

Gazette
April 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 Simmons, President of the St. Augustine Guild.

HOTS is heating up! Spring is in the air, and our premier fundraiser for the Little Sisters, the Hats Off To Spring Luncheon and Style Show, is practically around the corner. You have received your invitations by now. Invite a friend, a family member, a newcomer to your neighborhood or Parish. It's a great opportunity to introduce women to our Guild and to raise awareness of the Little Sisters of the Poor and their Mission in Indianapolis. Get your RSVPs back ASAP.

Have you heard about an amazing "donation-in-kindness?" MaryAnn Barothy, Guild member since 2000, and in the Development Office at the Home, sent an online appeal on February 7th to Mr. Mike Lindell of the "My Pillow" Company to ask for pillows for the Residents and Sisters. One week later, on Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, ten boxes appeared on the receiving dock packed with 115 pillows! Mary Ann posted a blog about this miracle on the LSoP website which led to a radio interview with Terri Stacy of WIBC and a TV feature with Mary Milz of WTHR TV13. Good news travels fast. What a wonderful way to spread the story of God's Providence to those who ask in the Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters!

More News: On President's Day, Guild members Pat Killen, Paula Korzekwa, and Sue Bailey entertained the Residents with music and patriotic songs. Paula and her husband Fred presented a slide show of their recent visit to Normandy, France. Three of the Resident men, who were all veterans of WWII shared their stories. Thank you, ladies for your spontaneous act of kindness to our Residents, reminding them how much we value their lives in service to our nation. Thank you to Carolyn Klinger for hosting our well-attended Coffee Meeting in March. Thank you to Louise Collet and Peggy Trier and the Sisters for the Mass for Deceased Guild Members. And thanks to Susan McIntosh and her committee for the Day of Reflection. Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB, God's gift to the St. Augustine Home, was our presenter. I thank God that I heard his words. God Bless our Guild!

Upcoming Scheduled Events - Refer to Your Guild Roster for Details

Hats Off to Spring Luncheon and Style Show Fundraiser - May 2nd
Spring Luncheon Meeting and Installation of New Officers - June 6th

Volunteers Needed to Help with The Following at St. Augustine Home

- ◆ Volunteer for every Friday at 1:30pm for Watercolor Painting/Crafts,
- ◆ Scrape old paint off and repaint shutters down LSP Gift Shop/Activities Hallway,
- ◆ Consistent Assistant for Human Resources in filing and making copies,
- ◆ Sewing/Mending – some who would like to help Residents make the Quilt they have been working on,
- ◆ Monthly Chapel Pew Cleaning & Refinish them,
- ◆ Repair, sanding and staining of hand railings,
- ◆ Stain the 3 of the benches by Jeanne Jugan Statue, Gazebo and the 3 Bridges outside,
- ◆ Regular Weekly Visits with Residents to offer companionship and walks outside beginning this Spring thru Fall.

If you know someone outside of the Guild or an organization that may be able to help with the above requests, please refer them to Pamela Smoot, volunteer coordinator at St. Augustine Home at 317-415-5767 ex. 22305 or email her at volindianapolis@littlesistersofthepoor.org

News From The Sisters....

Happy and Blessed Easter to you from all the Little Sisters, Residents and staff. After our long, cold winter we want to also wish you a 'Happy Spring.' Everyone is awaiting nicer, warmer weather and all the new spring flowers which are starting to pop up everywhere.

We want you to know how much we **APPRECIATE** ALL you do for us year round...your smiling faces are everywhere helping to put big smiles on the faces of our dear Residents who really enjoy everything you do for them and for us.

As we all look eagerly towards our anniversary of 150 years in the United States, we are trying to deepen and share with our friends, volunteers, guild members etc., our 5 Mission Values that the Little Sisters of the Poor recognize as those values dear to the heart of St. Jeanne Jugan and central to her mission that she left for us to follow : REVERENCE, HUMBLE SERVICE, COMPASSION, FAMILY SPIRIT AND STEWARDSHIP. All those who share in our mission are called to bring these values to our everyday life walking with the elderly in need that God has confided to us. Saint Jeanne Jugan's spirit and mission are alive and present when we live these values. These value's that guide us leave little to personal Interpretation of how the spirit that St. Jeanne Jugan left us is lived today. Let St. Jeanne Jugan guide us and teach us how these values are at the core and central to our service! Our gratitude for your continual support is priceless. Your commitment to living the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan in invaluable.

We are all looking forward to your annual **HATS OFF TO SPRING Luncheon/Style Show** on Wednesday, May 2nd at The Ritz Charles. I've heard so much about your lovely, successful event and ALL the work you put into it every year. You definitely exhibit the spirit of Saint Jeanne Jugan and are 'angels among us'. Your dedication and commitment to our mission of tenderly caring for the Elderly is awesome.

God bless you and your families and know you are remembered in our daily prayers. THANK YOU dear friends from all the Little Sisters, Residents and Staff. God bless you.

Mother Francis Gabriel and all the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Indianapolis New Media Covered the Pillow Donation to St. Augustine Home

The large donation of pillows was covered by WIBC and WTHR. To view the story that aired on WTHR click on <https://www.wthr.com/article/nuns-prayer-request-is-answered-by-pillow-manufacturer>

To listen to the interview on WIBC click on <https://www.youtube.com/embed/CXaMDvOfM3g>

You can also access these stories by going www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org and clicking on the Blog link.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

President - Debbie Cragen

Vice President - Christy Troxell

Recording Secretary - Sylvia Purichia

Treasurer - Joanne Spellman

Corresponding Secretary - Pat Kirlin

Publicity - Colleen Yeadon

First Year Member Liaison - Ellen Jose

Past President - Debbie Simmons

These new officers will be installed at the June 6th luncheon.

Guild Membership Statistics as of March 30, 2018

Paid Members - 222

- **Active - 109**
- **Associate - 47**
- **Sustaining - 52**
- **Honorary - 4**
- **Resident - 10**

53 do not have email

Non-Renewed Members on Roster - 30

9 do not have email

News from the Guild Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the St. Augustine Guild met on March 6, 2018. Six of the eight officers of the Executive Committee were present. The following are the discussions and decisions made at that meeting.

Prior to our new fiscal year, which begins on June 1st, it was proposed and approved by the Executive Committee that the dues be increased by \$5.00 per category. This will apply to the Active, Associate, and Sustaining Categories. The new annual dues will be \$25 for Active Members, \$30 for Associate Members, and \$35 for Sustaining Members. Residents of the Home who are members of the Guild will not be affected by this change. The rationale behind this decision relates to changes in State government gaming rules. The Guild is no longer able to hold raffles, such as our 50/50 raffles and Quilt raffle at our offsite Guild events. The only exception to this is the HOTS fundraiser which requires a special waiver application. We want to continue to have a budget that will sustain the Events that we host for the Residents throughout the year. And as you may know, 100% of the revenues raised after expenses from our Christmas Bazaar and our Hats Off To Spring Luncheon are gifted to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The membership renewal form you will receive in May will reflect these changes in dues.

The Executive Committee also approved a proposal to remove the language in the bylaws that allows members who do not pay dues for two year to retain their membership. This existing bylaw has resulted in unnecessary time trying to contact these members to maintain accurate information about them, and unfunded expenses related to some receiving hard copies of all Guild communication and expenses related to undeliverable mailings when members have moved away and did not notify the Guild, or no longer wish to be a member of the Guild.

Your Membership Renewal Form is Coming in May

You will receive your 2018-2019 membership renewal form in May and will be due no later than June 30th in order to be included in the roster. Please note several changes that will be on the form:

- ⇒ Change in dues for the different membership categories,
- ⇒ Request to complete all mailing formation even if there have been no changes,
- ⇒ Listing of only ONE preferred contact phone number. This needs to be the number where messages can be left by Guild members and will be retrieved by you. Please do NOT list multiple numbers,
- ⇒ Reminder to complete the Volunteer Opportunities section.

Welcome our New Members

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Carmel, IN 46033
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Parish: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Zionsville, IN 46077
(317) 910-8169 (cell)
virleer@hotmail.com
Spouse: Jim
Parish: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Please add the following contact information for Jan Dittoe:

12708 Stanwich Place, Carmel, IN 46033
(317) 407-2790 janetdittoe@gmail.com
Spouse: James
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*Seats Off
to Spring*
A LUNCHEON STYLE SHOW

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE ST. AUGUSTINE HOME FOR THE AGED
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF LOVE
FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

10:30 A.M. — SILENT AUCTION
12 NOON — LUNCHEON

FASHIONS BY THE SECRET INGREDIENT

THE RITZ CHARLES
12156 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET
CARMEL, INDIANA

\$55.00 PER PERSON
RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

If you need a reservation sent to a friend or family member, please contact Joanne Dyer at (317)294-1955. Our goal is to net \$60,000 from this year's HOTS Luncheon Fundraiser. **Please return your reservation no later than April 20th.**

Plan ahead to bid on several high end items this year:
A Bee Window entry door - a \$3500 value with a starting bid of \$1000;

A diamond pendant necklace from Moyers valued at \$795 with a starting bid of \$398.

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Something New this Year at the HOTS' Silent Auction

Buy It Now is your opportunity to get that desired Silent Auction item without having to continually bid on it. Here is how it will work:

1. The ***Buy It Now*** price is listed on the bid sheet.
2. If you want the item for the ***Buy It Now*** price, you take the bid sheet (NOT THE ITEM) directly to the cashier at the ***Buy It Now*** table during the silent auction to pay for it. It is yours for the ***Buy It Now*** price!
3. The Guild Guys will retrieve your item and work with you to determine if you want to keep the item with you, take it to your car, or pick it up after the luncheon.

Sound good? More information will be available at the HOTS, and volunteers will be available to help you with this. This is an easy way to raise money for the Sisters. Come prepared to ***Buy It Now!***

Please Remember the Deceased in Your Prayers

Tom Spencer, husband of Guild member Gayle Spencer, entered eternal life on February 23, 2018. His obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/jconline/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-a-spencer&pid=188406917&fhid=14558>

Please Keep the Following Guild Members in Your Prayers

Mary Malatesta - Guild member since 1989.

Faye DiNardo - Guild Member since 2013 and mother of Joanne Spellman. Also note a change of address for Mrs. DiNardo. Her address is: 11851 Cumberland Rd., Apt. 215, Fishers, In 46037

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.troxell@att.net or at (317) 345-3459. The next *Gazette* will be published in June 2018. Please submit submissions for that edition by May 15, 2018 via email to me.

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