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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall 2015

Palm Beach Diocesan President  
Barbara Lutton

### *"Catholic Women Sharing Their Gifts Of Faith and Family"*

Dear Council Sisters:

I hope you all had a relaxing summer and are filled with enthusiasm for the coming year. The theme for the next two years is "Catholic Women sharing their gifts of faith & family." As Pope Francis declared this the year of the family, I felt it would be appropriate to honor our families – after all we are women, we are nurturers to our family and friends. I think we like to share with one another stories of our faith and pictures of our family.

Your new board is busy planning a year that will best serve your needs. Coming up we have Take-a-Sister Luncheon, Inspirations Fashion Show, Catholic Days at the Capitol, and Women of Faith Conference. You can learn more about these events on our website.

We have upgraded our website and you will hear more about this from our webmaster.

I hope you will all take an active role in your affiliations this year. We need your spirit; we need your voice. Remember to be kind to one another, care for one another, and love one another.

Your sister in Christ,

*Barbara Lutton*



## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **Tammy Farr**

To all my Wonderful Council Sisters,

I am so much honored to be the New Vice President of PBDCCW. And I feel truly Blessed to be working with Barbara Lutton, Your New President. It is my goal to work together as women in Faith and Family. Sharing and caring with and about each other and those in need.

As we begin our new year of council we must focus on working together to build a strong Council of women that we communicate well with. We must strive to educate each other so we can have a voice that will be heard by many, and will help and strengthen those who need us.

I look forward to spending time with all of my fantastic, brilliant, faithful strong Council Sisters of PBDCCW.

Many Blessings,  
Tammy Farr



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

My name is Cynthia Fulmer and I will be serving as your new PBDCCW Treasurer for the next two years. In July, we had a total income of \$2,135.00 and total expenses of \$3,229.82. I would like to remind all our Deanery Presidents to tell their Affiliation Presidents that the Diocesan Dues are due by December 15th and it is \$2.00 per member. Please direct the Affiliation Treasurers to obtain the Affiliation Dues Transmittal sheet that needs to accompany all payments of dues for PBDCCW can be found on PBDCCW's website: [www.pbdccw.org](http://www.pbdccw.org) and click on 'FORMS' on the home page.

## **DEANERY REPORTS**

### **CENTRAL DEANERY**

#### **Ann Kopp, President**

Central Deanery is eagerly anticipating our first 2016 Board Meeting which will be held Saturday, September 5, hosted by St. Clare CCW.

Ask any Central Deanery affiliation president, "How was your summer?"-- You are sure to hear "BUSY." Central Deanery affiliations have been burning the midnight oil preparing and planning for the coming months. Kudos to all the affiliations!

In May this president attended the PBDCCW Convention; in July, attended Lake Yale Leadership Symposium; and in August, PBDCCW CEGs and Parliamentarian Procedures. In September this president will attend the NCCW Convention and the FCCW Providence Dinner in Orlando.

WELCOME Barbara Lutton, PBDCCW President, Officers, and Board. May your term be blessed, fruitful, and fulfilling!

## NORTHERN DEANERY

**Dotty Grauso, President**

### President's Report

As we approach the new year of 2015-2017, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to mentor me. Without your sisterly spirit, it is doubtful I would be in this position today. The Women of PBDCCW Northern Deanery are ready to join together, following our theme:

*"FAMILY- Together in Family and Action"*.

As we are all Sisters in Christ, working for the good of the council, we are a family and must work together in order to follow the request of our earthly father, Pope Francis.

We are blessed with a Spiritual Advisor, Father Curt Kreml, OFM. Father Curt knows what we need to hear.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to our Affiliation Presidents.

Pat Carol	Holy Family
Lori Bellino	St. Anastasia
Pat Weronik	St. Bernadette
Roxy LaChance	St. Christopher
Lois Pujol	St. Joseph
Janet Fraley	St. Helen
Carol Reynolds	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Reggie Murray	St. Lucie
Agnes Brazee	St. Sebastian

May God continue to bless you and your families.

## SOUTHERN DEANERY REPORT

**Joanne Lewis, President**

At our planning meeting in July, the board discussed our goals for the upcoming years. We strive to encourage vocations in our parishes and work with the Seminarians. We also set the goals for our Service Committee on Domestic Violence and our Legislative Committee on Human Trafficking.

Early on I met with the other Deanery Presidents to decide on meeting dates, so we wouldn't conflict with one another or PBDCCW.

I also attended the Leadership Conference in Lake Yale and CEGS where we discussed many ways to encourage participation in CCW and ways to make meetings more efficient and interesting.

Fundraising is a necessary part of our time and effort. During July I worked on several ideas to raise money for our treasury. Our general meeting in October will have many raffle prizes and give-aways, everything by donations, but not assessing the affiliations for any prizes.

Joanne Lewis

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**



### **SPIRITUALITY**

**Debbie Whitlock**

I was recently reminded that just as our bodies will die if we don't feed them with food, our souls will also perish if we don't feed them spiritually. But who feeds our souls? As children of our parents, God gave us mothers to feed us, to teach us to be good people and to care for us when we are ill. As children of God, He gives us people dedicated to Religious Life to feed our souls, teach us to be good Christians and to care for us when we are troubled. Just as our parents chose that to be their vocation, the Religious also choose a vocation for themselves. We as a Church would not be able to function without all of our Religious, from Pope Francis to our own parish priests, nuns and deacons. My goal in the next two years as Spirituality Chair is to foster Religious Vocations. Many of our Parishes participate in the "Chalice for Vocations" program. In that program a family takes a Chalice home for one week and prays the Prayer for Vocations each day together. This makes the family more aware that Religious Life is a choice that may be considered with all of the other life choices they may make. With greater numbers of our children attending secular schools, rather than parochial schools, they are not seeing people in Religious Life on a daily basis. They come to see it as something you do once a week, rather than a way of life.

We as members of the Council of Catholic Women, have learned ways to enrich our own spirituality. We read the Bible, pray the Rosary, and attend seminars and conferences. Some of our brothers and sisters in Christ are only being fed spiritually from what they hear at Mass. We need to support those in Religious Life and we need to introduce the options of a spiritual life to everyone. Even if it means taking a more active roll in the liturgy. We need to endorse the ministries of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Proclaimers of the Word, and Altar Servers. I think we as disciples of Christ have the responsibility to see that all souls are spiritually fed.

## **SERVICE**



**Jean Mc Keen**

This summer has not been quiet; some of the Ladies from Northern Deanery have been busy bringing Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwiches to St, Mary's in Pahokee. This is a lovely idea to help the children through the summer months. So the idea came to me that maybe there are other parishes in our Deaneries that could use similar help. This could be another out reach project for us. Maybe our Service chairs could look into it, and get back to me.

We will not be doing the Caps for Love Project this year, so you can stop saving the caps. Although this is a very worthy cause, the job is a tactical nightmare. Every event you attend, you need to bring a truck to pick up all those caps. Without a husband and a truck the task will become laboris. However if an affiliation want to continue the project I will have contact information for them. This year I would like to do a project with the Veterans. As long as I have been in council we have not done anything. I have made some phone calls, but people are on vacation. I hope to have something in place by our next meeting.

### **The Art of Giving**

We give of ourselves when  
We give gifts of the heart.  
Love, kindness, joy, tolerance, forgiveness.  
We give of ourselves when  
We give gifts of the mind:  
Ideas, dreams, purposes,  
Ideals, principles, plans,  
Inventions, projects, poetry,  
We give of ourselves when  
We give gifts of the spirit:  
Prayers, vision, beauty,  
Aspiration, peace, faith.  
We give of ourselves when  
We give the gift of words:  
Encouragement, inspiration, guidance.  
The only true gift is a portion of thyself.  
*Wilfred A. Peterson*

## LEADERSHIP



### **Lena Ghaffari**

Who Is The Council Of Catholic Women?

We are members of a national organization that speaks for our Catholic values and support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

We are represented at biannual meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We are represented at the United Nations, The World Union of Catholic Women Organizations ( WUCWO ), Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, Religious Alliance Against Pornography. We share in Partnership and Collaborations with Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach, Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Catholic Climate Covenant.

WE have a legislative voice at the Florida Catholic Conference's Catholic Days at the Capital, speaking on issues central to our Catholic belief system.

We are 95 ( ninety five) years old. Our members are eighteen years and older. The founding of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) was March 1920.

We emulate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and together as a family of faith in service to others, share the hope of salvation (in support of family of faith and service to others, the year of the family).

We acknowledge our Blessed Mother Mary as our role model and vow to imitate her by developing a deeper devotion to a greater reverence for the Eucharist.

We uphold the dignity of marriage and defend marriage as defined by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops as being between one man and one woman.

Central to all our programs is the sanctity and dignity of human life. From conception to a natural death, we passionately embrace the precious gift of life.

We are Catholic women who embrace each other's individuality, yet nurture shared beliefs and values, acted upon through services and programs that promote Catholic social justice in our communities and in the world.

Based on NCCW, PBDCCW Resources

( This article will be continued in the next issue of the Messenger)

God Bless,

Lena Ghaffari PBDCCW Leadership Chairman

## LEGISLATION

Teresa Cecil



### ARE WE THERE YET?

That's what you will be saying while riding one of the buses going to Catholic Days at the Capitol and if you are a first timer, you will be like a child full of expectation and amazement. The event is not until February 16-18, 2016, but it's not too early to start planning. I know many of you have good intentions and wanted to attend in past years but because of lack of planning, it didn't happen. I want to help you to make it a reality.

Let's talk about the cost, around \$170. That covers transportation, hotel, orientation reception, award luncheon, reception after the Red Mass, and daily breakfasts. It's really a bargain and if you start right now putting aside a \$1 a day in a coffee can you will have enough to pay for this trip. OR, you can ask Santa, put it on your Christmas list, or your bucket list! Save those days, mark them on your calendar, use vacation days but do whatever it takes to be there.

In my opinion, Catholic days at the Capitol is the core of legislative advocacy. We attend to advocate to the lawmakers the issues that our Bishops support. Besides, it's a wonderful opportunity to visit our State Capital. I am amazed to hear of how many people have never been to Tallahassee. At the Capitol, aside from visiting the legislators, you can attend the Florida House of Representatives and Senate while they are in session. You can also visit museums and attend The Red Mass.

With the participation of just five CCW members per affiliation PBDCCW could fill three buses easily. Where else can you visit with all the bishops of Florida at once and rub elbows with lawmakers and perhaps even the Governor? - Only at Catholic Days at the Capitol.

See you there.

Teresa Cecil



## PARLIAMENTARY BITS When To Use The Gavel

Probably the best way to describe the use of the gavel is to say it is used sparingly.

We often see the gavel used when calling a meeting to order. It may be an appropriate way to get the members' attention. However, on page 25 of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, where calling a meeting to order is discussed, there is no mention of use of the gavel. It simply reads:

"When the time of a meeting has arrived, the presiding officer opens it, after he has determined that quorum is present, by calling the meeting to order. He takes the chair (that is, occupies the presiding officer's station in the hall), waits or signals for quiet, and, while standing, announces in a clear voice, 'The meeting will come to order....'" No mention of using the gavel. So it is not required, but to use it would not be an egregious error.

Robert tells us on page 232 that when a meeting is recessed the chair will say something like the meeting stands recessed for 15 minutes (rapping once with the gavel, if desired).

And on page 242 he tells us that adjournment "may be signaled by a single rap of the gavel, if desired."

And finally, the gavel is used to call a member to order when the member commits a slight breach of order – such as addressing another member instead of the chair in debate (other rules apply when the offense is more egregious). On page 645, Robert tells us the "the chair simply raps lightly, points out the fault, and advise the member to avoid it."

So the gavel, which is the traditional symbol of the president's authority and her obligation to keep order in meetings, is really not used much.

Betty Mc Kinley, Parliamentarian



## **INSPIRATIONS FASHION SHOW**

**This year the Inspirations Fashion Show will be on February 6, 2016**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**SAVE THE DATE**



## ***PBDCCW 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION***

**Reggie Murray and Doreen Recco**

This year our convention will be held at the newly renovated Holiday Inn West Palm Beach Airport Hotel. This Hotel is conveniently located off the Belvedere Exit on I-95. Room rates will be \$95.00 double occupancy (plus applicable taxes), which includes a buffet breakfast!

Check our website [pbdccw.org](http://pbdccw.org), for more information as the date approaches. The Registration Packet and other pertinent information will be available for download and printing.



## **MESSENGER**

**Marie Lawrence**

I am excited to be publishing The Messenger for our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

I look forward to meeting new people and learning about all the activities going on in our diocese.

The Messenger is published three times a year.

Fall edition of the Messenger, September/October issue, is published on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All articles are due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Winter edition, January/February issue, is published on January 30<sup>th</sup>. All articles are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Spring issue, March/April issue, is published on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Articles are due April 1, 2015

If at all possible, please send articles to me using Word. My email is [dml4170@yahoo.com](mailto:dml4170@yahoo.com).

I would like to thank all those who got their articles to me in a timely manner.

Thank you.

### **A PRIEST'S Collar**

A priest was invited to attend a house party. Naturally he was properly dressed and wearing his priest's collar.

A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at. The little boy pointed to the priest's neck.

When the priest finally realized what the boy was pointing at, he asked him, Do you know why I am wearing that?

The little boy nodded his head yes and replied, It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months.



**I Am A Member!**

## **MEMBERSHIP (Individual)**

**Lois Pujol**

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Many of you remember a few years ago, Palm Beach Diocese CCW was “No. 1”! We had the most individual member in the country. Those were the good days. Then something happened and PBDCCW lost its first place rank.

Well ladies we are now ready for a change, and we want to regain our place as “No 1”. The cost of membership has gone down to \$60.00 a year, and most of us can afford to join again. At present we have approximately 69 members in the PBDCCW. We have about 30 affiliations, so the average is a little more the 2 members per affiliation. Not good. So where do we start? What do we do?

First, all members of PBDCCW Board and Deanery Boards should be Individual members. We can't ask the members to join, if the PBDCCD Board and Deanery Boards don't belong. The Deanery General Meetings are coming up in September and October, so at that time we could encourage all affiliates to join as individual members and really support NCCW. Most important affiliation presidents have to bring this to their members. By Christmas, if we work hard, we should more than double our membership.

Ladies when you join NCCW as an individual member, you will expand the influence of Catholic women, creating positive life giving changes. You will receive the “Catholic Woman Magazine” which will increase your spiritual growth through the

many articles, and keep you connected to the national issues, such as domestic violence, and human trafficking. Finally your dues will provide important financial support to the programs of NCCW.

I ask you today to become an individual member! Let's all be counted! Let's make a difference!

NCCW believes that each person regardless of their station in life is entitled to be treated with respect.

NCCW works to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

NCCW supports, empowers and educates all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

NCCW programs respond with Gospel values.

NCCW is committed to making a difference.

Add your name to the collective voice of NCCW and put your talents to work for social justice, and enrich your spiritual life.

When you join NCCW as an individual member, you will expand the influence of Catholic women, creating positive life giving change.

When you join NCCW you receive the “Catholic Woman Magazine” which will increase your spiritual growth through the many articles, and keep you connected to the national issues that involve us – domestic violence, human trafficking, etc. You can now become an individual member for the reduced price of \$60.00 a year.

Finally when you join as an individual member, through your dues you provide important financial support to the programs of NCCW.

Take action! Be counted! Make a difference! Join us today!



### **SCHOLARSHIP**

**Maureen Fulop/ Bea Lecco**

Palm Beach Council of Catholic Women congratulates the 2015 Scholarship Winners:  
From Northern Deanery- Taylor Melissa Siringo,  
St. Anastasia School to John Carroll High School;

From Central Deanery - Rebekah Rose Brawley.  
from St. Clare School to Cardinal Newman H.S.;

From Southern Deanery - Audrey Isabelle Coldwell.  
from St. Jude School to Pope John Paul H.S.

The Co-Chairs would like to thank the PBDCCW and all local affiliates for their cooperation in publicizing the scholarships and supporting the scholarships financially

### **SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON**

**Jean Waddington**

The following date, May 9, 2016 for the Annual Seminarian Luncheon has been confirmed by Consuelo at the Vocations Office.

The luncheon will be held at St. Matthew Church and thanks to Fr. Clem for his continued support of this event



### **Webmaster's Report**

By Doreen Recco

At the PBDCCW Board Meeting in May it was unanimously decided to increase the number of pages from 50 to unlimited thereby allowing the PBDCCW to give each Deanery, as well as Affiliation, their own page. What a great way to let other Affiliations know what activities are in store for your Council.

Our new website is packed with information, and if you haven't visited it yet (or in a while), please do so. Our web address is [pbdccw.org](http://pbdccw.org). It is a great presentation of who we are at the Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Deanery and Affiliation Presidents as well as Committee Chairs – if you would like to be in control of your own page, just let me know ([dar554@aol.com](mailto:dar554@aol.com)) and I will be happy to set you up with a user name and password, and get you started.

God bless and thank you all for what you do for PBDCCW.  
Doreen Recco

### **THAT'S NOT MY JOB**

This is a story about four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought that ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY, when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.



## **REMEMBRANCE TREE**

**Dotty Grauso/Joanne Springer**

**REMEMBRANCE TREE  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEMINARY**

**Policy:** To raise money for the Burse Fund

**Purpose:** To help our Bishop support the unexpected needs of the seminarians from OUR diocese.

To increase the Burse fund that already is supported by our affiliations

**Objective:** Participate in the Mass, burning of last years' scroll and the dedication of the current scroll containing the names of our beloved.

Raise awareness of this beautiful ceremony that is held every year on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Vincent DePaul Seminary.

Promote this event all year long by speaking about it and having materials available at every meeting, in the church and advertised in your bulletin if your pastor allows.

**Recognition:** A member from each affiliation (possibly the spirituality chair) would be appointed by the president.

She will obtain the names of our beloved and donations at EACH affiliation meeting.

She will keep a record of the names and donations. She will give the donations collected to the affiliation Treasurer at the end of each meeting.

The Treasurer will make out 1 check made payable to PBDCCW- (Respective Deanery). She will send the names and check to the Deanery Vice-President.

Affiliation presidents please start promoting the Remembrance Tree at your September meeting. The names and money must be received no later than October 23, 2015. For more information please contact Joanne Springer, 561-586-3768 or Dotty Grauso 772-546-5201.



**SAVE AND SHARE THESE DATES**



**OCTOBER**

- 10/5 Central Deanery Gen. Mtg.  
St. Clare Church with  
Bishop Barbarito
  
- 10/17 Southern Deanery  
General Meeting
  
- 10/23 FCCW Board Meeting  
Orlando
  
- 10/24 Northern Deanery Fall  
General Mtg. - Holy  
Family Parish



**NOVEMBER**

- 11/2 Remembrance Tree  
Ceremony St. Vincent de  
Paul Seminary with  
Bishop Barbarito
  
- 11/7 CDT – St. Matthew
  
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**

- 12/5 Take a Sister To Lunch  
St. Matthew Parish Hall
  
- 12/5 PBDCCW Fall Bd. Meeting  
Immediately following TAKE a  
SISTER TO LUNCH Luncheon.
  
- 12/25 Merry Christmas



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**PUT A TWINKLE IN YOUR WRINKLE**

**SMILE!**

*SAVE THE DATE*  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016**

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH,  
WOMEN OF ACTION WILL BE  
HOLDING ITS SEVENTH ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE

at

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST.  
IGNATIUS LOYOLA

MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM  
BEACH

Our guest speaker, VALLIMAR JANSEN, gives God the Glory while blending story, testimony, and song for a powerful experience of renewal. She was a keynote speaker at the NCCW Convention in Ft. Lauderdale, 2013 and many other Catholic events. She will present "Setting our Hearts on God" as well as bringing to life a woman on the road to Emmaus. She will also be our cantor at the Mass. Her versatile skills will not disappoint. She travels the country performing and presenting workshops, using her powerful voice and gift of storytelling to deliver her message of hope and healing.

*AS ALWAYS*

*We will have Mass with the Bishop,  
Confessions, Rosary, and Adoration.*

Early registration is only \$30 Which includes continental breakfast, & lunch

For additional information call

Patti Amann, 561 662-4780 or

Vivian Rogers, 561 799-1975

This is the most beautiful advice I have ever received. I hope you like it too!



An Angel says, 'Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.'

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.

**GOD put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I am so far behind, that I will never die!**