

Gazette
June 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.

Hats Off to St. Augustine Guild!

I walked into the Ballroom of the Ritz Charles on May 1st and was overwhelmed. Fifty-five tables for ten dressed in fine linens were laid out wall to wall in three combined ballrooms. That was the moment I realized the enormity of the *Hats Off to Spring* Fundraiser. The next day, May 2nd, the room was filled with Guild Members, their friends and family, Sponsors, Residents of the Home, and of course, the Little Sisters of the Poor. The joyful noise of that crowded room turned to reverent silence as Mother Francis Gabriel read a beautiful variation of the Magnificat as the Grace before our meal. You will read in this edition of the Gazette a report with much more detail about the *Hats Off to Spring* Fundraising. I'm just going to share the big picture.

This event was the Guild's gift to the Little Sisters and the men and women who live at St. Augustine Home. It was the result of the time, talents, and treasures of more Guild members than I have room to name. The *Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters of the Poor* was our theme, our focus, and our guide. We prayed that God would "Prosper the work of our hands!" (Psalm 90) Our prayers were answered. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38)

This was truly a year of Faith, Hope, and Love for me—a year I will always remember. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as President of the St. Augustine Guild. St. Jeanne Jugan, pray for us!

Debbie Simmons

Upcoming Events

What: Spring Luncheon Meeting and Installation of New Officers

When: June 6, 2018

Location: Meridian Hills Country Club, 7099 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis

Social Hour: 11:15 AM Lunch: Noon

Meeting to follow with installation of 2018-2019 officers

What: Ice Cream Social for the Residents

When: June 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: St. Augustine Home

Contact Ellen Jose for more information at (317) 445-6648

Your Membership Renewal Form is Due June 15th

Your timely return of your renewal form enables the following:

- Identifying chairs and co-chairs for the Guild's annual events and activities,
- Identifying who will be volunteering for these events and activities,
- Identifying where more volunteers are needed,
- Development of the budget for 2018-2019, and
- Development and distribution of the annual roster before August.

Please return your membership form and check to:

JoAnne Spellman
12030 Bird Key Blvd
Fishers, IN 46037

News From the Sisters.....

Happy Spring, at last, to you from all the Little Sisters, Residents and Staff. As we journey through the upcoming months, we want to assure you of our appreciation for ALL you do for us year round.

I and the Sisters are still in AWE from attending your annual HATS OFF TO SPRING Luncheon and Style Show on May 2nd at the Ritz Charles. Having heard so much about it, we were eagerly looking forward to attending to see for ourselves. All we can say – “It was spectacular!” Words can’t adequately express how grateful we are for ALL the hard work, long hours and time you all put into this much celebrated annual event.

We were all very touched by your selfless, true DEDICATION and hard work you faithfully contribute for HOTS each and every year. Mere words are not adequate enough to say THANK YOU, but please know that you are doing the work of the angels to help put big smiles on the faces of all of our dear Residents.

We ask you to welcome Sister Marie Pauline from Korea who is with us for awhile to help with our Residents. The internationality of the congregation is a blessing to us, as we are reminded with Sr. Marie Pauline’s arrival.

This year we are celebrating the 150th year the Little Sisters of the Poor have been in the United States. We have been in Indianapolis for the past 145 years. As the year progresses, we promise to let you know of upcoming celebrations taking place when and where you can join us for some special events. Stay tuned for some wonderful events!

We look forward to seeing you at your June luncheon meeting.

We hope you have a happy and safe summer. Again, God bless all of you and your families. Please know you are remembered in our daily prayers. Thank you dear friends from all the Little Sisters, Residents and Staff.

Mother Francis Gabriel and all the Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sister of the Poor Sister Alexis Berchmans Served Aged Poor for 74 years

Little Sister of the Poor Sister Alexis Berchmans died on April 16 at the order’s St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis. She was 94. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 20 at the chapel at the St. Augustine Home. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Sister Alexis was born on July 9, 1923, in Lafayette, Ind. She entered the Little Sisters of the Poor after graduating from high school, professed first vows on Dec. 10, 1943, and final vows on Oct. 15, 1948. After many years of ministering to the aged poor in Baltimore and Evansville, Ind., Sister Alexis came to live at the St. Augustine Home in 2014. She is survived by a sister, Paula Alexander, of Lafayette.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. †

Reprinted from <http://www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2018/04-27/obituaries.html>

The Little Sisters of the Poor Celebrate their 150th Anniversary

The Little Sisters of the Poor celebrated their 150th anniversary of coming to the United States with a Mass of thanksgiving April 9 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Jamaica, Queens. New York. Click on the following links to read more and view videos of this celebration.

<https://thetablet.org/little-sisters-mark-150th-year-in-us/>

<http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/events/little-sisters-commemorate-150th-anniversary/>

The Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters of the Poor Made Visible at our Annual Hats Off to Spring Fundraiser

The *Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters of the Poor* was made visible by the number of attendees at our 2018 HOTS and by the money raised. In the April 2018 Gazette we shared that the goal was to net \$60,000. Below are the statistics for this year's HOTS, and the numbers speak to our success as a Guild.

Price per Reservation	\$55.00
Attendance at 2018 HOTS	549
50/50 Raffle (after split with winner)	\$1,097.00
Ads sold for Program	\$4,500.00
Corp/Individual Patrons	\$21,600.00
Corporate Table	\$1,100.00
Donations	\$988.00
Fund-an-Item	\$7,832.00
Gift Card Tree	\$2,620.00
Guild Patrons	\$12,645.00
Reservations	\$26,670.00
Resident Meals	\$2,700.00
Silent Auction	\$15,896.00
Total	\$97,648.00
Expenses	\$17,838.38
Net	\$79,809.62

We exceeded our goal by **\$19,809** (and a little change)!!! With the \$79,809.62, and a little extra from the Guild's end of year funds, the Guild is able to present a check to Mother Francis Gabriel for **\$83,000**. Add that amount to the **\$12,909.16** raised from the Christmas Bazaar fundraiser and that comes to a total of **\$95,909.16** raised by the Guild for the Little Sisters during this past 2017-2018 business year.

How Would You Like to Shop and Support St. Augustine Home at the Same Time?

Did you know that if you shop on *smile.amazon.com* you can have 0.5% of your purchases go to the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine Home? If you are not an online shopper, then please share this information with your family and friends who do shop online and use Amazon. To learn more, go to

www.smile.amazon.com

As of May 2018 St. Augustine Home has received \$1445.25 from this program. Share this and help continue to support our Little Sisters.

Please Remember the Deceased in Your Prayers

John O'Hara, husband of Guild member Pat O'Hara - Entered eternal life on April 23rd. Obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=john-dennis-ohara&pid=188840118&fhid=14506>

Sister Alexis, Berchmans lsp - Entered eternal life on April 16, 2018.

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 October 2018. Please send submissions for that edition by September 15, 2018 via email to me.

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