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

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*A Message from Pat Kirlin.....*

### **Christmas Bazaar 2018**

This year's Christmas Bazaar would not have been the success that it was, were it not for our Guild members, the staff of the Home, and a variety of "friends of the St. Augustine Home" who donated items to sell, or volunteered time during the Bazaar. As a result, we were able to gross \$14,813.47 for Mother Francis Gabriel and the Sisters for their care of the residents of the Home. The financial report of the Bazaar is included in this Gazette.

Our members provided an amazing array of new items this year. Special thanks go to a number of our members for their contributions. Susan Kwiatkowski donated a wide array of items from a bazaar that she held in 2017 for a monastery in suburban Detroit. Nancy O'Bryan and her husband, Larry donated a wide array of items for the home, children's clothing items, and toys, and food items. Karen Clark and her volunteers spent much of the year preparing items in the Home's ceramics studio; Dottie Butcher and Bette Fortino began making holiday table decorations in January, collected jewelry from Guild members and packaged them for a new (and successful) "bling booth". Many Guild members volunteered to help set up, work during the Bazaar and the take-down (many of whom worked multiple shifts on multiple days) in a spirit of camaraderie and friendship the Guild enjoys.

Karen Clark (ceramics), Pat Kopek, Gloria Hayes (baked goods), Pat Killen and Paula Korzekwa (garden center) deserve special thanks for their ongoing support over the years of the 'anchors' of the Bazaar. JoAnne Spellman and her volunteers kept our guests happy and checked them out smoothly throughout the Bazaar. Colleen Yeadon also deserves special thanks for her efforts: she worked for several months leading up to the Bazaar to insure that the Bazaar received widespread notice in local publications, radio and TV stations and parish bulletins. She contacted area assisted living facilities, utilized the Guild FB page, and worked with Nathan to have the Bazaar advertised in communications that the Home sends.

A nod is in order to the "Friends of the Home," those friends and family members of the Guild whose support also contributed to the success of the Bazaar. JoAnne Spellman's sister, Lougene Lampasona volunteered her time at the cashiers' table throughout the entire Bazaar, Debbie Simmons' sister-in-law who donated numerous knit and woven items for our "Home Goods" tables, my sister and brother, both of whom donated items for the "Sweets and Treats" table, and Bette Fortino's daughters, Beth Gabrick and Peggy Peterich who worked throughout the set-up week setting up the elegant displays that delighted the visitors, residents and staff of the Home.

In addition, several Guild members who live in the Home contributed knit or crocheted items, jewelry and hand-made stationary items that we featured on two special tables at this year's Bazaar.

The support of Mother Francis Gabriel and her staff (Housekeeping, Maintenance, the Kitchen staff, Pamela Smoot, the Activities staff, Lynn and Claire) and Eliana Wagner was invaluable. Without their support the Bazaar would not have run as smoothly as it did. Dottie, Bette and I were blessed by their assistance throughout the week.

Bette, Dottie and I are grateful for the overwhelming support we had this year. As chairperson, I look forward to the opportunity to have a 2019 Bazaar so that the Guild can continue to sponsor the event and provide money to the LSoP. **Pat, Bette and Dottie**

**"SWEETS & TREATS THANK YOU"**

**To all bakers, treat-makers, cooks, wrappers and workers we send our very sincere THANK YOU! Your efforts were beautiful, very tasty and so appreciated. You outdo yourselves year after year. The Little Sisters and the residents appreciate it so much.**

***Pat Kopek and Gloria Hayes***

### ***News From the Sisters.....***

Dear Guild Members,

As we end one year and look forward in hope to 2019, I didn't want to miss the opportunity to thank you for all your support and hard work on behalf of our dear Residents.

From beginning to end 2018 has been a blessed year – each Resident has benefited of your love and devotion, which is irreplaceable. During this year, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Little Sisters of the Poor in America, we wanted to share with you our planned events to which you are welcome:

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Main Celebration & Event** – Feast of St. Joseph  
Celebrant & Homilist – Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 Mini-500** – followed by a family picnic for Residents, Employees, Friends & their Families

**Friday, August 30, 2019** - Closing of the Year on the Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan

Please save the dates! We would be grateful as well if anyone wishes to assist us in our preparation of these events.

As the last letter of the year, the Little Sisters wish each of you God's blessings of good health & happiness!

Sr. Francis Gabriel, L.S.P.

*Superior*

### **Upcoming Dates and Events - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**February 6, 2019:** Coffee Meeting (9:30 a.m.) followed by Mass for the Deceased (11:00 a.m.) at St. Augustine Home.

**March 6, 2019:** Coffee Meeting (10:00 a.m.) home of Carolyn Klinger.

**March 13, 2019:** Day of Reflection (9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) at St. Augustine Home. ***More details will be provided via E-Blasts and in the February 2019 Gazette! Come enjoy a faith filled day where we will grow in friendship & in our faith!***

**May 1, 2019:** Hats Off to Spring Luncheon Fundraiser at the Ritz Charles. More information to come in 2019.

### ***Have you Noticed the Therapy Cats?***

A generous Guild member, who wishes to remain anonymous, provided two therapy cats (who she named "Miss Kitty" and "Sweet Pea") for the residents on 2 East and 3 East. These life-like robotic felines provide comfort, companionship, help to decrease anxiety, and elicit pleasant memories of previous pets for the residents. Our Guild member donated the robotic felines in memory of her parents.

The official name of these robotic cats is *Joy for all Pet Companion* and are manufactured by the toy company *Hasbro*. "Miss Kitty" and "Sweet Pea" receive much attention and care from the residents at the Home and provide an effective form of pet therapy. To learn more about how *Joy for all Pet Companion* is used in other facilities, click on the links below.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/15/nyregion/robotic-therapy-cats-dementia.html>

<https://dailycaring.com/robotic-cat-brings-joy-to-seniors-with-dementia/>

<https://joyforall.com/products/companion-cats>

| Christmas Bazaar Report      |                     |                    |                     |              |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| November 4 2018              |                     |                    |                     |              |
| Income:                      | Friday              | Saturday           | Sunday              | 3-day totals |
| Gross sales                  | \$ 10,328.30        | \$ 3,532.17        | \$ 467.00           | \$ 14,327.47 |
| Donations                    | \$ 206.00           | \$ 97.00           |                     | \$ 303.00    |
| Sales not reported to Square | \$ 185.00           | WiFi issues        |                     | \$ 185.00    |
|                              |                     |                    |                     | \$ 14,815.47 |
| Categories                   | Friday              | Saturday           | 2- day totals       |              |
| Child                        | \$ 1,023.00         | \$ 483.51          | \$ 1,506.51         |              |
| Home Goods                   | \$ 1,788.70         | \$ 499.50          | \$ 2,288.20         |              |
| Bakery                       | \$ 1,205.50         | \$ 370.49          | \$ 1,575.99         |              |
| Canned goods                 | \$ 567.60           | \$ 514.50          | \$ 1,082.10         |              |
| Jewelry                      | \$ 659.00           | \$ 185.50          | \$ 844.50           |              |
| Christmas                    | \$ 1,637.50         | \$ 439.00          | \$ 2,076.50         |              |
| Garden and Pets              | \$ 475.00           | \$ 166.50          | \$ 641.50           |              |
| Ceramics                     | \$ 2,013.00         | \$ 390.00          | \$ 2,403.00         |              |
| Fall items                   | \$ 523.00           | \$ 162.00          | \$ 685.00           |              |
| Residents items              | \$ 85.00            | \$ 30.60           | \$ 115.60           |              |
| Uncategorized                | \$ 351.00           | \$ 290.57          | \$ 641.57           |              |
| <b>Total sales (2 days)</b>  | <b>\$ 10,328.30</b> | <b>\$ 3,532.17</b> | <b>\$ 13,860.47</b> |              |

### *Spotlight on the Ceramics Program*

Did you notice the new style of ceramic Christmas trees available for sale at this year's bazaar? You can thank Karen Clark and the other ceramics program volunteers for the new trees. The ceramics program at St. Augustine Home has a long history of being run and funded by volunteers. Guild member, Karen Clark, started working in the ceramics program in 2000 when it was run by another group of volunteers at the Home. When those volunteers were no longer able to participate, Karen stepped in and has overseen the program since. With funds from the Guild and from Karen's personal financial contributions for supplies, the ceramics program creates seasonal and non-seasonal pieces and sells them during the

annual Christmas Bazaar and in the Home's gift shop. All proceeds from these sales go to the Home. Karen, Marion McDermott, and Cindi Fankhauser replenish the ceramic items in the gift shop, and they maintain the seasonal display of ceramic pieces at the front of the gift shop. Stop by and check them out. There are still some beautiful Christmas trees and nativity scenes on display and available for purchase. The ceramics program can always use help to paint the ceramic pieces. If you have an interest in helping, please join Karen, other Guild members, and residents on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the ceramics room.



*Valentine Clowns waiting their turn to be displayed and sold in the Gift Shop at St. Augustine Home.*

### **Reminder about Reporting Remote Volunteer Hours**

*The following was published in the October Gazette and is being reprinted as a reminder:*

- 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](mailto: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 you reporting your volunteer hours.**

**Please Remember the Deceased in Your Prayers**

**Joseph Jasper Minnis** - Husband of Guild member Margery Minnis, passed away on November 11, 2018.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/joseph-minnis-8055282>

**Father Philip S. Haslinger, M.R.E., M-Div** - Priest in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana for 46 years. His last assignment was the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine Home.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fremont-oh/fr-philip-haslinger-8080171>

<https://dol-in.org/documents/2018/12/TCM%2012-16-18%20WEBedition.pdf>

*May God grant them eternal rest.*

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