

## Southwest Deanery Report for DCCW Board meeting Nov. 13

Our affiliates are getting back into action.

Some things that have been going on in Cedar City: They had a successful trunk or treat for their parish families on October 30th including popcorn, hot cocoa and some fun games! They also received and displayed the Mary statue from the Convention (due to the most people that attended, I believe) They are getting ready to do candy sales to help the Carmelites raise some money, just as we did with the jams during the summer. They are also helping with their children's faith formation Christmas program by baking cookies to hand out to all of the kids after they perform. As for Council Sunday, surgery prevented president Jennifer's attending their October's meeting, so a Council Sunday activity was not planned. They will, however, tie it in with their planned ministry fair which they will be holding on November 13 and 14.

St. George activities include:

A donation of \$500 to the new Church Building Fund. (*A new church is being built in Washington*) and a donation of \$172 to their parish Cub Scout Pack for their Pinewood Derby. Their Sunshine Committee continued distributing Prayer Shawls, which they craft by hand for parishioners suffering hardships, loss or illness. They resumed meeting for lunch in the Santa Clara Harmons on the second Tuesday of each month. It is a well attended, informal get together that builds Council connections and friendships. At their monthly meeting they pray for members whose birthday falls in that month; Future plans include a Christmas Bake Sale on Dec 18-19 and providing a Christmas Angel Tree for the parish children whose families are in need of a little extra Christmas cheer.

Saint Paul's Catholic Center in Hurricane is still taking baby steps toward organizing a Women's Council. For now they are happy to meet and share ideas over coffee and donuts on Sundays. Council Sunday, all women were presented with sunflowers (real) and a handmade sunflower pen, with an invitation to join a women's group attached. They were also given a blessed prayer card of Our Lady. Judy Greene, past president of SW Deanery, gave a brief presentation on the history and purpose of the DCCW and handed our flyers. A potluck in the park is *tentatively* planned for Nov. 20, weather permitting. A move to a local eating establishment may be in order.

All is well on our Southern front.

Respectfully submitted, Mary LeBaron