

Gazette
Summer 2020

THE
ST. AUGUSTINE
GUILD

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

www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org

2020 Tentative Schedule

Fall Luncheon Meeting: Thursday, September 10 or 17 (location and time TBD)
Octoberfest: Wednesday, October 28
Mass for the Deceased: Thursday, November 5
Annual Election Meeting: Wednesday, November 12 (location and time TBD)
Resident Christmas Party: Thursday, December 10
Twelve Days of Christmas: December 13 – 25

2021 Tentative Schedule

Spring Member Meeting: Thursday, March 4 (location and time TBD)
Day of Reflection: Thursday, March 11
HOTS: Wednesday: May 5
Spring Luncheon Meeting: Thursday, June 3
Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 19, or Sunday, June 20
Fall Member Meeting: Thursday, September 9 (location and time TBD)
Octoberfest: Wednesday, October 6
Annual Election Meeting: Wednesday, November 10 (location and time TBD)
Bazaar: Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6 or 12 & 13
Resident Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 8 or 15
Twelve Days of Christmas: December 13 -25

This tentative schedule reflects two changes to our traditional schedule: the Mass for the Deceased will take place in November, close to the Feast of All Souls Day, and the High Tea will take place in April, in order to provide the residents with a spring activity, and lighten up the fall schedule for both the residents and the Guild.

Did you Know?

The Guild has 90 Active members;

We have 2 major fundraisers each year;

We serve residents in 9 areas at The Home;

We have monthly activities at the Home;

We have annual events for the residents;

We have 2 spiritual events each year for the residents and Guild;

We volunteer approximately 2000 hours for the Home each quarter.

We Are All Membership Ambassadors

As members of the St. Augustine Home Guild, we are all called to be Ambassadors of the mission and service to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Share your experiences of volunteering at the Home with others

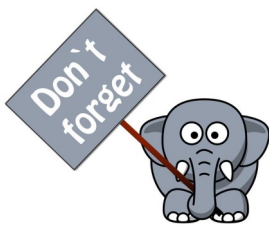
Share the spiritual blessings received from attending Mass and confession at the Home's chapel and the joy you find in being with the residents.

Living your life with faith and charity and a personal invitation to women of your parish will bring more women into the Guild who share our mission.

Remember that all new members must be sponsored by a Guild member. If you would like New Member registration forms, for prospective members please contact

Barb Hendrickson, New member liaison
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Welcome



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal forms for the 2021 calendar year will be emailed to you in late August. Mark your calendars with a reminder! Instructions for returning the renewal form, which will look much like our past renewal forms, and dues will be included in the email.

We ask that you return both the renewal form and your dues by **November 1.**

For those of you who are contemplating not renewing your membership for personal reasons, we ask that you consider becoming an associate or sustaining member for 2021, and the future, as a means of continuing to support the Home financially without the obligation of service hours.

For those members who continue on as active members, the volunteer hours are invaluable to the staff and the residents, howsoever we are able to assist in the coming year.

June 23, 2020

Dear Guild Members,

I write this note hoping you are all well and safe. The last three months and have been long and hard for everyone, especially our dear residents who are so vulnerable to the Coronavirus. The quarantine has been long, but our goal is to keep everyone safe.

Hopefully, you have been able to keep up to date on the life of the home by the letters being posted weekly on our webpage.

The halls and rooms at St. Augustine's are quiet these days - as we miss your presence and all the joy that you bring to our home.

For weeks, we missed our daily mass which is our spiritual nourishment that we have grown so accustomed to. Replaced by a daily spiritual communion, we have united ourselves to the Church and the world in this our time of isolation and challenge. Strange as it be, we know and confide all to our Lord who calls us still to be confident witness of His love and protection in our confused world.

As spring turned to summer, we are able to have small groups and spend time on our beautiful grounds. We still cannot welcome our friends and visitors to the home, so we are making the best of the situation and learning to appreciate some quiet time and the simple things of life. We look forward to the day when we can welcome you all back with open arms!

As you may have heard, we had several little sisters come and help us during the quarantine. They have now returned home. We said goodbye to Sr. Christina and welcomed Sr. Albina to our home. In the coming days, we will be saying good-bye to Sr. Pauline and hoping her replacement will arrive soon.

While distance separates us all that moment, we feel very united to you all - like a family would!

God bless you,
Mother Francis

Mother Francis Gabriel has been posting updates as to the status of the residents and staff of the Home since March 19. If you are interested in how things are going, and have not checked their website you may do so here:

<http://www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org/>

Mother's updates are posted in the top right corner of the home page. You will be pleased to find that things are going well at the Home; and your continued prayers will help to see them through to the end of this pandemic.

Rest in Peace

Betty Chepules, resident of St. Augustine Home, served as President of the Guild.

Stan Newman, husband of Guild member Pat Newman.

*May their souls rest in peace
and may the perpetual light
shine upon them.*

Watch for the Adopt-a-Resident E-blast!!

The details are still being ironed out,
but we wanted to let you know.

We are planning to start a Pen Pal /
Adoption program with the residents
to let them know we are thinking
about them and something that we
can do from our homes!

Watch for an update in the next
couple of weeks about this fun new
opportunity!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are not allowed to volunteer
with the residents, however, there is
a need for drivers to pick up
donations around the city.

The Days and Times Needed:

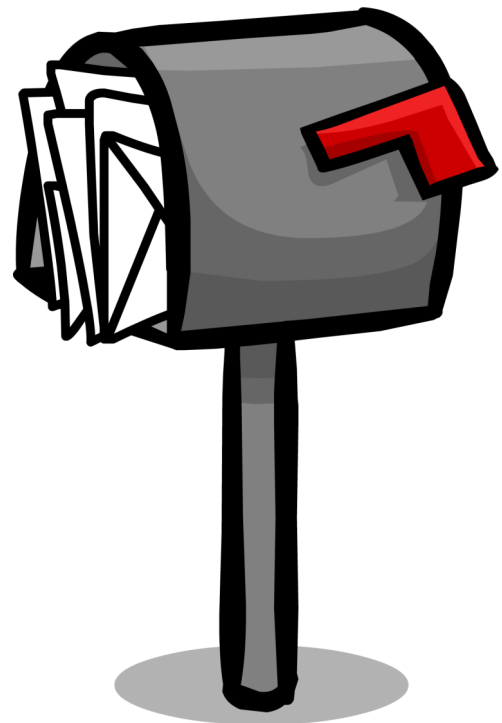
Tuesday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Wednesday from 11:00 AM – 4:00
PM

Thursday from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Friday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please contact Nancy Engelken ,
Volunteer Coordinator if you are
available to help.



Bazaar 2020

When the officers planned the calendar for 2020 and 2021, we discussed the advisability of holding the Bazaar. The officers were unanimous in their belief that having an event that brings members of the community into the Home for an event that allows people to mingle closely and touch items would pose a health hazard to both residents and staff.

For those of you who have been spending the past few months sheltering in place, and perhaps making items for the Bazaar, please hold on to the items for 2021. They will be most appreciated!

To offset the loss of revenue from the Bazaar, consider attending either the December 12 fundraiser dinner that is held every year (at the Willows), as well as helping Nathan with the February Bingo event, AND attending the Bingo (and bringing friends and family, as well).

If we support these events, we will have helped to support the Home financially through these difficult times.

Fall Luncheon Meeting

Given the uncertainties of the trajectory of the pandemic, and restrictions on large gatherings that may be curtailed should the number of cases of COVID escalate in Indiana, we need to consider how we might be able to meet in September.

One option to consider is a Fall Luncheon Meeting in a member's back yard, which would allow us to maintain social distancing. We could have the meal catered, which would make it easy for attendees who won't have to worry about preparing a dish.

Please email or call either Ellen or Pat with your thoughts as to this possibility, and the Executive Officers will plan accordingly.



Hats Off to Spring (H.O.T.S.) Report

Debbie Simmons

We are the Guild. "We See. We Care. We Help." Who knew when this theme for the HOTS event was chosen how prophetic it would be? When the pandemic restrictions forced us to cancel our 53rd annual Luncheon so many Guild Members *saw* the need, *cared* about the Little Sisters and Residents, and *helped* by giving and giving and giving. How much?

Gross Receipts	\$52,470.00	
Expenses	-\$1703.21	(Cost of invitation printing and mailing)
Net Income	\$50,766.79	

This is the 5th highest HOTS fundraising amount ever. As a footnote to this effort, on the weekend preceding the HOTS event date, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish tithed \$3900 from their Sunday collection as a donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor. This amount is *not included* in the total above, but the timing was so providential, that I sent a letter of thanks to Father Ted Rothrock, who has been a supporter of our HOTS event for many years.

There were 101 members of the Guild who donated a total of \$18,595 via check or online donations. The remainder of the funds were from generous Sponsors (\$14,325) and many donors from the Little Sisters' e-mail list, and Indianapolis area parishioners who were notified via Church bulletins of our cancellation appeal (\$19,550.)

There were 14 Guild members who gave \$1254.00 in Gift Card donations. Some cards that were for craft stores were given directly to the Home to purchase materials for Residents to use during their sequestration. The remainder are in safekeeping with Tricia Damler, chair of the Gift Card Raffle committee. They will be kept for next year.

We plan to hold the HOTS Luncheon next year on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at the Ritz Charles, which will be newly remodeled by then. I will serve as Chair again, but I need a co-Chair. Many thanks to my "Dream Team" committee, and especially to Nathan Buonanno, for his countless hours with the internet appeal process. The success of this event would simply not have happened without that.

And thank you, thank you, thank you to the St. Augustine Home Guild.

St. Jeanne Jugan answered our prayers through all of you. Thanks be to God!

Bylaws Update

As you may recall, the bylaws were sent to members via email prior to the March 5 general member meeting, and reviewed at that meeting. We are grateful to those who sent us suggestions and questions, which the officers took into consideration as we reviewed and finalized the bylaws.

Policies and Procedures

Several members have had questions regarding certain topics not covered in the bylaws (i.e., dues). The officers are going to develop a list of policies and procedures that rightfully exist outside the bylaws, and will pertain to items that may change from year to year (I.e., annual dues). If such items were to be included in the bylaws, it would be necessary to amend the bylaws, whereas policies and procedures can

Articles of Incorporation

On May 5 the State Attorney General's Office officially recognized our organization under its new name, The St. Augustine Home Guild. Attorney Mike Franceschini, a Home Advisory Board Member, prepared and submitted the paperwork for us and recommended that we modify the name "St. Augustine Guild," as we were formerly known. Our name is now "St. Augustine Home Guild;" however, we can continue to be referred to as "The Guild and "St. Augustine Guild in informal communication.