



# Catholic Ladies of Columbia

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### Words From Sister Deb

A new year is upon us and the Christmas excitement is past. The colorful lights are taken down, the skies are grey, and the temperatures are cold. All these tend to send my mood in a downward swing.

It is at this time of year that I turn to nature to help me through what can often be a more depressing time of year. I take note of how the trees, grasses and all plants are dormant during the winter and what sustains them until the spring. Plants appear dead on the outside but life is abundant on the inside. All plants are preparing themselves for the coming of spring, a time of new life. I find the dormant plants a very real symbol of hope for good things to come.

It is important for each of us to turn inward and find our God within. God will sustain us through our "winters" no matter what time of the year that they may come to us.

Have a wonder-filled New Year!

Sister Debra Wischmeyer

*Be still and know that I am God!* Ps. 46:10

### Synopsis of October Board Meeting

The Board met on Saturday October 30 in Upper Sandusky. This is the one meeting during the year when there are no other advisors in attendance, just the Board and Vice President of Operations.

Investments were discussed and it was reported that CLC is nearing the \$50 million mark of investments. We are currently investing with Wells Fargo, BPU and Raymond James. Our average earning is 6.4%.

Loni and Sharon reported on attending the NFCA Convention in September. The main theme of the convention was change. The main change is the NFCA will change their name to American Fraternal Alliance in January. Much good information was gathered and there were some very good motivational speakers.

The final report for the Ohio Department of Insurance regarding our audit was discussed and approved. An Annuity Suitability Committee was formed and guidelines for the committee were approved.

The sales report was given and after much discussion it was decided to make some changes in our products. Because of the current bond market condition and fluctuations it was decided to temporarily discontinue the sale of 1 and 2 year annuities as of 11/1/10. It was also approved to lower the interest rates on all products by one-quarter of a percent. Rate changes took effect 11/15/10.

Lien decreasing possibilities were discussed. The plans will be submitted to the ODI for their approval.

Fraternal Reports included: there is still money left in the Charitable Donations Fund, nine councils have requested Matching Funds thus far this year, a total of \$1,700 was sent to the Epilepsy Foundation for Join Hands Day, the Perpetual Rosary is scheduled to begin in December 2010 and the Friendship Box in December 2011, the Retreat in Glandorf had 88 in attendance, and there were 35 entrants in the Coloring Contest.

Loni reported the agent training day received good reviews and will be continued next year. We have signed a new agent in Indiana.

The amount of members that are signing up to receive their Index via email continues to grow. It helps CLC to save money and members get their issues sooner.

### Dates to Remember

January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Epiphany
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
January 17 - 18	Board Meeting

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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# Sharon Says....

Happy New Year! Where does the time go? Just seems like yesterday we were worrying whether we would get home from the New Year's Eve celebration because all of the computers were supposed to quit at the dawn of a new century. Here we are eleven years later, still going strong.

The current Board has already completed one year of service. It has been a busy year with each of us learning our new job and doing the best we possibly can for our members. We all realized when we took our oath of office the huge responsibility we have in protecting our members and their families and friends through a sound life insurance program and competitive financial products. We thank you for the trust you have in us and we will do our best to fulfill these duties.

It is still a little too early to predict the yearend figures but we are all keeping our fingers and toes crossed that they will be in the black. With the economic conditions we are experiencing, it has been a real struggle to find suitable bonds to invest in. The home office staff and Board have worked very hard in keeping all of our expenses in line. Putting this all together we are hoping for a positive result.

As we look to the New Year, maybe there are resolutions you personally or as a council would like to carry out. We all need to set goals in life and we need to make sure they are not too huge that we cannot achieve them. When the Board sits down in January they will all be asked to review their 2010 goals and to make new goals for 2011. My hope is that they have achieved what they set out to do and have learned in the process. So be brave, set some personal goals as well as a goal or two for your council.

In continuing with our ideas on how to attract more members to our CLC councils, meetings that involve food always seem to spark some interest. How about a "chili cook-off"? What better way could you spend a cold winter evening than tasting many different member's chili recipes. The committee could supply the condiments and dessert and you could have a meal with your meeting. Other food ideas could include a cookout (in warmer weather), a potluck (members always love to share their favorite recipes) or a pizza party. I am telling you if you involve food, they are sure to come to the meetings.

Looking forward to a new year full of good things and peace and happiness the world over!!



## New Members

November, 2010

**Co. 10 – Cloverdale**

Caitlin Ann Bockey, Gomer

**Co. 30 – Ottoville**

Zoey Marie Bloomfield, Fishers

**Co. 86 – Upper Sandusky**

Anna Johnson, Upper Sandusky

**Co. 88 – Ft. Jennings**

Lauren Ann Pace, Little Rock

**Co. 115 – Bucyrus**

Thomas E Walkins, Bucyrus

**Co. 134 - Kalida**

Tyler Matthew Schroeder, Continental

Aiden Richard Bockrath, Holland

**Co. 166 – Columbus Grove**

Elaine Hohenbrink, Columbus Grove

**Co. 179 – Glandorf**

Remi Allen Ordonez, Lima

**Co. 220 – Jamestown**

Marsha Green, Mason

**Co. 222 - Lima**

David E Copeland, Wapakoneta

Mary Lee Smith, Norton

Judy A Bowersock, Lima

**Co. 900 – Ohio**

Joan L Briggs, Indianapolis

**Co. 901 – Michigan**

Robert J Steven, Harsens Island

Joseph Serra, Dearborn Heights

Shirley H Simpson, Southfield

John W Freeland, Clarkston

Frank C Kulha, Northville

Happy New  
Year!  
Let 2011  
be happy,  
healthy and  
prosperous  
for all!



# Springfield Council Hosts Council 56

## *Council 207 • Springfield*

Thirty-four members and four guests were welcomed by President Mary Ann Jung to the December meeting of Council #207 at the Courtyard by Marriott restaurant in downtown Springfield. Members from Council #56 joined us.

During lunch members and guests were entertained by the "Belles of St. Bernard", Jody Yeazell and Barb Pitstick, who sang several beautiful Christmas carols a capella. The music certainly put the group in the Christmas spirit.

For lunch members dined on salmon, pork, or chicken and salad, potato, vegetables, and cheesecake.

After lunch, Rev. Paul Price spoke about very interesting and entertaining "Signs of Christmas".

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. December birthdays were announced for Clara Jean Collins, Susan

Tanner, Dorothy Welch, Isabelle Krupp, Denise Rogers, Clara Reeb, Sandy Gorsuch, Ivy Mammolite, Casey O'Brien and Judy O'Neill.

Sunshine Chairman, Sally Walsh, reported that a card was sent to Mildred Carey and a card will be sent to Sandy Gorsuch.

The Council has added a \$35.00 Walmart gift certificate to the Christmas basket to be given to an elderly person. The basket will be delivered before Christmas.

It was decided after discussion that the Council will send Christmas gift checks to the local area priests.

There will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 7, 2011, at the Golden Corral restaurant at 12:00 Noon.

Closing prayer was led by Ruth Sweeney. The meeting was adjourned.

Members then enjoyed a Christmas gift exchange.

# Council 86 Enjoys Harpist

## *Council 86 • Upper Sandusky*

The Catholic Ladies of Columbia were welcomed by President Teresa Brodman. Deacon Kevin Winterstellar led 56 members and guests in prayer before enjoying a delicious potluck meal. The entertainment for the evening was provided by harpist Johanna Tangeman.

K of C. member Mike Siegel thanked the members for their food donations for the Thanksgiving meal served at the K of C.

Special guests for the evening were Deacon Kevin and Diane Winterstellar, Sister Lee McCrady and Sister Jeannette Zielinski.

Happy Birthday was sung to Diane Welly, Ruthann Frey, Ruth Swartz and Teresa Brodman.

Door prizes were won by Rosemary Smalley, Mary Lou Best, Dottie Lenhart, Pam Clark, Ann Leightey, Edie Dlubak, Rita Logsdon, Mary Lou Derr, Deacon Kevin Winterstellar, Morgan Spiegel, Teresa Brodman and Michelle Clary.

As part of our Christmas celebration members brought donations for our local food pantry.

A collection was taken for a member in the Air Force who lost everything in a fire. The money collected will be matched by the council.

Susie Tiell, from Richardson's Flower Shop, gave members tips on decorating a Christmas tree and their homes for the Holidays. Members were invited to the Richardson's Open House and the Home for the Holidays events held in Upper over the weekend.

Program books were handed out to members.

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Ruthann Denman won the 50/50 drawing.

The Christmas party committee was Ruthann Frey, Barb Grasz, Lou Strasser, Brenda Frey, Christy Coburn, Michelle Clary, Angie Wigle, Dianne Welly, Ann Leightey, Rose Rowe and Pam Clark. January 5's committee is Vivian Oney, Joyce McMillan, Neva Orians, Jean Shumaker, Carolyn Clabaugh, Dottie Lenhart, Teri Long, Catherine Gillen, Laurie Doanaugh, Helen Vent, Betty Wines and Kim Parsell.

# New Cleveland Members Win Homemade Goodies During Bingo

## *Council 215 • New Cleveland*

Twenty members of the New Cleveland CLC joined the members of the parish Altar-Rosary Society for the annual Christmas Party. The hall was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Dorothy Niese of Leipsic CLC prepared a delicious pork loin meal. They were entertained with Christmas songs played on the piano by New Cleveland-Miller City students.

A sympathy card was sent to Kathy Sager whose husband died quite unexpectedly last month. Gifts were given to Father Bob, Dea-

con Erford, the staff of the parish, to our military serviceman, and to the shut-ins of the parish. Bright colored 2011 committee programs were given to the members. The committee for January is: Rita Kuhlman and Janet Lehman.

A special Christmas Bingo was played with the winners receiving homemade goodies. Thelma Kuhlman won the Pot of Gold drawing and Barbara Verhoff won the poinsettia door prize. The meeting ended with prayer.

# *Fraternally Remembered*

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
011	Diane Craig	Marion	04/11/09
086	Imelda Cousino	Carleton	07/20/10
134	Thelma Beckman	Bonita	11/07/10
199	Theresa Gustwiller	Napoleon	09/05/10
199	Elizabeth Kahle	Toledo	09/20/10
203	Charlene Seger	Celina	08/21/10
205	Mary Beganie	Vero Beach	11/04/10
205	Elizabeth Kinsey	Delaware	09/17/10



# Ottoville Names New Officers

*Council 30 • Ottoville*

Officers for 2011:

President, Sharon Meyer  
Vice President: Jean Hilvers  
Secretary: Ruth Miller  
Treasurer: Annette Hilvers  
Trustees: Joan Ruen  
Joan Wessell  
Ethel Recker

Normal meeting date: 1st Tuesday - April,  
Oct, Dec at the Ottoville Parish Center

Executive planning meetings held as  
needed.

Council 30 met for their Christmas dinner at the Dew Drop Inn on Dec. 1st. Twenty two members were in attendance and Fr. John was our guest. Cocktail hour and dinner was enjoyed. Games and contests were played with Cathy Schimmoeller, Agnes Swint and Marilyn Kaufman in charge. A fun time was had. A short business meeting followed. We will remember our members at the nursing home with cards and a small gift.

We thanked the committee for a great evening; and also commended the Dew Drop Inn on the fine meal.

It was noted that we will have 5 members with golden weddings in 2011, and look forward to honoring them in April.

Merry Christmas to all.

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