



# Our Lady of La Salette Gazette

Issue 13

ODA Court #2499

November—January

## November Boutique By Gloria Greear

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Hello Sisters of Court # 2499,

I am writing this note to let you know how we did at our "Fall into Winter" Boutique.

As you know we open the doors for the 4pm mass on Sat at 3pm til 6pm. On that day we took in a total of \$609.84. Sunday we opened at 7am before the 7:30am mass and closed at 7pm (a long day) and

the total for that day was \$1,374.73. This year we had our little donation "pig" again and she brought in another \$57.00. This gave us a total of \$2,041.57for both days.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the committee for all their hard work:

Gina G--Becky B--Dorothy L--Leona S--Tabitha H--Cheryl O--Cindy M--Gayle O

Margaret H and Marge D.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and at the Christmas Party.

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With Love and Prayers

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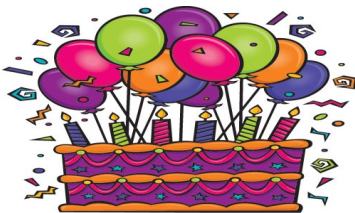


Fall into Winter

## Martin Luther King

"I Have A dream" A topic is revolutionary in almost every state and also including black history month. Defining moment in changing America's opinion of Blacks (African Americans). By calling for an end to racism in the united states. His speech put a human face on the suffering of blacks and their unjust treatment by local, State and federal government, it allows the country to see the future was in all children of all races.

## Birthday Blessings for a Happy Day & Many Many More...



As the holidays are here. There are families that are in need of help. We (Leona and I) are writing this message to appeal to every one of our sisters in Christ. We need to bring in items like soups, vegetables, fruit that are non-perishable. They also like

## Shop and Share

to have pasta, mac and cheese, beans.

I know that we give to pro-life group, however our community needs baby food, formula, and cereal. Diapers and wipes may also help some in our community.

God bless / Happy Holidays



Let it snow

**Letter from Regent**

Dear Sisters In Christ,

I hope this Advent season finds you well, and that your preparation for the celebration of Christmas is fruitful. Advent and Christmas are some of the most exciting times of the year for me and for all of us. Who doesn't remember the excitement we had as children? Putting our shoes by the door for the Feast of St. Nicholas and crossing your fingers that when you wake in the morning he brought you sweets instead of a lump of coal? Singing Christmas carols over and over and over again, the smells in

the house from all of the cookies and treats being prepared, and the anticipation of what we might find under the Christmas tree or in our



stockings? I pray that as we gather together as families and as a Church we can truly find the joy and the peace of Christ. In all the hustle and bustle that undoubtedly

occurs I pray this season brings you a deep peace. A stillness in knowing just how much Our Lord truly loves us. May the commemoration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus be ever more meaningful, and make your love for Him deeper still. May God richly bless you and those you love this holy season.

Happy Advent ..... and a very Merry Christmas to each and every one of my CDA Sisters.

In Unity and Charity,  
Kristin Stewart, Regent

**Note from Vice Regent**

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## Ditty Bags for the Womans Shelter and the homeless

So for those that either didn't go to the meeting or those that have a brain like mine. The ditty bags were made at the 10-8-16 meeting. There was 125 bags made, then on 10-11-16 there was additionally 57 more were made. A total of 182 was made by our ladies. Way to go CDA. The places that they were handed out were 50 helpless

hand homeless Woman's Domestic Violence shelter. Then 132 to Victor Valley

We want to thank all that help to collect the items to put in the bags. We want to thank all that helped to put the bags together after meeting. We want a very big thank you a very for helping to hand out the bags to those

that needed them. So lets keep it going.



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## Helene Shepard, National Regent

Dear Catholic Daughters,

I can truly say that I know what it means to be on Cloud 9, because I have been there since I returned from the National Convention and certainly when I formally became the National Regent on August 20th. It has been an exhilarating, yet humbling, experience. I can't help but share that joy and gratitude with each of you. Thank you for all the cards and good wishes and most of all for your prayers and support. On September 24th, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, National Chaplain, was the principal celebrant at a Mass of Thanksgiving held in my home parish. Father Jeffrey Maurer, National Clergy Consultant and many priests from the Archdiocese of New York concelebrated. Past NY State Chaplain Msgr. James Cox and Past National Chaplain Father Matthew Kuhn also participated in the Mass. What a tremendous sign of support. I was honored with the presence of the National Board, State Officers from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Oregon. Past National Regents Rayola, Grace, Anne and Shirley were in attendance. Members of our Office Staff were there along with my immediate family, extended family and dear friends who joined in the celebration. It could not get any better. It wasn't long after this that reality set in. The National Quarterly had to be done as well as the proofing of Share magazine. After completion, it was off to Indianapolis for the NCCW Convention with Olga and I had the honor of bringing greetings from all of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It was not straight home. I then went on to the State Conference in



Eugene, Oregon, where I was most welcomed and graciously received. No, it still wasn't home yet after that because I went on to Washington, DC, for Vespers at the St. John Paul II Center where the Bishops were collaborating for the Convocation for Catholic Leaders that will take place in Orlando in July 2017. There was a presentation and a lovely reception. I stayed at a Franciscan Retreat Center. The sister that greeted me knew I was from New York as soon as I opened my mouth. She was from Ogdensburg, New York and her cousin is Past National Director Rita Devan. It is a small world. Finally, I was able to return home and try to create a routine. It didn't happen. A few days later I was off to Santa Barbara, CA, for the 100th Anniversary of Court Santa Barbara #293. It was a first class event. I am still trying to catch my breath. As I write this message, I am getting ready to attend and speak at the 100th Anniversary of the State Court of Massachusetts. These are wonderful milestones that we need to celebrate. So, in addition to the emotional high, I have literally been on Cloud 9 via my many hours in the air. By now you have received your "Fun"D Cal-

endars. I am sure you will be generous and joyful in participating in this fundraiser. Just think you may be a winner! Know that your donation will be used for "the least of My brethren." I would like to thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping us fulfill our Mission Statement. Recently many of our CDA sisters have experienced disasters in their states. Since the term began we have sent almost \$20,000 to the following states from our Disaster Relief Fund: Louisiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. Please pray for these states. You and your generosity, make this a reality. Our contributions don't end there. We joyfully attended the 30th Annual SOAR Benefit in New York City and \$10,000 was presented in your name to the retired religious who are presently facing very difficult financial times. At the last full board meeting we approved sending \$8,000 to Human Life International. This donation will be used for a pro-life advocacy center. I also attended a Catholic Relief Services reception at the Penn Club in New York City at which I presented a \$10,000 check in your name to Dr. Carolyn Woo, CEO. It is important for you to realize that I am only the messenger. It is each of you who make these gifts possible. What better time to think of this than the season of Christmas, when the ultimate gift



**All is marry  
and bright**

## Letter from Rev. Jeffrey J. Maurer

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ: Welcome to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas! Serving God and others in unity and charity has been the vision and mission of this venerable organization since 1903. You now proudly join a long line of ladies inspired by Jesus to serve the Lord with gladness. You are becoming a part of a family who doesn't just look inward to self but outward to others. That was Jesus' mission and that is ours too. Simply knowing the task ahead as "daughters" and disci-

ples, serving the Lord and others, can without joy, become simply another job. The Lord calls us to more than a job, more than a task but a mission rooted in relationship. May this moment be a moment of mission, not just of tasks or activity, may it inspire us and others to serve the Lord and others, in a spirit of joy.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Jeffrey J. Maurer  
National Clergy Consultant



## State Regent Rosemarie Thomson

My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Having completed the Christmas season, we now enter a new Liturgical year. The Forty Days of Lent and Easter Sunday will be here before we know it. As Catholic Daughters, this is a good time to enhance our spiritual lives by attending daily Mass, and/or a retreat or Day of Recollection. We definitely need to keep one another in prayer. The board can definitely use your prayers. Speaking of the board, there have been many, many glitches to work out but we're getting there.

I.e. It was difficult to get the last set of releases out due to a problem with our email program. It ended up being a frantic rush and consequently, they were a few errors. The National Convention this July is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It would be wonderful to have a good representation of members from California. Be sure to make your reservations early. Eventually we will be sending out information about the State Dinner night. We all know Pittsburgh has a lot of history so besides the convention, there will be a lot to see and do. This Spring will

be election time for local officers. I pray if you are asked to step up, you will do it graciously and with pride. This is a wonderful organization and we can only survive with strong leaders and the support of its members.

Enjoy the freshness of springtime.

Take care and God Bless!

Rosemarie Thomson

## National Secretary-Treasurer/National Supervisor Vickie Feist

Greetings my dear California Catholic Daughters of the Americas! As I sit here writing this article and thinking about when I can next make my way to California, the temperature outside is -7°F and the wind chill is -23°F and it is expected to drop quite a bit further overnight. So, I am thinking about the prayerful and compassionate warmth of the Catholic Daughters in California to keep me warm. I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the loving prayers offered by the ladies of California during my recent surgery and health issues that

followed! With Lent coming on, I have begun thinking about what to "give up" or "take on" to grow closer to Jesus this year. In *Roses Among Thorns: Simple Advice for Renewing Your Spiritual Journey*, St. Francis de Sales tells us "In order to be devout, not only must we want to do the will of God, we must do it joyfully. If I were not a bishop, yet knew what I know, I would not want to be one. But being one, not only am I obliged to do what this annoying office requires, but I must do it joyfully, and I must take delight in it and accept it. To do

so is to follow St. Paul's saying, "in whatever state each was called, there let him remain with God" (1 Cor. 7:24)." And also, "I want to do this; I would be better there than here": we are tempted by such thoughts. Our Lord knows what he is about. Let us do his will and remain where he has placed us." This Lent, I will seek to not only engage in fasting, sacrifice, and prayer but I will work to do so joyfully and with delight. Sisters, will you join me?

## ODA Court #2499 Officers

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We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the school auditorium. Rosary at 10:30 am and the meeting 11 am.

Please save your pop-top and old keys as we go to Ronald McDonald House to turn them in so that they can help the families that stay because of their child is getting medical help.

N.I.C.U. is always happy to receive blankets, so please keep on knitting or crocheting the blankets. If you have any questions contact the treasurer

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## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a

listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a

regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

