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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Barbara Lutton**

**PBDCCW President**

### **"HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE"**

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus shows us the divine side of His nature and that side is mercy, forgiveness and love.

Jesus promised us that the merciful shall obtain mercy. As God has been merciful to us, we should be merciful to others. Let's all participate in NCCW a Million Mercies campaign.

I hope everyone is packing their PJ's for convention. Our keynote speaker is Rosie Schumacher and she will keep us interested and laughing. Convention registration is open and deadline is April 30. Please don't forget our seminarian lunch May 9. Attend and get to know our future priests. It's always a wonderful mass with the Bishop and the seminarians

Let us pray that we may all be renewed by God's mercy and that mercy may become for all of us a way of living.

May the risen Lord have mercy on us all.

Barbara Lutton

## **VICE -PRESIDENT REPORT**

Tammy Farr

What a wonderful and Blessed year we have had. Our Ladies have done fantastic jobs within their affiliations and we have seen great work because of it. The WOF/WOA Conference was the best so far with our Guest Vallimar Jansen. She truly brought the Scriptures to Life. I have enjoyed attending all the Deanery General meetings this term and I have especially enjoyed my time with all you spiritual filled gals. The highlight of my attendance has been that you all have allowed me to give away some money with the OLOGC Drawings during your meetings, and I thank you for this. I look forward to yet another Blessed year with you all. Keep all the great works of Our Lady of Good Counsel coming.

Many Blessings

Tammy Farr

Vice President

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cynthia Fulmer

We are still collecting donations for the Remembrance Tree/Burse Fund, Scholarship Fund, and A Place at the Table.

Please make the checks payable to PBDCCW and mail all donations to:  
Cynthia Fulmer, 3920 Oak Hammock Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981. Thank you.

## DEANERY PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

### NORTHERN DEANERY

This President wishes to thank everyone for the help received. It delights me to see how many women I've gotten to know in my first year. This has been a very busy year. Most of Northern Deanery Affiliations have been working diligently to improve the spiritual and temporal needs of their council.

We will end our season with our Fundraiser which everyone is welcome to attend. Of course, as of this writing we will still have our Seminarian Luncheon and our Convention.

On behalf of our Northern Deanery Members I wish to thank Father Curt Kremel, OFM for all of his Spiritual Guidance and words of wisdom. We also want to thank Father Clem for all he does.

I wish you all a prayerful, restful and wonderful summer. Keep those thinking caps on. Next year needs to be the best PBDCCW has ever had.

*Dorothy Grauso*

### CENTRAL DEANERY

Central Deanery is happy to announce the newly elected officers for 2016-2017 term.

- Paula Barto, President, St. Patrick
- Lena Ghaffari, Vice President, St. Mary
- Cynthia Gross, Recording Secretary, St. Patrick
- Mary Ellen Pierangelini, Treasurer, St. Therese

Installation Mass will take place on April 2, at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Wellington, Fl.

The Central Deanery affiliations have been a strong support sharing their time, talent and love to facilitate all PBDCCW and Central Deanery events such as: Inspirations Fashion Show/Luncheon by providing baskets and gift cards, attending Women of Faith, Women of Action, Hugs for the Homeless, Water for Life, Pennies for Babies, Burse Fund and the PBDCCW Scholarships Project, etc.

As this term comes to a close we look forward to the Seminarian Luncheon and to assisting with the PBDCCW 2016 Convention.

See you at Convention!

Ann Kopp

**SOUTHERN DEANERY  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We wish to welcome Fr. Gavin as Spiritual Advisor to our Board. He will be with us at our general meeting April 9, 2016 at his church, Ascension. I cannot stress enough, that we wish all the affiliations to invite their spiritual advisors and /or pastors to the meeting and to concelebrate Mass with Fr. Gavin at 9:30 a.m.

Since our last meeting Lena Ghaffari, Leadership Chairman for the Palm Beach Diocesan board and I met with Fr. Eddie Medina at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We also invited Maggie Kelly from their parish to be our guest at Inspirations fashion show. She met with most of the PBDCCW board and enjoyed the day. We are also inviting her and hopefully a few others from her parish, to our general meeting, to see what CCW is about. They have not been an affiliated parish for several years now, and we would like to have them return. There are five other churches in Southern Deanery that I would like to add to our rosters; three of these had previously dropped out of CCW.

Last year the Serra Club sponsored a day for a retreat with the Religious Sisters in the Southern Deanery, to help add to their emergency fund. This meeting was held at Ascension Church. This was a good opportunity for the young women of the area to get to know about the lives of the nuns. After PBDCCW's Take A Sister To Lunch, it was decided at the recent board meeting to donate \$2000 to this fund from the profits of our event. I hope next year that more members will get involved with both of these events, one run by the Sisters, and one run by PBDCCW for their enjoyment.

In the Fall I joined with Serrv/CRS and many of our members did their Christmas shopping from their Fair Trade catalog. St. Matthew CCW received several checks as discounts for the things their members bought. I had hoped to have other churches become involved, but that didn't happen.

I look forward to our general meeting, and hope that some of our outgoing board members will keep involved by assuming other positions in their own parishes, or helping out on the Deanery or PBDCCW board with Ad Hoc committees until the other positions are available.

Joanne Lewis,  
President

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

MAY 9.....SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON

May 20 & 21.....CONVENTION

AUGUST 6.....CEGS

OCTOBER 27-30.....FCCW CONFERENCE-CROWNE PLAZA, ST AUGUSTINE

## **SPIRITUALITY**

Debbie Whitlock

What a beautiful day we had at Women of Faith/Women of Action. Vallimar Jansen truly spoke to the topic. She demonstrated what a woman of faith would be like, but she was also a woman of action. She showed us how women would react to actually meeting Jesus. How women would spend time with Him, how they would speak to Him and how they would adore Him. I felt like I spent the day with Our Lord, just from her dramatizations. It was a day I will always remember and always treasure.

## **SERVICE**

Jean McKeen

I have made several visits to Holy Ground Shelter, at the campus of St Francis Assi Church in Riviera Beach, this winter, always taking the time to chat with Barbara Richardson.

They have eleven "Mommies" with one child each and one "Mommy" with three children, one girl 2 ½ and a set of twins, a boy and girl 7 months now. They all live in an apartment building in Palm Springs. The owner is happy to rent to them because their rent is always paid on time and there is no trouble with the tenants.

All "Mommies" are given Mothers Classes, which teach them how to care for the babies and children. Budgeting monies, counseling for their family and emotional issues.

All of these will help to turn the tide of abuse, which so many have been subject to. They also have tutoring for those in college. On January 24, 2016 they had their big fundraiser a Baby Shower at the Palm Beach Convention Center. They only have one per year. Two areas where we might help are, Scholarship and Transportation

Many ladies take two to three buses to get from home to school to work. When asked what do they want or need, they ask for gift cards to Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, CVS and toys for their children. These are women who would accept a scholarship of any denomination, and bus passes. I discussed a car with Barbara but the maintenance might make it prohibitive.

Holy ground will be our Service Project for Our PBDCCW Convention, so please bring wipes, diapers ( larger sizes the babies are bigger now) gently used toys, and baby clothes. Gift cards are always helpful.

Jean A. McKeen Service Chair

LEGISLATION  
TERESA CECIL

NOW I WALK ON DEATH ROW

That's the name of one of the books written by Dale Recinella. He was the gentleman that, at the 2016 Red Mass during this year's Catholic days at the Capitol, was awarded the Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Medal, the highest Papal Honor that a lay person can receive for distinguished service to the church.

Just to pick your curiosity about this book let me tell you few things.

Once upon a time Mr. Recinella was a very successful Wall Street finance lawyer closing billion dollar deals, living the American dream with a made in Heaven family, married to a psychologist, and raising five children. They were, of course, good Catholics tithing and attending Mass every Sunday and very pleased with the course of their lives. But, God had different plans soon to be unveiled for this "lucky family."

In 1986 their latest mansion was due for completion. While attending Sunday Mass, the Gospel of the day seemed to hit a nerve; Jesus asking the rich young man to leave his possessions and follow him. The Recinellas pondered to ask "Did Jesus mean what he said?" They took six months to think about it and came to the conclusion that Jesus was calling them, but to do what? The answer came from another Sunday Mass and the Works of Mercy. Soon they started volunteering; feeding the poor, visiting the sick, etc. But that was not exactly what God was calling them to do. A couple of life changing experiences pointed them in the right direction. One was when Mr. Recinella had a near death experience from eating raw oysters and the second one when he decided on the spur of the moment to enter a tiny chapel in Starke, Fl. The Pastor greeted him by saying "I have been waiting for you. God told me you were on the way to take over my ministry serving the death row inmates." Right there he said "yes" to God's calling. That is how he became the Catholic Correctional Chaplain to Florida Death Row and Solitary Confinement Population while his wife ministered to the families of the executed prisoners and murder victims.

To accommodate their volunteer work, they had to drastically scale down their professional work. Making money was not their priority and they even relocated to a small town, not far from Starke.

He saw how God worked through the oyster poisoning to completely redirect their life in a way that they never would have guessed; a whole improvement for all the family, bringing happiness and fulfillment. The oysters had flesh eating bacteria but the spiritual side of the oyster was the pearl.

In conclusion, as Mr. Recinella said, "One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is joy, so if you have men standing in their skivvies in a 6x9 cell and the thermal index is 130 degrees F and after your visit you leave them laughing, it means the Holy Spirit showed up!" Amen.

Happy reading,

Teresa Cecil, Legislation Chairman

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Betty Mc Kinley

### PARLIAMENTARY BITS

#### Custom of formality

This custom serves to maintain the chair's position of impartiality and help to preserve an objective and impersonal approach, especially when serious divisions of opinion arise.

The correct way to address those who preside at meetings are:

President "Madam President"

Vice President "Madam President"

(if President is absent)

Vice President "Madam Vice President"

(if President is present) "Madam Chairman"

Any other person presiding "Madam Chairman":

Even in a small meeting, the presiding officer of an assembly is never addressed or referred to by name.

She should not be addressed by the personal pronoun "you." Example:

"Madam President, do I understand the chair (not you) to say ...."

Members address only the chair during a meeting, or address each other through the chair. Example:

"Madam President, may I ask the member (not "Jane") to explain....?"

Except in small boards or committees, a member never speaks while seated.

She never speaks unless she rises, addresses the chair, and obtains the floor.

**THE PRESIDING OFFICER:** Speaks of herself only in the third person; never uses the personal pronoun "I"; always refers to herself as "the chair" or, if giving a report, refers to herself by her official title. Example: "Your President is pleased to report...." The presiding officer does not mention a member's name unless assigning the floor, or naming the members of a committee. She should be placed so that she can see the entire hall, and all present can see her. This official place or station is called "the chair."

☑ **Whoever is presiding is said to be "in the chair," and is addressed as "the chair."**



## 2016 CONVENTION REPORT

Preparations are well under way for the Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, 2016. Our theme for Convention is "Sisters in Christ are Sisters for Life".

The Committee met at the newly renovated Holiday Inn on Belvedere Road on Friday, February 26, 2016.

We were all pleased with the renovations as well as the convenience of having all of the Convention meeting rooms on the same floor.

All committee chairs are aware of what is expected of them, and this is shaping up to be a wonderful two day event.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress some important points and deadlines:

- The deadline for registrations is Wednesday, April 30, 2016, *no exceptions*. It is suggested that the treasurer from each affiliation collect all the registration forms, deposit all checks into the affiliation's treasury and mail one check for the total amount together with the completed registration forms to Ann Kopp at 8170-B Andover Ct. West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
- Hotel registrations are also due by Wednesday, April 30, 2016. Please use the group name **PBD** when making the reservation. The Hotel rate is \$95.00 plus applicable taxes, double occupancy. This comes with a free breakfast buffet on Saturday morning for two convention attendees.
- Advertising in the Program book is due no later than April 15, 2016. These can be sent to Carolyn Bethman at 76 Forsythe Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33487.
- We are planning a pajama party for after the Friday banquet. (I think we are more excited about this than the whole convention). There will be a prize for the most "unusual" pajama. We are planning games and fun!! So book your hotel reservations!!!
- We have been asked if there is just a charge for registration only - there is not. You may choose the complete registration packet of \$160 or Banquet and Registration for \$120 or Awards Luncheon and Registration for \$100.
- Please don't forget to nominate a deserving council sister for the Outstanding Leadership Award. This nomination form can be found in the registration packet.

As always, complete convention packets can be found on our website [pbdccw.org](http://pbdccw.org) on the 2016 Convention page.

**It is important that all deadlines are met! This makes for easier preparations for those in charge of registrations and the preparation of the program book.**

Doreen Recco and Reggie Murray - Convention Co Chairs