

Hello Ladies,

We had a wonderful turnout for both get togethers in August. We had new ladies attend as well as our tried and true regulars. Remember girls, it's not an all or nothing group. Join in when you're able. Our speaker, Jeannie Crowe from Hancock Regional, was superb with much information to pass along. She left us with several situations to be aware of and have plans ahead on how to have them dealt with so our family members are not put in an awkward position during an already stressful medical situation. Thank you to Betty Shewman for arranging her attendance.

Updates that were given included how thankful and appreciative both the Challenge group and Nancy Wethington and Donna Earnest were for our help with providing food for the girls retreat and for Nancy and Donna's brother's celebration of life meal. It's always satisfying to know we can help our church family when there is a need.

We have many interesting plans coming up in the next several months touching on all three pillars of our group's mission: service, spirituality, and social interaction. We have been extremely involved with the Talitha Koum recovery house over the last 6 months. Our women celebrating women fundraiser for the house as well as our heart box donations have equaled over \$1,400 which the house has used to purchase a new washer and dryer set in addition to other needs. Our group was asked to sponsor a bedroom in the house. In other words, supply the furnishings needed for the room. Some of us were able to join in on a tour of the house in August. It's truly an awesome thing to see how the time and hard-work of our community has come together to turn a run down old house into a home that is going to be a part of changing women's lives for the better. Individuals from our group have donated pillows, towels, sheets, blinds, comforter sets, dressers and wall art to make this a real home for these ladies in need. Other groups in the community have also adopted bedrooms, bathrooms, the kitchen, etc. Talitha Koum recovery house will be holding an open house for the public on Sunday, September 9th from 2-6 pm. I hope many of us will come out and show our support. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer with the ladies in different aspects. Giving of our time can sometimes be challenging, but usually is so worth it when all is said and done.

We have also been presented with the opportunity to help out our youth in the parish by providing a meal on a Wednesday evening for the children who attend youth ministry and religious education classes. The numbers we've been given are to prepare for 60-65 people. In addition to our own parish children needing our help, the at risk children who attend the Landing have had several groups stop assisting them with providing a meal every other month. The numbers are the same as our parish children. As we can all see, there are many opportunities for all of us to be a reflection of God's light in people's lives. There was an overwhelming excitement at our get togethers to do what we can to help fill the needs we've been presented with. Any ideas or thoughts are encouraged and wanted. Suggestions of making pizzas, BBQ, soups, sandwiches, pastas, & meatloaf with sides have all been received.

Love INC is in desperate need of volunteers to help make phone calls to people who are donating items to let them know when the truck will be coming to get their donation. I'm aware someone did tell me at the Tuesday evening get together that she could help, but I neglected to write down your name, so please call me. I'd like to think with all of our members we can do these acts of kindness without any problem. Carol Tenholder would like to get together with those of us who can make a few phone calls for Love INC. If you don't have my number it's 317-408-5476 or e-mail mjsifferlen@comcast.net

So that covers service. Spirituality is really an exciting adventure. We are preparing a retreat to a place in Bloomington, Indiana where the woman who is in charge has spoken to the Blessed Virgin and Jesus who told her to turn her farm into a retreat area. Water from this farm has caused miracles! People from our group know many more details about this awesome place and the documented miracles that have occurred for people who have drunk the water from the farm! More details to come soon on a date.

In September we will be having just one get together on Tuesday, September 18th after 6 pm Mass. There will be a speaker courtesy of Mary Arthur. Our ladies who normally go to the 4th Monday morning get together, please make note of this.

October covers our social pillar. Karen Farrell has graciously (or without thinking long enough 🤔) offered to have our get together at her farm on Saturday, October 20th at 6 pm. It will be a weenie roast and possible hayride. Hot dogs, buns, and chili will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own beverage of choice to join in the fun! A lawn chair would probably be a good idea too 😊 We will not get together on Tuesday, October 16 or Monday, October 22.

We are taking off November due to Thanksgiving and our December get together will be a cookie exchange on Tuesday, December 18th after 6 pm Mass. Bring the number of dozen cookies that you want to trade. Any questions, you know how to get a hold of me. Again, in December there will only be a Tuesday evening get together because the 4th Monday is Christmas Eve.

I will ask Christie to keep these reminders in the bulletin and on the website/ Facebook page to help us all keep stuff straight. Fun times ahead ladies! I personally can't wait to be spending a bunch of time with all of you! Bring someone new to one or all of these opportunities. The more the merrier as my Grandma used to say!

Love To You All,

Mary Beth 💖