

Gazette
June 2019

Letter from our Co-Presidents Pat Kirlin and Ellen Jose

We are pleased to work together as co-presidents this year and to work with all of you as the St. Augustine Guild begins its fifty-second year. The Guild has been blessed, and we are grateful for the support Mother Francis Gabriel, the sisters, and the help the St. Augustine staff provides to help us fulfill our mission. We could not accomplish what we do without their prayers, practical assistance, and guidance.

As co-presidents, we will work together to fulfill the Guild's mission. Throughout the upcoming year, we will strive to increase our membership. We plan to strengthen the recruitment, sponsorship, and orientation processes to attract energetic and enthusiastic women who are committed to serving the elderly poor and who possess the leadership skills needed to carry the Guild forward. We also plan to implement strategies that will strengthen current members' involvement in Guild sponsored events and activities.

We still have several committees that do not have a chair. We need chairs for the following committees: *High Tea, Mass for the Deceased, Communications, and HOTS*. In order to ease members' apprehension about chairing committees, we plan to meet with the each committee chair to develop a working document that defines the chair's duties and responsibilities and an action plan for accomplishing the committee's objectives.

We are grateful for the countless hours of service Guild members provide to the Sisters and residents of the Home and we value your involvement in this endeavor. It is truly gratifying to work with women who emulate St. Jeanne Jugan's spirit of love and service to the elderly poor.

We are looking forward to this next year of service to the Little Sisters of the Poor and residents of the Home and pray that God will bless all our efforts.

Pat & Ellen

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, June 23rd - Ice Cream Social for St. Augustine Home Residents at 2:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Home.

Dates for the 2019-2020 Guild year will be published in the 2019-2020 Guild directory coming out this summer.

Liz Stanton Received *The Spirit of Service Award*

Liz Stanton, a Guild member since 2008, and member of St. Monica, received *The Spirit of Service Award* from Catholic Charities on April 30th. You can read more about Liz's charitable work and view her video at:

<https://www.archindy.org/cc/indianapolis/spirit.html>

2019 Hats Off to Spring Was a Success!!!

This year's Hats Off to Spring fundraiser was held on May 1st at the Ritz Charles and had 441 attendees. During the social hour, the attendees sipped on complimentary mimosas while buying raffle tickets, shopping at The Secret Ingredient and Celtic Cross tables, and socializing with other attendees. Our guest emcee, Ray Cortopassi, kept the audience entertained and laughing as he drew the winning ticket for each of the 9 gift card trees, the 2 DeBrand Chocolate Experiences, the door prize, and for the centerpiece of purple petunias on each table. Our 50/50 winner was Mary Ann Pahud and she went home \$1,480 wealthier. Our fashion show was provided by Jeanne Rush of *The Secret Ingredient*. Our Guild members modeled her beautiful clothes and Jeanne donated 10% of her sales to HOTS.

The net proceeds for this year's HOTS was **\$57,248.72**. Christy Troxell presented Sr. Rosario a ceremonial check for this amount during the June 6th luncheon held at Meridian Hills Country Club. A financial report for the 2016-2019 HOTS is attached to the email for this Gazette.

Thank you to all who attended and donated to this year's Hats Off to Spring.

Membership Renewal

It's membership renewal time again and your membership renewal form and check were due on June 14th (they are printed on pink paper this year). Those who have not renewed their membership will be contacted by Christy Troxell in the following manner:

1) *If you have email* - you recently received an email from Christy Troxell with the membership renewal form attached to the email. Please print out both pages of the form, fill out both pages of the renewal form, and return it along with your check to Debbie Kukla no later than July 1st. Debbie's address is listed on the renewal form;

2) *If you do not have an email* - you received another renewal form in the same envelope as you received this Gazette. Please fill out the front and the back of the renewal form and return it with your membership check to Debbie Kukla no later than July 1st. Her address is on the front page of the form.

PLEASE NOTE: If I do not have your renewal form by July 1st, I cannot guarantee you will be included in the 2019-2020 Guild directory. The printed directory includes those Guild members who have formally renewed at the time the directory is compiled. Anyone who renews or joins after July 1st will be included in the semi-annual directory update in December 2019. So, don't wait!!!

A Message from Pat Kirlin

Our new corresponding secretary, Mary Patout will need your help notifying her of Guild members or their family members who have passed away or are needing prayers from the Guild. One of the duties of the corresponding secretary is to send condolence cards and get-well cards. Here are guidelines for when to notify Mary Patout:

- (1) Guild members who pass away during the course of the year, and family members of guild members (spouses, children, parents, grandchildren) who pass away during that time;

- (2) Hospitalizations, major illnesses and significant medical procedures (such as chemotherapy, or cardiac rehab); the corresponding secretary can send a 'get well' note, and also alert our members via email, if prayers are needed, and requested by a Guild member

When you become aware of information in either of these two categories, via information from your parish, or through personal contact, please help Mary out, and pass the information on to her. Her email and phone number are both in our Roster.

Thank you for helping Mary with our Guild correspondence for the year. For those of you who are long-time members of the Guild, your help is invaluable to both Mary, and our Chair of the Mass for the Deceased that we celebrate every March (especially because most of the Executive Officers are fairly new to the Guild, and would not necessarily recognize Guild members when reading the Indy Star obituaries).

THE LITTLE SISTERS NEED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS TOTAL!!

As we start the 2019-2020 business year it continues to be important to report the volunteer hours you provide to the Guild and the Little Sisters outside of the Home. To report your hours please do the following:

- 1) Continue to report your hours the first week of the month for the previous month's offsite volunteer hours to Sara Wissler. Sara's email is sara.wissler2@gmail.com. If you do not have email, then you call Sara at (317) 771-5738 to report your hours.

- 2) Sara will manually enter these hours into the Volgistics system. You **do not need** to report the specific activities you engaged in - only the hours.

So mark your calendars or set up a reminder to report your offsite hours to Sara Wissler during the first week of every month. The Home benefits from you reporting your volunteer hours.

Please Remember the Following Deceased in Your Prayers

Donna O'Donnell - A Guild member since 2003, passed away on April 24, 2019. Her obituary can be found at:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/donna-odonnell-8262712>