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MISSION STATEMENT

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YEAR AT A GLANCE:

September: Fall Festival Country Store

October: Socktober

Gummi Bears for Habitat for Humanity

November: Memorial Program for Deceased CDA Members

December: Christmas Party and Adopt a Family

January: Winterfest Bake Sale

February: Education Contest, Pie and Pop Fundraiser with K of C

March: Easter Ham and Pie Raffle

April: Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Pregnancy Options Baby Shower

May: Crowning of Mary

Schoenstatt Retreat

June: CDA Salad Luncheon

Priest Appreciation

July: No Meeting

August: Potluck Picnic and Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School Staff Luncheon

GABRIEL

COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



SEPTEMBER
2023

Next CDA Meeting: TIME CHANGE!!!! Tuesday September 12th. Rosary at 6PM!!! Meeting at 6:20PM!!! Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca.

Insane Summer Salad Extravaganza!

Our CDA court had our annual Salad Luncheon in June. It was well attended and had many salads to try. There was the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick beforehand. There were three days of preparation so there were plenty of volunteering opportunities and unity time for CDA.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of August. It seems like it was just May and our court had our last meeting of the year. Even though we didn't have a lot of communication during the past couple of months, parts of Court Sacred Heart have been busy. Of course, in June we had the Salad Luncheon, which was a great success. We also had a meeting with several court members and the State Membership Committee this summer to find out what we can do to make our court better. In July, the officers met to put together a plan for the year. In August, we held pillow cleaning at the beginning of the month. Our court also sponsored a picnic for the women of Sacred Heart and All Saints Catholic Churches. There was a great response, with both CDA members and women of Sacred Heart Parish attending. Some of the women who attended that are not yet members have voiced an interest in joining!! We also had a budget committee meeting which included officers and court members. We will still have the annual teachers luncheon at the end of August to welcome back the teachers and staff of Sacred Heart. The officers will also be attending the Summer Workshop at the end of the month. We may not have had regular meetings during the summer, but we were not stagnant!

Be sure to read the newsletter for information about dues, changes in voting procedures, and other information about our court. I hope that you have had a chance to look at the State CDA newsletter. Get acquainted with the new state officers. (We have some great leaders in the bunch!) You will also find an article about Court Sacred Heart there. So, take some time to go out on your patio or porch to relax and check all of this out.

I pray that Court Sacred Heart will become a more active court than we already are. I hope to see more members attend the meetings, If not monthly, at least a couple of times during the year. The members of Court Sacred Heart are great to support all of our fundraisers, but it would be awesome if we could get more input from members at our meetings. **Remember, this is your group, NOT the officers' group.**

I hope that God has blessed all of you with time to do the things that you enjoy in the summer-time. Time with family and friends, time to garden, time to fish, time to relax and enjoy the sunshine... whatever it is that makes your life enjoyable.

In Unity and Charity;

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CHANGES IN VOTING PROCEDURE

BY: Pat Foley



When we met with the CDA State Membership Committee this summer, we were informed that when we receive a request for a donation that is not included in the Budget or Standing Rules, that we need to present the request to the court at a meeting. This request may be briefly discussed and then will be tabled until the next meeting. This is to give the members time to think about it, and for the members who are not able to attend the meeting to have time to be informed about the request and have time to respond with their vote. Please be assured that the officers of Court Sacred Heart will attempt to follow this rule as closely as possible. I am sure there will be times when this will be difficult to follow because of time constraints and the urgency of the request. We will do all we can to make it work. If you have any questions or concerns about this change in the method of voting for requests for donations, please contact Pat Foley at 507-461-5095.

May 9, 2023 CDA Minutes

Rosary was led by [Deb Wobschall](#) at 6:45 pm prior to the start of the regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca.

Lunch was served by Bea O'Brien.

Prayer and Crowning of Mary was led by Spiritual Enhancement chair, Deb Wobschall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Regent, Pat Foley. Silent roll call was taken. There were 5 officers present and a quorum.

Minutes from the Apr 11, 2023 meeting were read. There is a correction of the anonymous donor of \$100 to naming Chuck Johnson as the donor. Lori Mickelson motioned to amend and approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Newsletter correction on page 5 under MN State Convention - the 2nd Vice Regent is Lisa Ouderkirk.

Reading of Correspondence by Lori Harris.

The Treasurer Report was printed and given by [Carmen Battenfeld](#). Funds paid out for the following:

Reimbursement to Lori Mickelson for Confirmation blanket supplies

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Date	Ck#	Description / Pay to		Amount
4/11/2023	5840	Patty Masberg	State Convention Basket	\$ 25.00
4/11/2023	5841	Pregnancy Options	Donation	\$ 200.00
4/11/2023	5842	Shirley Kern	State Convention Basket	\$ 25.00
4/15/2023	5843	Carlson Pillow Cleaning	Pillow Cleaning	\$ 2,022.50
4/20/2023	5844	CDA	National Dues, Liab Insur, Magazine	\$ 980.00
4/26/2023	5845	Sacred Heart School	Marathon	\$ 300.00
5/5/2023	5846	Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary	Donation	\$ 200.00

\$200 to Schoenstatt for a new front door

CDA made \$575.00 from pillow cleaning.

\$390 was collected from member donations towards the Confirmation blanket supplies.

At this time our CDA account balance is \$10649.16

Reading of Bills: Patty Masberg

Pat Foley spent \$84 on CDA pins and forms for membership sign up.

Sue Harguth motioned to reimburse Pat for the \$84 in CDA expenses. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Speaker: Ayla Todd from Sacred Heart Faith Formation - 2023 St. Felix Cantalice Campaign

During the months of February-May, Sacred Heart Faith Formation is campaigning for community support for the upcoming fiscal year's youth ministry activities:

Totus Tuus

Camp Summit

Steubenville Rochester Conference

Confirmation Retreat

Middle School-High School Service Projects

Monthly Youth Fun Nights

The campaign goals are to raise:

\$6,700 in monetary donations

580 hours of volunteer time

433 hours of prayer for Sacred Heart youth, families, volunteers, and staff

Ayla asked for prayers and financial support from the CDA.

Sue Harguth motioned to give the \$400 in our budget reserved for Faith Formation and the \$100 donated to the CDA by Chuck Johnson designated for the youth of the parish. The motion was discussed, seconded, voted on, and passed unanimously to donate a total of \$500 to the Faith Formation programs.

(Meeting Minutes to be continued on Next Page)

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Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023 (Continued)

Reports of Chairman:

Confirmation Blankets - [Lori Mickelson](#) reported 41 blankets are needed for St. Anne's, Janesville, and Sacred Heart, Waseca, Confirmants. [Lori Mickelson](#) will present the blankets to the students on May 20 during Confirmation rehearsal. The cost of blankets averaged about \$14. A member donated the purple ribbons to sew on the blankets. A member donated Sacred Heart prayer cards to be given with the blankets. There was enough in the budget along with the extra monetary and fleece donations to cover the cost of this service to our youth.

Pillow Cleaning - It was reported that \$575 was raised from this project.

State CDA Convention - Pat Foley, Lori Mickelson, and Sue Harguth attended the convention. Our CDA received Honorary Mention for Leadership AND Membership for the fundraising efforts of members that went to Sacred Heart School. We received third place for Circle of Love Education for Funerals and Catholic Doctrine when having Sam Steffel speak at the January meetings. State Dues went up \$1.00 per year and State Fundraiser went up \$1.00 per year/ per member. National Dues did not go up this year. Total dues between National and State will be \$30.00 per year per member. The officers and budget committee will discuss this during the summer to determine if we will raise local dues and by how much. Membership is down across the state. Sue Harguth shared it is recommended that the Legislative Chair come to meetings to update our local CDA. Also, an idea of supporting students in the fall by filling backpacks with school supplies for those in need.

CDA Retreat at Schoenstatt - 8 women from our court attended. Patty Masberg spoke of the experience, being filled with grace, and increasing her faith and trust in God. She felt the power of starting every day with the "Morning Offering" prayer and gave out prayer cards to members present at the meeting. We are asked to increase our prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. "The Kindness Crusade" was shared. The idea is to do the following 3 each day: pray for, do something kind and say something nice to someone. \$200 is our annual donation as our court's support to them. Pat Foley had applied to MN State CDA for a grant, after asking the Sisters what they needed. The \$500.00 grant that we received is designated for repair of the chapel door.

New Business:

Priest Appreciation - Judy Pipke - This June is Father The's 5th Anniversary of his Ordination. He has asked for prayers. Those present signed a card and offered a prayer bouquet. The 7 Sisters praying for Father The need someone to take Sundays to pray for him.

Seminarians - Shirley Kern purchased cards and gifts for one seminarian being ordained and another a Transitional Deacon in May. She will submit her receipts for reimbursement from the court.

Court Winona is celebrating the 110th Anniversary

New State CDA Website - Check out the new website and pray for new leadership.

Business from the Floor

*Betsy Petsinger volunteered is going to be on the planning team for the church for the Fall Festival. Catholic Daughters will continue to be in charge of the Country Store. The committee volunteers: Connie Ockwig, [Lori Mickelson](#), Shirley Skorczewski.

*We will say a Rosary at the wake for Connie Ockwig's father who passed away.

*Betty Hager - newsletter pictures: Betty Hager our District Deputy had called Pat Foley to expand on the information given in the newsletter with the pictures of the dolls. Betty said that in the "old days" when someone wanted to join CDA, it was voted on by the members with white and black marbles, and if someone got a black marble they were not allowed to become members. The reception of new members took an entire Sunday afternoon. There were several stations that they had to go through during the afternoon to learn about CDA. There were monitors at the doors. Women dressed up for meetings. It was a very big event. Deb Perreault - The salad luncheon will be Friday, Jun 23, 2023. Watch your email for volunteer opportunities.

Geri Kassel asked if we should amend our meeting schedule to include a June meeting so we can discuss the salad luncheon.

The Salad Lunch Committee said that a June meeting is not necessary to assist with planning.

[Lori Mickelson](#) - We are losing members. She encouraged members to reach out and invite women to our meetings and events. You can get membership materials from Lori Mickelson to share with others to tell them about CDA.

Financial Secretary's Report - none

Announcements

Congratulations to Rosalie Grams who was awarded a 50 year member certificate. This was presented to Rosalie along with a 50 year member pin at the meeting.

Next meeting will be Aug 8, 2023 with a potluck picnic at University Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.



MEETING TIME CHANGE

By: Pat Foley



There is a change in the time of the meetings of Court Sacred Heart. **Our meetings will start at 6:00PM** with the Rosary. As soon as the Rosary has been completed the snack / treat will be served by those assigned to serve treats that night. The meeting will start when everyone is settled after getting their snack. We ask that members wait until after the meeting to visit with their friends and CDA sisters. All will be welcome to stay after the meeting for socialization.

This change is being made after listening to comments from staff about changes they would like to see. This will allow us to be done with our meetings earlier in the evening.



Supporting Our Teachers

By Pat Foley



On August 28, 2023, Court Sacred Heart will hold our annual Teacher's and Staff Luncheon. This luncheon has been a longstanding tradition for our court and school. We invite all the teachers from Sacred Heart School, along with the paras, secretary from the school, and staff from the parish office. Small gifts are provided for all of the teachers to show our appreciation for all that they do for the students of Sacred Heart. Members of Court Sacred Heart provide and serve the food.

This year the officers and budget committee members decided that we would like to increase how we show our appreciation for the teachers by providing a gift card for each teacher and para during Catholic School's week. God has blessed the Sacred



DUES – DUES – DUES

BY Pat Foley



DUES!!! This is never a topic that we, as officers, like to bring up. But it is a fact of life, that funds are needed in order to keep Catholic Daughters of the Americas running at a National, State and Local level. Last April when we attended the Minnesota State Convention it was voted on that the State dues would be increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per year. It was also passed that the State Fundraiser will be increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per year. The reason behind these two increases is, in big part, due to the decrease in the number of members supporting the organization. Other reasons are the loss of funds during the pandemic, and the general increase in costs due to inflation. With this increase and the increase in National dues a year ago, this brings the amount that we will be sending to National and State CDA to \$30.00 per member per year. If dues are not increased, then there will be no extra funds from dues to go towards Court Sacred Heart projects.

The Budget Committee has proposed that the annual dues be increased to somewhere between \$35.00 and \$38.00 per year. We are asking for this increase so that we do not have to come to you in a year or two and ask for another change in dues. This will be discussed at our meeting in September and voted on at the October meeting. **THUS, DUES WILL NOT BE PAYABLE UNTIL AFTER WE VOTE ON THEM IN OCTOBER.**

As a reminder to everyone about where our dues go, here is a breakdown:

\$18.00 National Dues
5.00 State Dues
5.00 State Fundraiser
<u>2.00 State Project</u>
\$30.00

For the past two years we have had \$2.00 included for Local Dues which are used, along with fundraisers, to support our local charities, such as support of Sacred Heart School and Church, Bethlehem Inn, Pregnancy Options, Habitat for Humanity, etc.

As always, those members who are over 85 years of age may opt out of paying dues by letting the officers know when they turn 85. If you are not over the age of 85 and need help paying your dues contact the Regent. There are members who will help pay dues for those members who cannot afford to pay their dues. This will be kept confidential.

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A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Lord Jesus,
 You are the teacher of teachers. Before you, we are all learners.
 As we delve into life's mysteries, Each day carries a lesson for us.
 Enlighten our minds. Open our hearts.
 Give us the blessing of your presence in our studies.
 And the will to work together.
 With commitment to the glory of God and the good of all the world.
 Amen.
 --Sr. Helen Rolfson, OSF



A Message From Our National Regent, Emily:

It has been heartbreaking these last few days to see the devastation that the fires have caused to the beautiful Island of Maui, causing thousands of residents and visitors to evacuate. Many have nothing left of their homes and property. At this time 36 are dead and over 1,000 are missing. The historic town of Lahaina a residential and tourist destination, has experienced much of the tragedy. I'm asking all State and local courts and also individuals to please consider sending money earmarked for this terrible tragedy to the National Office (in the check memo list Maui fires). I will then send one check from all Catholic Daughters to the Bishop of the diocese of Hawaii. Please pray for the people of Hawaii.



REMINDER Country Store will be happening at our church festival soon! Time to get busy!

Got extra garden produce? Too many home canned pickles, beets, jelly, or jam? Please consider donating to the Fall Festival Country Store. Other suggested items include baked goods, snack mixes, treats, or plants. Donations are preferred on or prior to Friday the 15th, but can be brought at the start of each day of the festival (September 15, 16, and 17). As you may recall, CDA is chairing this portion of the festival, so please be generous! Questions? Call Lori Mickelson 507-461-2446



We Stuffed Our Pillows and Our Stomachs This Summer!

This summer was busy with our pillow cleaning fundraiser on August 5th, and on August 8th we had our annual potluck picnic. The picnic had wonderful attendance and many new guests, that we hope will join our, fun, active group. The weather was gorgeous and we had more food than what we knew to do with.



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OUR YEARLY CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS for 2023/2024

August	05	Pillow Cleaning
	08	Women's Potluck Picnic
	26	State Workshop
	28	Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch
September	12	Regular Meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Deb Perreault and
	15-17	Sacred Heart Fall Festival (CDA Country Store)
October	10	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Deb Wobschall and Michelle Wolff
	15	CDA Sunday Gummi Bears for Habitat for Humanity Socktober
November	14	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Connie Ockwig and Cathy Brietbarth Memorial Program for deceased CDA members Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Parish for deceased CDA members
December	12	Christmas Social (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by party) Short meeting as needed Adopt a family for Christmas
January	09	Regular Meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Judy Thomas and Jaye Sopkowiak
February	01	Education Contest entries due to local contest chairperson
	13	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Shirley Kern and Nancy Miller
	TBD	"Burger and Pie Fundraiser" with KC's
March	12	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Shirley Skorczewski and Judy Pipke
	TBD	Easter Ham and Pie Raffle
April	9	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by meeting) Treats by Geri Kassel and Joann Earle
	TBD	Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

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May	14	Regular meeting (Rosary at 6:00pm followed by meeting) Treats by Bea O'Brien and Tami O'Brien Program: May Crowning
	TBD	Retreat at Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye
June	N/A	No Regular Meeting
	09	CDA Priest Appreciation Sunday
	TBD	Salad Luncheon (Deb Perreault and Pat Foley)
July	N/A	No Regular Meeting CDA Officers meeting and Budget committee meetings in July and August for planning
August	13	Women's Potluck Picnic
	14-18	National Convention in New Orleans
	TBD	Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser
	TBD	Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

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