

St. John Neumann Council's Continuing Word

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2014 whizzed by faster than any other year that I can remember. A few of our projects are completed . We had a successful Country Store Sale; we finished the Caps of Love collection with more than 100 pounds of caps and we tied up the photographing of our St. John Neumann families and groups. I can't wait to see the finished directory; so many hands helped to make this plan a reality.

Our December general meeting went well with much discussion on upcoming events. We enjoyed sharing a meal together and singing carols along with Janet's accompaniment on the keyboard. Fr. Buck reminded us about finding time to celebrate advent as well as Christmas and Ida Mahn shared a special prayer for us. January's meeting we had the Yankee Swap and continental breakfast.

We will soon be gearing up for Lent. Let's take advantage of the several educational and spiritual opportunities here at St. John. Have you ever tried sitting in on the Scripture Share at 10:15 on Sunday? I can attest that I learn a lot from Pat D. and the others there. Would you like to learn more about your faith? You might find the answer in Becoming Catholic which is adult faith formation. The Emmaus weekend is another wonderful way to experience God's love in a very intimate way. It will be the second one put on by the Emmaus team from St. John Neumann. Ida Mahn with Pat Desilvestro are working on something to help with our spirituality for the Lenten season. We hope that you'll find just what suits you best.

A happy and blessed New Year to all!
Diane DiSalvo and Shelia Thomas

We have three positions that we will need to fill for the new 2015-2016 term. We are in the process of selecting members for the nominating committee. If you are willing to give your time please contact Diane DiSalvo 937-7100.

National Council of Catholic Women Mission Statement

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support empowers and educates all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

My Spiritual Journey by Mary Ann Nosun

I am an only child and come from Washington, D.C. My parents were not regular churchgoers and were of the Protestant faith.

After high school I attended a small liberal arts college, in Carlisle Pa. My college roommate was a devout Catholic and one Sunday she invited me to go to Mass with her. It was a very different experience attending a service in Latin! As time passed I felt a new focus in my life, and decided that I had found a religion where I belonged.

My next good fortune, a guidance of the Holy Spirit, was meeting Bob. We were married in 1954. When Bob returned from Okinawa we moved to Jacksonville and then Lakeland where Bob worked in his chosen field of Mechanical Engineering.

In 1972 Bob went into business as a Manufacturer's Representative, and I helped him in the office for 33 years. That was a highlight working together and getting along so well.

We have three daughters who all went to St. Joseph's School. We joined Resurrection Parish just when it was beginning. I joined their CCW and participated in parish bible study. We joined Saint John Neumann Parish in its formation, too.

I feel that my growth as a Catholic has been through Bible study at Resurrection and Saint John Neumann. I enjoy being a Eucharistic Minister and a money counter. The Novena to the Infant of Prague and the Novena to St. Jude have helped our Family through illness and difficult times. I am deeply grateful for the many blessings we have received, and for the many friends we have.

Pray to our Lady

O Virgin Mother Mary, Christ's Mother and our Mother, help us accept the death of our loved ones. You witnessed the crucifixion and death of your Divine Son. Your heart was broken and filled with sorrow, yet you trusted the Father's plan always and received the joy of Christ's resurrection. Filled with the Holy Spirit, you helped the Apostles and the members of the early church boldly proclaim the new life Jesus restored for us. We ask you to help us overcome the pain of loss and to trust God's plan even when it is hard. Help us Mary to stay joyful and hopeful in life's trials and tribulations. We ask this prayer thru Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Happy New Year!

January Meeting

We had our first meeting of 2015 on Saturday, January 10. Rosary was at 8:30 AM with our breakfast meeting beginning at 9 AM. We had have a Yankee Swap which was lots of fun! It was a great way to start the new year.

February's Meeting

Will be the 9th with Rosary at 6:30pm & Mtg at 7pm. Topic will be matters of the heart.

Barbara Speziani
Vice President



January Birthdays

- 1/8 Marilyn Larkin
- 1/10 Mary Ann Nosun
- 1/25 Rosalie Monte
- 1/26 Judith Englehart

February Birthdays

- 2/2 Mary Miske
- 2/2 Mary Kay Hill
- 2/4 Eileen Weber
- 2/11 Theresa Lane
- 2/13 Mary Drewry
- 2/15 Nancy Myrick
- 2/17 Ruth Cole
- 2/18 Beth Glen
- 2/28 Ida Mahn
- 2/23 Chris Schober

SPECIAL DATES

- 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 1/3 First Saturday Mass with Anointing of Sick and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11 AM.
- 1/4 Epiphany
- 1/5 St. John Neumann Feast Day 7 PM- CCW Board Meeting with set up for Bridge after meeting
- 1/10 8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM- CCW General Meeting
- 1/17 8:15 AM Walk-a-thon for Hugs for the Homeless at SJN parking lot
- 2/7-8 Chocolate Festival after masses
- 2/18 Ash Wednesday
- 2/20/ 22 Emmaus 2 Retreat
- 3/3-3/5 Catholic Days at the Capitol
- 3/12 Western Deanery Board Meeting at St. John Neumann at 7 lp.m.
- 3/14 Western Deanery Fundraiser
- 3/29 Palm Sunday
- 4/5 Easter
- 4/25-4/27 ODCCW Convention



**St. John Neumann
Emmaus 2**

February 20-22
The Franciscan Center in Tampa. Cost \$200. Registration after all Masses beginning Jan. 24-25 through Feb. 7-8.

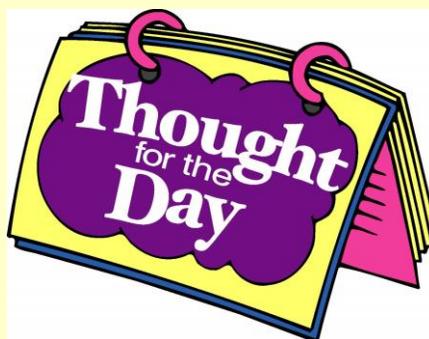
CCW 50/50 proceeds for the Emmaus Scholarship will continue through February meeting.

Caps of Love

I would like to share my experience with you about meeting Valerie and turning in the caps for the caps of love project. I met her at the storage facility that she has in Royal Palm Beach. She takes the caps and fills her unit until full, then transports them to the recycling center. She does accept the opaque water bottle caps, but they have to be separate from the others. In fact, she said that she got more for them. Generally, she gets 26 cents per pound for caps that have been cleaned, paper removed and sorted. So far, she has donated 18 wheelchairs (one motorized), several of which have been given to her as donations. She has a bottling company that has promised to give her the proceeds from the caps that they won't be using, worth several thousands of dollars.

So, basically, we got about 26 dollars for our hundred pounds. Not a big amount, but we did help with recycling some things that would have been trashed. So our little bit added to others is helping to make a difference. Since I was going that way, it wasn't a burden to get them to Valerie.

Diane DiSalvo



Thankfulness

*"Let me tonight look back across the span, twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscious say-
Because of some good act to beast or man,
"The world is better that I lived today"*

-Ella Wheeler Cox

Success ...

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal! It is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill

Hope...

"For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light."

-Psalm 36.9

**SJN CHOCOLATE
FESTIVAL
MARCH 7-8**

Barbara Speziani has graciously offered to be chairman of the festival and we are pleased that we have a special donation from Ruth Cole in the way of a ten pound Chocolate Chateau to raffle off during our festival. It has the chateau, a bell tower and carolers in the scene. It is hollow and easily broken up for consumption once it is purchased. We need and appreciate everyone's contribution of chocolate candies, cookies, cakes and desserts for our fund raiser. We usually sell out during this fundraiser and would like the treats brought in with some for Saturday afternoon and some on Sunday a.m. It was decided to use the proceeds for the festival for helping with our funds for the audio-visual equipment at our January general meeting.

Service Commission Report

A Christmas party was held on December 9th for the clients of the Blue Angels. The clients as well as the SJN members that attended had an wonderful time together. Thanks to everyone who made the event possible.



February is the month of Love – St. Valentine's Day. We will have games, music, and arts in crafts with the clients. We welcome new helpers. Also, if anyone has a large or xlarge St. John Neumann Joy on the Journey polo Shirt, to donate to the clients, please bring to the February meeting.

Faye Johnson



New Email Contact

Shelia and Diane have a new contact e-mail, ccw@sjncc.org, and that will go directly to either of them. This new email contact will follow the new officers In future years.

