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## Council 88 Hosts Breakfast to Benefit Respect Life

*Ft. Jennings • Council 88*

The April 2012 CLC Council #88 meeting was called to order by President Shelley Hoersten with 19 members and 4 guests present.

Cathy Burks from Home Office was at our meeting to speak on a new product, a simplified underwriting single premium whole life plan. It's for ages 60-80, and it's especially good for people retiring who had life insurance through their employer – the money goes 100% tax free to your beneficiaries. Interested members are asked to speak to Elaine Wehri.

Elaine also talked about our rights as members, in regards to who we elect at convention. Our council could have 9+ delegates go to convention, and she asks that we please vote for people who we think are going to be active & do a good job.

Our CLC breakfast will be held April 22 in the St Joseph church basement after 7:30 and 9:30 masses. We sent a list around asking people to please sign up to work. Keri & Amy Eickholt are making signs to hang on church doors. The menu is ham, eggs, pancakes, apple-sauce, and coffee. The cost is \$5 with preschool age children being free. Profits will benefit the diocese's Respect Life group.

Our Right to Life collection will be April 28 & 29 after the weekend masses.

The Join Hands Day topic this year is spring cleanup, and we've been asked to incorporate the youth of the community. It was decided that we will clean at Fort Haven some Saturday in June.

Happy birthday was sung to Mary Klausing, Carol Meyer, Christy Good, and Shelley Hoersten, and Keri Eickholt won the "We're Glad You're Here" prize. Our meeting was then adjourned, and members enjoyed a book exchange and also a euchre tournament.

Our next meeting is 7:00 Wednesday May 9th at Fort Haven.

## Jamestown CLC Busy With Craft Day

*Jamestown • Council 220*

The ladies of Council 220 gather twice a month for "craft day". The results are used for community outreach. On April 3 CLC members met at the church hall and delivered handcrafted little pots of flowers to the Liberty Nursing Home in Jamestown. Each resident in the home received a pretty flower pot as a Happy Easter gift. They were most grateful for our thoughtfulness and visit. Fifty decorated pots of flowers were made of which 43 were given to the residents and the remainder were distributed on Easter Sunday to shut ins who had communion taken to them by one of our members.

We are also quite involved with the Life Pregnancy Center in Washington Courthouse. Donated baby items, clothing and diapers are collected and delivered to this worthwhile resource for young expectant mothers in need. On Saturday, April 21, the Center will hold a silent auction and dinner. One of the items up for auction is a basket filled with items made by local businesses donated by Jamestown CLC.



### Dates to Remember

- May 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- May 5 Join Hands Day
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 28 Memorial Day (observed)  
Office closed

#### Friendship Box

- April-May Lima Council 222
- June-July Landeck Council 84

#### Perpetual Rosary

- April-May Kalida Council 134
- June-July Col. Grove Council 166



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# Sharon Says....

I have just experienced a very moving and sad couple of weeks. You see, we just buried our old-est daughter, Melissa. Melissa has been sick for many years and just got progressively worse the last six months. She called her father and me into a meeting and told us that she had decided she was tired of living in a nursing home and on a ventilator. Her wish was to go off the vent and go into Hospice. Now for those of you who did not have the opportunity to ever meet Melissa, you have to know that once her mind is made up to do something, there is no turning back. So we knew to just save our breath and support her decision. And we could both see that she was at peace with her decision. She knew it would not be long and she would be pain free and flying with the angels.

In the weeks that preceded her death, I helped her make all of her arrangements and get every-thing in order just the way she wanted them to be. One thing she shared with me through all of this is that she had an angel who helped her make this decision. Now if you don't believe in angels this story will truly make you a believer. Melissa meditated to relieve the pain and said it was then that her angel came to her several times, so I asked her what her name was. She said that her angel name was Barissa and could not divulge her earthly name. But Melissa told me that she kept staring at her and she thought she knew her but just could not place her. The first person I thought of was my mother as she passed in 1985 when Melissa was eight years old. So I brought in pictures of mom and particularly a four generation picture of my mom, her mom, me and one of my babies. Melissa looked at it and said it wasn't my mom, but my grandma. What a comfort knowing someone I knew would be looking out for her!

So on April 16 Melissa was moved from the nursing home to the Van Wert In Patient Hospice Center. When she arrived there and was comfortable the vent came off and she was given oxygen to assist in breathing. You also have to understand that she was fully conscious and talking to us when we arrived there. Shortly after the vent came off they began to medicate her to help ease her pains. And once again her strong will came forth as it took a tremendous amount of medication to comfort her. So during the fifteen hours the family had left with her we watched her prepare for her journey. As time progressed she talked to I am sure the angels. At first she shook her head no, like I am not ready yet, then came a few shoulder shrugs, like maybe; and then a definite head shake of yes! At one point I ask her if the angels were there and she nodded yes. Then I asked if Barissa was there and again, yes. So I told her go, get going they are waiting for you!! It still took a few hours and we concluded that either the line was too long....she never liked to wait in long lines or she had a hard time getting up all those steps. When the final breath came, we were all relieved and knew that she was now at peace and very happy. It is that consolation that helped us to get through it all.

I want to thank all of my CLC family for what you did for all of us. Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, positive vibes, flowers, visits and cards. Thank you, especially, Council 88 for the beautiful prayer service at the funeral home. And to Melissa, until we meet again, we love you and will miss you! Remember like I told you last week.....be sure and save me a seat!



## Kalida Learns of Serendipity

*Kalida • Council 134*

The April 9th meeting of Kalida Council 134 was held in St. Michael's Church basement with 15 members present. Our special guests were Kathy Moening and Rhonda Wolke from Serendipity in Ottawa. Serendipity which means 'finding treasures unexpectedly' is a unique store with a wide variety of gifts for all occasions from food, floral items, candles, umbrellas, jewelry and much more. Kathy gave us a taste of two delicious cheese dips, and Rhonda gave us some tips on floral designs during her demonstration. Five lucky ladies won door prizes donated by Rhonda and Kathy.

We will partner with students from the fifth grade at Kalida Elementary for Join Hands Day. The project will be to clean up around town. We will be pay for any expenses. Also our annual Bake Sale for Right to Life was another success. Our sale is held at the Kalida K of C during the Good Friday fish fry. Our profits will be donated to Putnam County Right to Life.

April birthdays were celebrated and a lunch followed. Next meeting will be May 14 at 7:00 pm. Our guest will be Kathy Stinson who will give us a demonstration on how to make a 'Fairy Garden.'

## Springfield Delivers Flowers to Shutins

*Springfield • Council 207*

President Mary Ann Jung welcomed 20 members of CLC Council 207 to the April 2nd meeting held at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 12:00 Noon.

The business meeting started with Ivy Mammolite taking up the password and the collection which totaled \$24.25, which will go to On the Rise.

April birthdays were read for: Ruth Lehmenkuler, Jean Lonsway, Ruth Folz, Rosemary Kelly, Norine Laraway and Patti Lizza.

President Jung reported that Sunshine Chairman, Sally Walsh, is having hand surgery.

Under Continuing Business it was reported that: Easter flowers will be delivered to the shut-in members. Our July meeting will consist of the annual Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's on Monday, July 2nd, followed by breakfast at the Elks Club. The cost will be \$9.00 and will include eggs, bacon, & rolls.

For New Business, the group discussed: possible projects for CLC Join Hands Day on May 5 with the theme: Spring Clean Up. The CLC Fall Retreat/Initiation is in Columbus on October 14.

The next meeting will be May 7 at 12:00 Noon at the Golden Corral. The guest speaker will be Debbie McCullough from On The Rise.

# New Members

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| Co. 6 – Leipsic<br>Gerald C Schroeder, Leipsic  | Co. 129 – Paulding<br>Daniel J Fleming, Toledo   |
| Co. 20 – Decatur<br>Deborah C Holle, Seymour  | Co. 134 – Kalida<br>Zachary John Lucke, Kalida   |
| Co. 25 – Toledo<br>Katherine N Fleming, Toledo  | Co. 179 – Glandorf<br>Kevin R Heckman, Glandorf  |
| Co. 32 – Defiance<br>Emma Rose Bowden, Defiance   | Co. 217 – Russells Point<br>Deborah L Warnecke, Lewistown  |
| Co. 40 – Delphos<br>Ursula Claire Alt, Bluffton<br>James George Alt, Bluffton   | Co. 222 – Lima<br>Monica Ann Melton, Lima  |
| Co. 86 – Upper Sandusky<br>Geri Ann Derr, Columbus  | Co. 900 – Ohio<br>Richard R Bourgault, Sunbury   |
| Co. 88 – Ft Jennings<br>Ameirah Dawn Schleeter, VanWert<br>Keaton R Schleeter, Convoy<br>Grace L Schleeter, Convoy<br>Elendra Marie Odenweller, Franklin<br>James Christopher Schleeter, Franklin<br>Dale Martin, Ft Jennings | Co. 901 - Michigan<br>Darrel B Ettlich, Riverview<br>Shirley L Cederwall, Ionia<br>Randolph Cogwin, Southfield<br>Kendra Porter, Commerce Park |
| Co. 95 – Columbus<br>Audrey Matthews, Hilliard  |  |

## Council 30 Gives to Right to Life

### Ottoville • Council 30

CLC Council 30 met on April 9, in the Parish Center family room. Twelve members and two guests attended. The Mass for the living and deceased had been read in March.

Thank you was read from the Evelyn Wannemacher family for the service at the funeral home and the Mass offering.

A grateful thanks was extended to the members who helped with the annual spring church cleaning, and to those who helped take up the Right to Life Collection. We collected \$453.55 which is forwarded to the Home Office for donation to Ohio Right to Life. We also voted to donate \$50 to Heartbeat of Lima.

Member Marie Ruen was married and a bridal shower gift given.

Our Join Hands Day project was the church cleaning in which we worked with the First Communion parents and children to do the big “spring cleaning” of the church!

Other upcoming donations will be for church festival tickets, and donating noodles for the festival. We plan to again have our annual casino trip sometime in August. Following the business meeting, we held a party honoring member, Judy Miller and her husband, Virgil, for their Golden Wedding.



# Fraternally Remembered

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
006	Alice Selhorst	Leipsic	02/06/2012
030	Evelyn Wannemacher	Ottawa	03/05/2012
052	Josephine DiPaolo	Lancaster	02/08/2012
084	Leonard Smith	Delphos	11/10/2011
084	Elen Ulirch	Delphos	01/22/2012
086	Jane Mathias	Carey	02/16/2012
092	Teresa Vint	St Marys	10/11/2011
105	Rosemary Gall	Middletown	02/28/2012
179	Frances Meyer	Ottawa	02/22/2012
179	Rita Niese	Ottawa	01/30/2012
207	Marian Krueger	Cincinnati	02/22/2012
215	Patricia Schroeder	Ottawa	01/30/2012
900	Raymond Bourgault	Sunbury	02/16/2012
086	Maris Collet	Carey	
086	Helen Meyers	Carey	

## Delphos Donates to Right to Life

### Delphos • Council 40

The meeting opened at 7 pm at the K of C Hall in Delphos. Our President Catherine Hammons opened with a prayer and Irma Hilvers led us in the Stations of the Cross. Sixteen members were present for the meeting. Card party tickets were handed out to those present, the remaining tickets will be sent by mail.

A donation was made to the Right to Life. Ideas were discussed for the matching funds we will receive from the home office.

Our insurance agent talked to us about insurance policies for grandchildren and adults. Raylene Fischer won the attendance award. Pat Patton, Raylene Fischer and Martha Ardner won the 50-50 awards.

Our April meeting will be at the K of C Hall with Mary Lou Beckman and Carlene Gerdeman as chairladies.

