives us the support we need whenever we need it.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom (Hebrews 12:1), especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were “put in charge of many things” (Matthew 25:21). Their intercession is their most exalted service to God’s plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world. (2683)*

The faith of the Church is that the saints are not really dead, but are fully alive in Jesus Christ, who is life itself. Because they are alive, we believe that we can go to them to intercede for us with God. We trust that the saints will accept our requests for help and will present them to Christ for us.

Each saint has a purpose, a way to help those of us still fighting the good fight here on earth. Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life. These areas can include occupations, illnesses, causes, or anything important to us. Have you ever asked St. Anthony to help you find a lost object? He has been my go-to saint innumerable times—and he has always helped. Other patrons include St. Gregory the Great for teachers, St. Luke for doctors, and St. Agatha for nurses. Victims of cancer may pray to St. Peregrine. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals.

Everyone in Christ, whether living or dead, belongs to the Body of Christ. We need to see the saints as real friends, fellow sisters or brothers with whom we can share our joys and our sorrows, and people to whom we can turn when life gets crazy, as it often does. The saints were real people who often lived very ordinary lives, with a great love for God and their fellow man.

Whether they walked among us sixty or five hundred years ago, the saints are our companions along our journey of faith. We are not alone. Learn to pray to a patron saint—or to a departed loved one who you believe is now in the presence of Christ. For help in learning how to depend on the Communion of Saints, read *Girlfriends and Other Saints*, by Teresa Tomeo. ♦ —Email Dolores Croyle: scocro@comcast.net

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## *Christmas CDA Memories from the State Board*

*Shirley Hall, State Regent*



A CDA memory that comes to me involves my mother who encouraged me to join CDA so many, many years ago. So, a tribute to her!

Arthritis had overtaken my mom way too soon and she was unable to get around. Her pride refused to let our family help her through the use of a wheelchair. My court, St. Rita #523, was planning their Christmas party and I wanted my mom to go with me in a wheelchair. Eventually, by the grace of God, she gave in and joined me. Silent Night, her favorite, was being sung by a choir as she hummed along. "Thank you for this special evening," she said, through tears. It was my mom's last CDA Christmas party.

"Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance—each beautiful, unique, and gone too soon." ♦

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## *Dedicated to My Sister. Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck*

*Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent*

My first memory of Catholic Daughters happened during my childhood. My grandmother and mother were members of the Lancaster CDA court which met downtown in the Knights of Columbus building. Then, the ladies met twice a month—once for a meeting and once for a social.

My mother brought my two younger sisters and me to their Christmas social. I was the Christmas Angel, Mary was the Blessed Mother, and our baby sister, Theresa, in the manger, was Baby Jesus. What a joyous memory!

When my sisters and I grew up, we all joined Lancaster Court Queen of Peace #1023. One year, at Theresa's home, the court celebrated our Christmas social. What a wonderful hostess she was! Now, Theresa is the Christmas Angel—in heaven. ♦

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## *Cold Noses and Toes—Warm Hearts*

*Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent*



One of my favorite Christmastime CDA memories has members of Court Westinghouse #759 out on a very cold December night in 2020. We stood in the snowbanks outside the window of a cherished member who had to move to a care facility 30 miles away. Because of COVID restrictions we were not permitted inside.

We sang our Christmas carols loud and strong, decked out in our Santa hats and flashing bulb necklaces. Not only did we really enjoy ourselves, we spread Christmas joy to our friend and many other residents we observed watching us from their windows also.

I wish all my CDA sisters a very Merry Holy Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year Blessings! ♦



*Donna Egan, Joyce Hunter (inside), Christina Seese, Margaret Gowaty, Paula Voloch*

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## *Make Someone's Day*

*Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary*



I hope everyone had a great summer—time goes by so fast—soon it will be Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's 2023. I hope everyone has a chance to slow down and say what they are thankful for. I am thankful for my family, friends, work and good health, but especially for God, Jesus, Mother Mary, Holy Spirit and saints in my life—who watch over me every day.

I like Christmas because it is a time for giving. You can give your time, talents, gifts, money, friendship, kindness, help or just a smile, thank you or my favorite—a great big hug from the heart. The holiday season can be hard on people especially those who are alone. So, ladies, as you proved at the Workshop with the Blocks from A to Z, in which we came up with lots of good words we do as good works for CDA. So, let's continue our word game and shine on and make someone's day this holiday season. Whether it be a card, phone call, personal visit, covered dish, ride to Mass, bouquet of flowers, an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, a heart-felt hug or whatever you can think of to make someone's day. When you brighten someone's day, you make God smile. It makes me feel good and happy to give and I don't need anything back in return. I am happy with a smile, a "thank you" or my favorite, a big hug. God bless. ♦

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## *Brady Bunch Breakfast*

*Pam Callahan, State Treasurer*

This is the time of year that I enjoy the most. It's the giving and being surrounded by family. My town family, my church family, and my CDA family.

I enjoy singing in the Christmas choirs at church and in the community. I enjoy going to teas with my CDA sisters as well as my own sister and daughter-in-law.

But, the best time is the Christmas Eve Mass where I lector and sing in the choir and Christmas day when the family comes over.

I will tell you a story that I hold dear as I look at it as a gift from our children they don't even know they gave us. When my husband, George, and I got married, we combined our households, three children for me and three for him, almost like the Brady Bunch, but his kids were older and not living at home. We started the tradition of a full breakfast Christmas morning. Biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, the whole nine yards! That was almost 13 years ago. Then we would turn around and make a full Christmas dinner after the presents had been opened. Now that we are empty nesters, we thought the kids wouldn't mind if we didn't do breakfast—oh my goodness, were we ever wrong on that score. We tried to cancel doing breakfast a few years ago and you would have thought the whole world had come to an end. We did not know how much the kids looked forward to coming back home for Christmas and enjoying that tradition. Now we serve breakfast for up to 19 people and invite our extended families as well. I so enjoy having my house bustling with family and friends and the joy and happiness it brings me is sometimes overwhelming.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, be safe wherever you are, and enjoy this Advent Season as we await the coming of the Lord. May God bless you all! ♦

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## *News from Connecticut's Territorial Courts*

*Court St. Matthew #2640, Norwalk ♦ Hosted Fall Social of the Territorial Courts*

*Arline Rich, Past National Director*

Court Saint Matthew #2640, Norwalk, was the hostess court for the Fall Social of the Territorial Courts in Connecticut. All courts shared their activities, and plans for our future were discussed. We wish the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas the blessings of Thanksgiving and the joy of Christmas. ♦

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# Court Chatter

## ALLENTOWN DIOCESE Court St. James #1029, Frackville Installation of Chaplain and Officers



Area Supervisor, Margaret T. Giordano, installing new Court Chaplain Fr. Guieppe Esposito

Newly installed officers and Chaplain of Court St. James #1029  
Janice Boychak, Treasurer; Fr. Guiseppe Esposito, Chaplain;  
Delmy McCauley, Recording Secretary; Kathryn Gaughan, Regent;  
Barbara Meusel, Financial Secretary  
and Andrea Chabon, Vice Regent



First row: Margaret Giordano, Kathryn Kopey, Janice Boychak,  
Kathryn Gaughan, Margaret Gaughan,  
Joan Petrovich and Mary Ann Houser  
Second row: Father G. Esposito, Theresa Zelonis, Delmy McCauley,  
Barbara Meusel, Dianne Decker, Andrea Chabon,  
Mary Goncalves, Marianne Biscoe  
Third row: Georgann Connell, Judeth Williams



When I was a kid my parents moved a lot,  
but I always found them.  
~ Rodney Dangerfield ~

## ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Celebrated Their 102nd Anniversary

Court McArdle celebrated with Mass and a reception. At the reception, in the photo, the following ladies received 50-year awards: Connie Davis, Donna Neidigh, Janet Oesterling, Shirley Boldin; also pictured is 55-year member, Alvesta Sebastianelli. Seated is 50-year member, Rose Granite. Absent from photo are: 65-year member, Rose Meter, and 50-year member, Barbara Charnick. We are so blessed to honor these members who exhibit Unity & Charity. May God bless them.



## Our Lady of the Alleghenies Court #1755 Hollidaysburg ♦ Baby Shower supporting ELM (Every Life Matters) in Tyrone



Left to right, Court members: Alice Nale, Diana Byrne,  
Cynthia Moringiello, Annamarie Trombello,  
Mary Edwards and Darlene Harella;  
Representing ELM: Deborah Santella, Supporter; Michelle Politza,  
Center Director; Mary Catherine McGregor, President of Board of  
Directors; Carol Steffen, Executive Director and Anne Musser



Success isn't about how much money you make:  
its about the difference you make in people's lives.  
~ Michelle Obama ~

## ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE contd.

*Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
Hollidaysburg, Celebrated 65th Anniversary!*

A special Mass was celebrated by Bishop Mark in honor of the 65th anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Court #1755, Hollidaysburg. Congratulations to this remarkable group of women who provide tremendous examples of faith and service.



## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

*Philadelphia Archdiocese Celebrates 46th Annual Catholic Daughter Day*



### *Crowning of Blessed Mother*

Alice Woodford, Court Holy Trinity #1336

New members received on Catholic Daughter Day: Marie Colihan #2230; Sara Janulewicz, Diocesan Coordinator; Alicia Bair #2230 and Linda Gilmer #2230; Cheryl Viscomi #2222; Jeanette Cardinal, Vice Regent, St. Dominic #2222

2nd row: Dolly Maronski, Co-Chair, District Deputy & Regent #2230 and Rev. Mike Speziale, Pastor and Celebrant, St. Ephrem

*Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem  
Fall Cake Sale—“Best Ever!”*



Pat Lafferty, Dolly Maronski, Carol Parsons, Marie Colihan, Alicia Bair and Rose Medash



### *Recitation of the Rosary*

Rose Marie Medash, Leader, Court St. Ephrem #2230

Carol Parsons, Cross, Court St. Ephrem #2230

Heather Goldsmith, Court Ave Maria #650

Victoria Nunnally, Court Ave Maria #650

Mary Becker, Court Mystical Rose #2628

### *Court St. Mark #1097, Philadelphia Bristol Flea Market*

St. Mark #1097 held a flea market on November 5. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association sponsored our flea market as a matching funds activity and matched our proceeds up to \$600.



Valerie Berrocal; Cathy Sannelli; Sarah Mastrull, Regent; Jo Ann Lynn, Financial Secretary; Joan Foley and Jillian Johnston

## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE contd.

### *Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia Thank You, Holy Innocents IHM Sisters*

Henrietta Estrada, Regent; Dorothy Andrilla, member; Rev. Thomas Higgins, Pastor and Chaplain, holding the tray of favors for the Holy Innocents IHM sisters who received favor items to keep them going during the day with a monetary gift. The sisters have served in our school and community for over seventy years. They were unable to attend our luncheon, but we were so grateful that they shared in our 70th anniversary and our last Mass as a court. Several members have transferred to other courts.



Officers and members thank all our CDA members who joined in our celebration.



## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE *Diocesan Seminarian Benefit*

Back in person! After two years of COVID restrictions, the combined courts of the Pittsburgh Diocese were happy once again to be back in person for our annual Seminarian Benefit. Records were set, both in attendance at the benefit and in the donations that were raised to support the men in formation for priesthood.



### *Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia Seventy Years of Service to Church and Community*

The members are standing in front of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The court purchased the original pilgrim statue over sixty years ago which was encased in a traveling box to visit homes and would invite people in to say the rosary.



Left to right: Rev. Thomas Higgins, Denise G. Voisard, Mary Ann Voystock, DD; Peggy Guckin, Vice Regent; Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent; Colette McCafferty, Past State Secretary; Second row: Henrietta Estrada, Regent; Dorothy Andrilla; Doris Kitt, Recording Secretary; Rose Malaczewski, Treasurer; Chris Moncrief and Anne G. Albertson. Absent: Cass Robinson, Charter Member, and several others who were sick or moved.

### *Court Westinghouse #759 Turtle Creek, Circle of Love*

Members of Court Westinghouse #759 busily finished making sandwiches, prepared for the Red Door Ministry. The Red Door daily serves those in need in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. Throughout the year the court provides the ministry with a variety of products and services.



Denise Simpson, Geri Pillar, Terry Gojkovich



## State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



Do you recall when websites were first accessible by the average person? It was often referred to as the “Information Highway” or “Information Technology.”

Today, this still stands! We can learn much from the internet, from websites in general, as information abounds in many forms. We have the written word as in articles; pictures / images; social media, available through countless platforms; videos, itself with countless platforms; as well as business / marketing websites. There is no end to tutorials on any subject you desire and there is no dearth (shortage) of encyclopedic-type information. The biggest challenge is to know whose word to trust or be a bit skeptical of. But there is even a website which is devoted to helping you discern, to know, if what is presented on a website or through any format, is indeed, accurate. And, even then, they give you their own rating of reliability for their sources. One such website is, <https://www.snopes.com/>.

All this being said, let’s focus for just a few moments on Catholic Daughters of the Americas website! Our national website, <https://catholicdaughters.org/> is continually updated with what is happening, be it a national convention or disaster relief needed in a certain area.

The national website offers information on our history and programming (Circle of Love); our state and territorial courts; our procedure manual (aka “Tools of the Trade”) is all accessible online; there are pages for the national chaplain and national regent messages, important dates, national quarterlies, and “Share” magazine; we even have a national store where you can personally make purchases.

Our state website, <https://cdapa.com/> is continually updated as well. Near the top is a place for highlighted news, followed by our state contacts; then, local court information, along with their anniversaries and links to the court’s personal page. Diocesan courts follow this section and all diocesan court chairs (or those assigned to the task,) are asked to please email me their meeting and/or event dates and I’ll get them published in this section.

Programming, newsletters, membership, national projects and charities, and information on our state court come next. State conventions, workshops, and national and state forms follow. Rounding out the lineup are sections on state court fundraising, special websites (for the Bible, dioceses within our state, and national/state court contacts), national and state logos, and to help further your love of Catholic Daughters, a few games to play!

Of course, you can use the dropdown menu at the very top of the page, to be taken directly to the area you’re interested in.

I wish all a very enjoyable and festive holiday season! ♦



*When life gives you more  
than you can stand, KNEEL.*

## Parliamentary Procedure Updates

By Pattie Fromknecht, as seen in Court Prince Galitzin #2625’s December 2021 newsletter

<https://cdapa.com/2625/newsletters/0018-2625-december-2021.pdf>  
Submitted with the blessing of State Parliamentarian, Pat Gildea

The 12th Edition is the most recent version of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Interestingly, this is the 50th anniversary of the *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* series! The 3rd Edition is the most recent *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*.

### Secretary’s draft of the minutes

“The secretary’s draft of the minutes is often sent to all members in advance of the meeting at which those minutes are to be approved, usually with the meeting notice. When this has been done, it is presumed that the members have had an opportunity to review these draft minutes, and they are not read at the meeting unless a member requests it. Correction and approval, however, is handled in the usual way. **A draft of the minutes circulated to members must be clearly marked as such.** The secretary’s draft of the minutes, whether or not circulated before their approval, does not become the minutes—that is, the official record of the proceedings of the society—unless it is approved, and the minutes may be modified in the correction process. Only the secretary’s corrected version of the minutes is official in such a case.”  
RONR (12th ed.) 41:12

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## Pro-Life Christmas Cards



Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County, PA has Christmas cards available for purchase.

Two beautiful designs are offered. One design depicts the Holy Family with the Infant Jesus, wrapped in a blanket, on a bed of hay. The other card portrays the Nativity scene in silhouette against a night-time Bethlehem backdrop. Borders and text are in gold foil.

The cost is \$8 for a package of 11 cards. Your purchase supports the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County.

For more information, call or email Marge Bradley, 814-505-5025; [mkobradley@verizon.net](mailto:mkobradley@verizon.net). Thank you!

## CDA Day

*Sr. Mary Paul, Daughters of Mercy*

*Past State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman*

*Court Queen of Peace #1023 Spiritual Advisor*



When Columbine happened, Danielle was part of a group called Operation Cheer-up. This “cheer-up group” filled the spirits of all the depressed children in the Columbine School with cheer rather than despair, and this cheer eventually spread all over—throughout many communities in the country.

In the wintertime, in snow, the tire spins around and around and won't go. It's stuck! When this happens, cat litter can be spread under the tire to allow it to get going.

Why can't we have a “cheer-up day” for CDA? Why is there a need to cheer up CDA? Well, our tires are spinning.

LET'S CELEBRATE CDA

LIKE PAT GILDEA.

WHEN OUR TIRES ARE SPINNING,

LET'S START WINNING.

LET'S GET THOSE TIRES UNSTUCK.

LET'S NOT RUN AMUCK.

LET'S CELEBRATE CDA DAY EVERY DAY,

LET'S KEEP THAT KITTY LITTER NEAR.

LET'S RECREATE AND CHEER RIGHT HERE

LIKE PAT GILDEA!

Sometimes we're “stuck,” not wanting to try new things; for instance, ideas we get from our members or those in other courts.

Maybe, we can retry some old things like a card party or game night. We could have a monthly or weekly Mass and/or rosary for the group. Those who cannot physically attend could do it on their own, even at home. For instance, I could do that at Misericordia.

Now, let's spread a little cat litter. Let's “cheer up” with a cheer.

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PURRRFECT... ♦



## Inviting Court Chatter Submissions!

*Peggy Guckin, State Publicity Chairman*

Has your court submitted a photo/an article for Court Chatter in our *Angelus* newsletter? Why not?!

Newsletter submission deadlines:

Fall: August 1

Winter: November 1

Spring: February 1

Summer: May 1

Don't wait! After your function, send your submission to me so I can check out information; if something is missing, I will contact you. Send your story as a Word attachment or in the body of your email to: [mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com). Include a brief sentence or two about the photo. In the email, put your contact information—name, court name and number and your phone number.

Photos should be in “JPEG” format. Please do not send blurred or unfocused pictures; or where people are blocked or cut off. Photos should be sent as an attachment with your email—they should not be embedded in the Word document with your story. Captions should be written as follows: front row, left to right; standing, left to right; seated, left to right, etc., identifying each person in the photo with any of their titles.

—Email Peggy Guckin: [mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com)

## “Live in a Manner Worthy of the Call...”

*continued from back page*

As I mentioned earlier, we are preparing for Christmas and giving presents is certainly a big part of it. But can you think of better presents than humility, gentleness, patience, and love to give and not just to our family and friends, but to all. We know the precious gift our Heavenly Father gave us in His Son. That one BIRTH, one LIFE changed everything. Jesus lived and created a world where people grew and flourished. Whether, it was the apostles or the disciples, many men and women drew close to him because that is what the divine love accomplishes. The love of God offers us many opportunities to experience His presence, whether it is in the Sacraments, His holy word, each other or in other ways. We need to recognize how special and graced-filled these encounters truly are.

We read in the Gospels that people from different walks of life were *chosen, called, taught, sent and sanctified* by Jesus. Through their witness, God has revealed his Son, to many and He wants to do it through us as well. We too are chosen, called, taught, sent and sanctified by Him. We are members of the household of God who have embarked on a journey of faith together, to proclaim the good news of salvation with our lives and cherish everything God gives us to fulfill our vocation.

God's great love was made visible when His Eternal Word became flesh for us and brought His peace to all people of good will. May we all, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother, in “Unity and Charity,” continue to do, with humility and willingness, whatever God asks of us and grow closer to her Son. ♦

—Email Rev. Jozef Kovacik: [jozefkov28@gmail.com](mailto:jozefkov28@gmail.com)

## Parliamentary Procedure Tips

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



### REGENT

**INSPIRES** confidence  
**UNDERSTANDS** Bylaws, Roberts Rules, Standing Rules, Tools of Trade  
**COMES** to meeting with Bag of Tools  
**PREPARES** customized agenda (copy to Vice Regent, Secretary, Parliamentarian)  
**GETS** items of unfinished business from

Recording Secretary

**HIGHLIGHTS** parts of CDA mailings and correspondence to be read

**FOLLOWS UP** with chairmen; calls on only those who have a report

**APPOINTS** parliamentarian

**PRESIDES** at all court meetings; stands when conducting, sits for reports

**PROJECTS** voice so all can hear

**USES LECTURN** (or covered box) and microphone at center of the table to maintain control

**CALLS** meeting to order with one loud rap of gavel

**USES** three raps of gavel for members to stand for Opening Ode, Flag Salute, Prayer; one rap to sit; two if officers need to stand

**INFORMS** members or clarifies, but expresses no opinion unless vacates the chair

**CAN SUGGEST** a certain motion to resolve a situation

**REQUESTS** a member to stand for presenting or discussing a motion

**DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT** to cut off discussion

**DENIES ACCEPTANCE** of "I so move"

**HANDLES** motions, amendments, subsidiary motions prefaced by "I Move to or that we..."

**ADJOURNS WITH** "Is there any further business to come before the court? Is so, handle; if not, regent says, "hearing none, meeting is adjourned until..." One rap; three gavel raps, for Prayer and Closing Ode

**PRESENTS** Program Chairman, if there is a speaker

**MEMO:** See LEADERSHIP article (*SHARE* Summer 2022, pp. 22-23 by Essie Walker). You saw her—2021 Altoona, State Convention (newly elected 1st Vice Natl. Regent). ♦

—Email Pat Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

## Parliamentary Procedure Update

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### Corrections made to minutes have been updated to the following process

"When the minutes are approved, the word Approved, with the secretary's initials (or the signature of the chairman of the approving committee) and the date, should be written below them. If the minutes are approved with corrections, the secretary should prepare a fully corrected version and distribute copies to the members as well as placing it in the minute book. (As noted in 48:4(5) all such corrections should be incorporated in the minutes to which they pertain, and not to the minutes of the meeting making the corrections.)" RONR (12th ed.) 48:14 ♦

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: web@cdapa.com

## SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director



**SOAR!** is one of five National Projects that we support and Pennsylvania has always come in the top three from all the states in donations.

**SOAR!** was founded in 1986 with \$25,000 seed money received from Catholic Daughters. Augmenting the efforts of the institutional Church, **SOAR!** is a non-profit organization of

persons who are committed to assuring financially stable and personally secure futures for elderly and frail members of Catholic religious congregations.

After two years of COVID, finally **SOAR!** was able to host in-person this year. The National Officers and New York Catholic Daughters attended the annual **SOAR!** Banquet on October 5. National Regent Emily Guilherme presented a \$10,000 donation check to **SOAR!**

### SOAR! 2022 Event Honorees in PENNSYLVANIA

- ♦ Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Reading—replace roof
- ♦ Congregation of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart, Scranton—purchase lift chairs and electric hospital beds
- ♦ Daylesford Abbey, Paoli—renovate bedroom and bathroom
- ♦ Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, Philadelphia—upgrade technology
- ♦ Sisters of Divine Providence, Allison Park—purchase healthcare recliners
- ♦ Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville—purchase iPads
- ♦ Sisters of St. Joseph of NWP, Erie—upgrade AV technology
- ♦ Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jenkintown—upgrade fire alarm system
- ♦ Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Malvern—upgrade technology
- ♦ Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston—replace carpet and flooring

Don't forget to send all National and State Charities to our State Secretary, Jeanette Kitch, so your courts donation will be counted for our State Convention in April. (Jeanette's contact information is on page 1.) As in the past, our PA courts are always so giving.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year 2023.

—Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com

♦ let your imagination ♦

**SOAR** to new heights !

**Aug. Lottery Winners**

Barbara Rozycki  
 Lee Ann Hrycaj  
 Timothy Caldana  
 Carolyn Wright  
 Letty Calvetti  
 Katherine Sickler  
 Gloria Balog  
 Bernadette Mulholland  
 Juliann Brier  
 Joan Foley  
 Billy Payne  
 Lucia Stover  
 Linda Soltis  
 Annette Ajay  
 Jayne Wisniewski\*  
 Elizabeth Farrell  
 Carol Elsdon  
 Dorothy Costulas  
 Sharon Freund  
 Court Washington #1651  
 Andrea Accardi  
 Father Alan Zeth  
 Not Sold  
 Anna O'Neill  
 Mary Maglione  
 Pattie Fromknecht  
 Judith Poltanic  
 Wayne Evans  
 Ben Mongelluzzo  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Linda Wesner  
 \*\$100 winner

**Aug. Selling Court**

Lambing #314  
 Queen of Peace #1023  
 St. Gerard Magella #2751  
 St. Gianna Molla  
 PND, PSR, St. Bernard #339  
 St. Theresa #562  
 St. Florian #2240  
 Mystical Rose #2628  
 Bellevue #655  
 St. Mark #1097  
 Westinghouse #759  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 St. Gerard Magella #2751  
 Prince Gallitzin #2625  
 Lambing #314  
 Holy Trinity #1336  
 Sylvia Fox  
 St. Veronica #111  
 Ryan #911  
 Washington #1651  
 Queen of Peace #1023  
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 St. Veronica #111  
 St. Dominic #2222  
 Prince Gallitzin #2625  
 St. Martin #418  
 Easton #358  
 PSR Margaret Novak  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Easton #358

**Sept. Lottery Winners**

Marlene Duley  
 Theresa Shields  
 Will Kocher  
 Louise Summerville  
 Bertha Allen  
 Patricia Kendall  
 Mary Jane Becker  
 Liz Arnold  
 Louise Summerville  
 Andrew Mccarty  
 Phil Pipta  
 Nancy Plows  
 Charlene Ringer  
 Deanna Teixeira  
 Kenny Hull\*  
 Barbara Biderberg  
 Bertha Allen  
 Josephine Schall  
 Larry Reilly  
 Joanne Tanner  
 Alice Woodford  
 Sara Janolewicz  
 Jerome Botsko  
 Lydia Wilson  
 Cheryl McLaughlin  
 Cynthia Moringiello  
 Shirley Wybranski  
 Judi Knott  
 Rose Centofanti  
 Patty Marinich  
 \*\$100 winner

**Sept. Selling Court**

Ave Maria #650  
 New Kensington #860  
 St. Rita #523  
 Our Lady of Victory #722  
 Ave Maria #650  
 St. Mary #890  
 Mystical Rose #2628  
 St. Ephrem #2230  
 Our Lady of Victory #722  
 St. Francis De Sales #2617  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 St. Marys #95  
 Annunciata #260  
 St. Francis De Sales #2617  
 Easton #358  
 St. Francis De Sales #2617  
 Ave Maria #650  
 St. Gerard Majella #2751  
 Bellevue #655  
 St. Dominic #2222  
 Holy Trinity #1336  
 Mystical Rose #2628  
 Brownsville #1141  
 Ave Maria #650  
 Monessen #776  
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 Rose Ceceila #1641  
 Bellevue #655  
 Uniontown #505  
 Our Lady of Victory #722

**Oct. Lottery Winners**

Mary Steele  
 Susie Hoffman  
 Patricia Lafferty  
 Ct. Vangergrift #1008  
 Becky Wild  
 Barbara Riffle  
 Arline Rich  
 Arline Rich  
 Bob Lundberg  
 Winnie Ritter  
 Jim McClelland  
 Cathy Igon  
 Kati Morrison  
 Sharon Landon  
 Mae Hunter  
 Darlene Harella\*  
 Joyce Pequignot  
 David Borelli  
 Pat Gawryla  
 Merlann Malloy  
 Ct. St. James the Greater  
 Wayne Evans  
 Nancy Kilpatrick  
 Lori Serafin  
 Skip Davis  
 Jeanne Saborsky  
 Cynthia Ansani  
 Father Ron Minner  
 Dolores Tissue  
 Michael Ternoway  
 Joyce Ann Flemning  
 \*\$100 winner

**Oct. Selling Court**

St. Mary #95  
 St. Mary #95  
 St. Ephrem #2230  
 Vandergrift #1008  
 Washington #1651  
 Of Our Lady #647  
 State Officers  
 State Officers  
 St. Marys #890  
 St. Rene #1868  
 Allegheny #664  
 St. Rita #523  
 Allegheny #664  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 Washington #1651  
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 Easton #358  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 Blessed Madonna #2521  
 Our Lady of Victory #722  
 St. James the Greater #2180  
 Easton #358  
 Easton #358  
 Blessed Madonna #2521  
 Conception #35  
 Conception #35  
 New Kensington #860  
 Ryan #911  
 Annunciata #260  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 Queen of Peace #1023

## CDA Healthcare, Inc.

### Prescription

Patient's Name: CDA PA Members  
 Date: November 30, 2022

RX: Prayer Time  
 DOSAGE: As Needed  
 DURATION: Forever

RX: Patience Pills  
 DOSAGE: Daily  
 DURATION: As Needed

RX: Communication Skills  
 DOSAGE: As Needed  
 DURATION: Minimum 2 years

RX: Tools of the Trade / Bylaws  
 DOSAGE: As Needed  
 DURATION: Minimum 2 years

MD Providers: Joanne Tomassi, Olga Samaniego  
 and Claudia Bosch  
 All Past National Regents

# State Officers Presented • “A to Z of CDA in a DAY” Workshop St. Matthew's Hall, Tyrone



Lisa McCann, Pam Callahan, Shirley Hall, Margaret Giordano,  
Pat, Gildea, Shirley Hall and Margaret Giordano



Pat Gildea, Parliamentarian,  
giving ceremonial protocol  
for processional and recessional



19 ladies were installed in ceremony to be District Deputies and received DD pins; Shirley Hall presenting DD pin to Margaret Giordano.



While Pat Gildea explained Our Circle of Love,  
members displayed signs



State Officers working prior to workshop  
Left to right: Pam Callahan, State Treasurer;  
Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent;  
Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent;  
Shirley Hall, State Regent; Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary



*Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Pennsylvania State Court  
Spiritual Intention*

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
Altoona, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.  
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in  
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations on Celebrating  
Your 65th Anniversary**

*Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
Peggy Guckin, Past National Director  
CDA PA State Officers

**Congratulations on Celebrating  
Your 70th Anniversary**

*Court Rose Cecilia #1641*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
CDA PA State Officers

**Congratulations on Celebrating  
Your 100th Anniversary**

*Court Monessen #776*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
CDA PA State Officers

**Happy and Blessed CDA Day!**

*All Catholic Daughters*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
CDA PA State Officers



**State Spiritual Intention Report**

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in September, October and November 2022. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

**Happy Birthday**

*Alessandra Hoskins, Granddaughter*

*Tina Morgan, Niece*

*James A. Giordano, Brother*

*Mary Clare Selway, Sister*

*Charlie Sultzbach, Father-in-Law*

*Cathy Roth, Dear Friend*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Alessandra Hoskins*

*CarolAnne Ferreira*

*Mary Clare Selway*

*LaRue Lautsch*

*Janet Kreiner*

*Tammy Rivera*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Prayers for God's Healing Help**

*Father Tony Gargotta, Past State Chaplain*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Get Well Wishes/Good Health/Improved Health/  
Speedy & Complete Recovery/Prayers**

*James, Brother of Gerry and Arvella*

*Judy Plaza*

*Sandra Sultzbach, Mother-in-Law*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Get Well Wishes/Good Health/Improved Health/  
Speedy & Complete Recovery/Prayers*

*James Hrycaj  
Matthew Selway  
Pat McCall  
Karen Anstett*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Shirley Wybranski*

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641  
Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

*Helene Shepard, Past National Regent*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

*Special Intention*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
CDA PA State Officers

*In Memory/In Loving Memory/Rest in Peace/  
Deepest Sympathy*

*Bill Smith, Brother of Shirley Hall*

Requested by: Audrey Albaugh & Jeanette Kitch  
Court Queen of Peace #1023  
Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent  
Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

*Johanna Leonard*

*Peg Witas, In Memory of Mercedes, Her Mother  
Joann McClay, Friend and CDA Member  
Manuela da Silveira, Mother of Ivone*  
Requested by: Audrey Albaugh & Jeanette Kitch

*Henry A. Horn, Grandfather*

*James A. Giordano, Sr., Father  
E. Margaret Horn, Grandmother*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Robert Yates, Father of Robin Burgoon*

*All Our Deceased Members*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Pauline Rakosky*

*Sr. Martha Thomas Baier*

Requested by: Court Dolores #1675



*The Soul's Flight*

*Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com*

*In Memory/In Loving Memory/Rest in Peace/  
Deepest Sympathy*

*Mercedes Rafferty, Charter Member*

*Court St. Rene #1868*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

*With Sympathy and Prayers for Your Loss*

*Christine Yates, Mother of Robin Burgoon*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*With Love and Prayers*

*Special Intention*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Safe Travels and Successful Workshop*

*All PA Catholic Daughters*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Thank You*

*Deb Kauffman, Sept. 25th Speaker  
from "Off the Streets"*

*Deacon Fran Phillips, Oct. 23rd Speaker*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Blessed Thanksgiving*

*All CDA PA Catholic Daughters*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

*Thank You and Special Intention*

*Lucia Stover*

Requested by: Christine A. Surovec

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Peggy Guckin, PSR, PND  
203 Harmony Ct.  
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

## *“Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received...”*

*Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain*



Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,

Once again, it is that time of year when we need to think of what steps we will take so we are properly prepared for the joyous celebration of Christmas, when the eternal Word of God became incarnate and lived among us. So many things will have to get done, but we cannot forget the most important one—the internal preparation.

Let us ask then: “What will I do in these upcoming days to be ready, so Jesus can be born again in me and through me in our world?” In answering that question the following words can be very inspiring: *“Brothers and sisters: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”* These words of Saint Paul from his letter to the (Ephesians 2: 19-22) remind us of who we are as God’s people. It is our call and identity to walk together and continue to build upon the foundation Jesus laid down for us.

We have many extraordinary examples in Jesus and His followers to look at and be inspired by. They show us what and how to build and grow. Unfortunately, we also live in the world where its evil ways can easily influence everyone. We see violence and vulgarity in the media, entertainment, in our homes and streets, and sometimes just a plain lack of basic human decency. People buy into materialism, consumerism, selfishness and the need to help the poor and less fortunate is set aside or even forgotten. So how are we to respond to all this?

We need to remember that the gifts of God’s amazing grace need to be translated and lived out through the Christian attitude of love, kindness, common sense and many other virtues. These need to guide us as we seek to navigate our human relationships. It is inevitable that we experience conflicts of interests, disagreements with others and many other things that are not very pleasant. It is especially in these moments that we need to remember and respond to God’s invitation “... to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love.” (Ephesians 4: 1-2). Here the word of God clearly reminds us of that which ushers in a time of true harmony and the peace we seek.



*Sermon on the Mount*

*Carl Bloch 1834-1890; RestoredTraditions.com*

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