

Gazette
October 2018

THE
ST. AUGUSTINE
GUILD

*Dedicated to aiding the Little Sisters of the Poor in the
operation of Saint Augustine Home*

A Message from Debbie Cragen, President of the St. Augustine Guild.

September 24, 2018

Re: President's Welcome Letter

Dear Saint Augustine Guild Members:

I am very pleased and honored to serve as your 2018-2019 President of the Saint Augustine Guild non-profit organization that not only gives oneself to the care of the elderly but also allows friendships to be created among each other.

I am following the footsteps of many great Presidents and early leaders for the past 51 years since the induction of the Saint Augustine Guild. The Saint Augustine Guild was formed in 1967 and the individuals who formed the Guild were motivated and persistent in pursuing a goal of success for supporting to the Little Sisters Of The Poor and the residents in the Saint Augustine Home, In Indianapolis.

For our current Guild members and perspective members I want to assure you the intention of my term of Presidency is to grow the organization without limits. We will stay focused on remaining as a benefit to our members, and also stay current with the needs of the Little Sisters Of The Poor and their residents.

I look forward to a productive successful year and invite each of you to participate, and most importantly to become actively involved. I value your talents. May I offer a few examples of the ongoing missions that need to be fulfilled this year that may be of interest to you to include the following:

- Fundraiser Events: Christmas Bazaar and Hats Off To Spring (HOTS)
- Serving Residents: Bed making, Transportation, Sewing etc...
- Monthly Activities For Residents: Bingo, Fun & Games etc...
- Annual Events For Residents: Oktoberfest, High Tea etc...
- Annual Events For The Residents And Guild Members: Mass for the Deceased, Day of Reflection
- Service For The Guild: Communications Committee, Serve as an Ambassador etc

As your President, I will endeavor to the following 3 goals:

1. Substantially Increase Volunteer Membership
2. Exceed previous year Fund raising Goals i.e.: Christmas Bazaar and HOTS
3. Further the ideals of Saint Jeanne Jugan within the Guild and residents

In Closing, let us never forget the basis of our ministry including our Patron Saint Jeanne Jugan. It is especially an honor to join you in the celebration of the Jeanne Jugan 150th year Jubilation founding of the Little Sisters Of The Poor who traveled from France to America. Truly, I am proud to be your President of the Indianapolis Saint Augustine Home existence for 145 years!.

Saint Jeanne Jugan Pray For Us!

Blessings to all,
Debbie Cragen
President
Cell: 317-749-2244

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Upcoming Events

November 2nd (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) - Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine Home in Lanagan Hall

November 3rd (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) - Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine Home in Lanagan Hall

November 7 (10:00 a.m.) - Coffee meeting at the Home of Jean Guio (12745 Kiawah Drive, Carmel, IN.) **Please RSVP by going to this SignUp Genius link or emailing Christy Troxell at Christy-sag@outlook.com to RSVP.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945a5ac2fa3fa7-rsvp>

December 12 (2:00 p.m.) - Christmas Party for the Residents

News from the Little Sisters

Dear Guild Members,

We have begun our year of celebration marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Little Sisters on American soil. On September 13, 1868, eight Little Sisters of varying nationalities left their homeland forever to carry on the work of St. Jeanne Jugan in America to the many elderly in need. Today, 150 years later, we marvel at Divine Providence, who continues to reap blessings and gifts upon us which enables us to continue that work begun many years ago.

Throughout the year, our celebrations will be marked by the theme of this year 'From a Humble Heart - A Great Wave of Charity', recognizing St. Jeanne Jugan, and her spirit which propelled her work into being. While the world around us has changed since 1868, what has not changed is the love and purpose of our lives - to bring God's love and kindness to the elderly in need in our world. St. Jeanne Jugan's life and that of our early Little Sisters remained focused on their mission, and were never deterred from any of the challenges or difficulties they faced. Serving the elderly as St. Jeanne Jugan would brought God's love to those most in need.

As we celebrate, we renew our dedication to serve the neediest elderly a century and a half later, and hope and pray that you will celebrate with us - in our life and service - as St. Jeanne Jugan did. You are a blessing to us in countless ways, and we look forward to celebrating with you.

Blessed be God! Thank you. my God! Glory be to God!
Mother Francis Gabriel and the Little Sisters of the Poor

Christmas Bazaar News!!

The St. Augustine Guild Christmas Bazaar is quickly approaching and you have received information about it. We still need Volunteers to help, ***especially on Saturday, November 3rd.*** Please go to the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up for a slot. ***REMEMBER:*** after you click on the volunteer slot please go to the bottom of the page and click the "Submit and Sign Up" button to save your selection.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

On behalf of the President Debbie Cragen and EC members...we ask you consider attending the Christmas Bazaar. To show our gratitude, please sign in and sign out to receive volunteer time as you enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season and the crafts hand made by Guild members and the residents.

The Little Store Needs our Help

The Little Store needs: all types of birthday and anniversary cards, seasonal gently used clothes (elastic waist pants), toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, lotion, and antibacterial soap, Kleenex, and \$.50 postage stamps.

We cannot use: turtle neck tops, greeting cards and note paper with names of charities, stained or needing repair clothing, or religious items sent through the mail from a charity. Please drop items off at the front desk of the Home with a note reading Little Store.

Questions? Call Peggy at 317-873-5634. Thanks.

Newsletter from St. Augustine Home

The Fall 2018 St. Augustine Home newsletter is posted on their website and can be found by clicking on the link below: <http://www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Fall-Newsletter-IndianapolisLowRes.pdf>

There is an article about the beds the Guild helped to fund and other stories about residents, activities at the Home, and a list of their needs. These needs include: *Office supplies (paper, pens, clips), laundry detergent (liquid detergent - no pods, please), Kleenex, tree maintenance services, toiletries (denture cleaner, handwash, body wash, mouth was), and a minivan vehicle for transportation.*

Many of you remember when we responded last year to the Home's request for copy paper. If you are wanting to donate any of the above listed items, please drop them off at the front desk at the Home.

Congratulate our Top 12 Volunteers for 2017-2018

At the September 12, 2018 luncheon the following Guild members were recognized as being the top 12 volunteers in hours contributed during the 2017 - 2018 Guild business year. Those in attendance received a certificate and a rosary ring. The hours were based on hours recorded in the former Guild volunteer notebook.

Debbie Simmons	767 hours
Karen Clark	604 hours
Mary Ann Zafian	299 hours
Peggy Houchens	291 hours
Sara Wissler	281 hours
Therese Loureiro	280 hours
Marion McDermott	274 hours
Debi Kappes	256 hours
Beatrice Eickert/ Deitchman	238 hours
Cindi Fankhauser	210 hours
Janice Jaussaud	203 hours
Louise Collet	196 hours

Those top 12 volunteers who did not attend the luncheon to receive your certificate and rosary ring may pick it up at the November 7th Coffee Meeting. If you do not attend the November 7th meeting, Christy Troxell will mail it to you.

Please Remember the Deceased in Your Prayers

Dorothy Dudine - Guild member since 2017 and mother of Guild member Margaret Wenthe passed away on June 20, 2018.
<https://www.becherkluesner.com/obituaries/Dorothy-Dudine/#!/Obituary>

Don Ash - Husband of Guild member Jan Ash passed away on July 24, 2018
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/donald-ash-7944359>

Mary Malatesta - Guild member since 1989 passed away on July 28, 2018.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?pid=189753228>

Kathryn Martell - Former long-term Guild member passed away on August 17, 2018 in Florida.
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=190083445>

Gertrude "Trudy" Belinski - Guild member since 1980 passed away on August 23, 2018.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?pid=190045330>

Dorothy Mae (Abbott) Filiatreau - Founding Guild member since 1967 passed away on August 31, 2018.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pal-item/obituary.aspx?pid=190151496>

John David Griggs - Brother of Guild member Mary Ann Van Note passed away on September 1, 2018.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailyherald/obituary.aspx?n=john-david-griggs&pid=190171288>

Sybil E. Spartz - Mother-in-law of Guild member Lynn Spartz passed away on September 28, 2018.
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/haughton-la/sybil-spartz-8009082>

Spiro Angelo Purichia - Brother-in-law of Guild member Sylvia Purichia passed away on October 8, 2018.
<https://stevensmortuary.net/tribute/details/1252/Spiro-Purichia/obituary.html>

Faye DiNardo - Guild member since 2013, passed away on October 19, 2018. Faye was the mother of JoAnne Spellman, grandmother of Suzanne Spellman, and grandmother by marriage to Beth Spellman. All three of these family members are current members of the Guild. <https://www.usherfuneralhome.com/notices/Faye-DiNardo>

May God grant them eternal rest.

Phase Two of Tracking Your Volunteer Hours

On August 3, 2018 you all received information about using the Volgistics system to record your volunteer hours at the Home. The initial rollout of that system has gone well and now we are ready for Phase Two. Phase Two involves recording those volunteer hours you provide for Guild related events that are done outside of St. Augustine Home. Sara Wissler, Pamela Smoot, and Christy Troxell clarified what is needed to report your offsite hours. Here is the process we want Guild members to use when they have offsite hours to report:

- 1) During the first week of the month (beginning in November 2018) please send an email to Sara Wissler with the total number of offsite hours you provided **since August 2018**. 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) Beginning the first week of December 2018, please report your hours to Sara for the previous month of November.
- 3) Continue to report your hours the first week of the month for the previous month's offsite volunteer hours.
- 4) 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. This need for only the hours has been verified by Sara Smoot, Volunteer Coordinator at St. Augustine Home.

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 your reporting of volunteer hours.

Please Welcome our New Members of the Guild Since June 1, 2018

Anita Siccardi, Pat Wachtel, and Anne O'Connor

Their contact information is in the current 2018-2019 roster

Message from the Editor: Any questions about the content, selection of content, or delivery of the *Gazette* should be directed to me, Christy Troxell, at Christy-sag@outlook.com or at (317) 345-3459. The next *Gazette* will be published in December 2018. Please send submissions for that edition by November 15, 2018 via email to Christy.

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