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Message from Shirley Hall, State Regent

It is with much humility and anticipation that I write this first article as Pennsylvania State Regent. The excitement and enthusiasm that was generated at our Convention in Blairsville tells me that we are all ready to say, "Lord, we have come to do Your Will," our motto for the next two years. We, the State Board, have:

- ◆ not had our "transitional" meeting—one where the duties of the "board" are officially exchanged; this will take place during the month of May when we have our State Financial Review; and
- ◆ been encouraged by our National Representative/Secretary Essie to attend National Workshop for State Officers in July in Arizona (yes, we are going).

As we look forward, summer is coming quickly and our court meetings will probably cease for a month or two. Please take this opportunity to:

- ◆ be alert as to how we can increase our membership,
- ◆ set aside a time for a membership drive (State Membership team standing by),
- ◆ prepare an "action plan" for the coming year with what we have learned from our Workshop and Convention, and
- ◆ begin to seriously think who will be on your local boards for 2020-22.

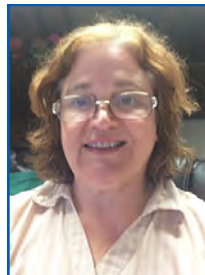
Our GOAL for the next two years will be to increase membership and to then educate/re-educate our membership. Whether you have 80 members or 18 members, a membership drive is essential at least every two years. We need to REFRESH, bringing in new ideas and to REMEMBER to be doing what makes CDA so special...

"Let us establish a permanent spring season in our heart through "yes," often repeated to all of God's permissions and wills." – St. Francesca Salesia Aviat

Shirley Hall, State Regent



Message from Peg Witas, Immediate Past State Regent



Happy Spring! I wish to thank all who attended the State Convention in Blairsville. Please be certain to share the information you received with all the members of your courts. The officers and chairs have worked hard to ensure all members are advised of the happenings of the state. A special thank you to all those who volunteered at the convention, as well as to all the district deputies and state chairs who have so graciously accepted the appointments during my term.

The newly-elected officers are as follows: Shirley Hall, State Regent; Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent; Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary; Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer.

Please work with these newly-elected officers and volunteer. There will be many opportunities to assist the state officers. Some of the opportunities are district deputies, state chairs and financial review of state books.

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CDA Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

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Fall: September-November
Winter: December-February
Spring: March-May
Summer: June-August

Submission Deadlines

Fall: August 1
Winter: November 1
Spring: February 1
Summer: May 1

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State Workshop and Convention

It's almost been a month since the State Workshop and Convention! A heart-felt thank you to all the state officers, past and present, for presenting an informational, spiritual and educational workshop and convention!

The workshop was filled with a lot of great ideas to take back to our courts. There was a mock court meeting by Team AWSOME, which incorporated CDA members throughout the state! Here's one of many notable mentions...we should be asking our membership to give us a "next of kin" (and their contact information) with their annual membership dues. This way, there's never any question as to whom to contact on behalf of the member. The mock meeting was so great, members asked for a copy of the PowerPoint to share with their members. The state officers said they will have me put the presentations on the website! As soon as I receive them, I'll publish them.

The convention was well-attended with nearly half of our potential delegates in attendance. All reports from the officers and state chairs were outstanding. A few notables are Shirley Hall, State Regent-Elect, who passed around a two-page request for volunteers for the next two-years, and three pages were returned to her!

Throughout our state, our members are energized, ready to get involved, ready to lend a helping hand! A question regarding the cost of storage was put forth and a very sound explanation was offered. Our items, including candles, are kept in a temperature-controlled environment, protecting them.

Peggy Guckin, then Immediate Past State Regent, spoke on ceremonials. She requested, when at Mass, all robed officers bow in-pew when the officiating priest does, not as they enter or leave the pew, saving a lot of time in the process.



Keynote speaker, Sister Marilyn Welch of the Carmelite Community of the Word (CCW), spoke about the Hands and Hearts Ministry

A presentation by Sister Marilyn Welch of the Carmelite Community of the Word (CCW) spoke about the Hands and Hearts Ministry, supporting the Little Sisters in Haiti. Shipping the container to Haiti costs approximately \$6,000 Sister Marilyn said. She spoke of their trials and triumphs with their Haiti ministry. Sister mentioned that today they are encouraging women to go to birthing centers to have their babies; so rather than birthing kits, they are sending them new mother and baby kits. Yours truly had the honor of presenting at both the workshop and the convention.

Our website growth has been remarkable throughout the years. These past 24 months we've seen a 1000% increase, yielding, on average, just under 1700 unique visitors monthly. With a responsive design, our members, member-sisters and prospective members can access the state website via their computer, tablet or mobile device. Members asked about obtaining a court email address. It is possible and anyone interested should contact me.

—Pattie Fromknecht, State Website Designer, web@cdapa.com



2019-2021 Incoming State Officers: Peg Witas, Immediate Past State Regent; Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent; Shirley Hall, State Regent; Most Rev. Bishop Edward C. Malesic, Bishop of Greensburg Diocese; Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer and Pennsylvania National Representative; Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent; Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary; and Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer



Nicole Kreider and Alessandra Hoskins, Ct. Queen of Peace #1023, Harrisburg Diocese, two of twelve ladies, who wore white for color and honor guards and escorts, to give added dignity to our Convention ceremonies



Barbara Persing and Kathleen Peeler, Court Our Lady of Victory #588; Margaret Giordano and Susan Sharer, Court Queen of Peace #1023; Harrisburg Diocese



Philadelphia Delegations with State Regent-Elect, Shirley Hall

More Convention photos on pages 6, 7 and 9



Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Court Joan of Arc #716 had several winners in the State Education Contest, from All Saints Catholic School, Cresson, grades 4th to 7th.



Left to Right: Fran Kodosky and Catherine Iapalucci, Court Committee Chairs; winning students: 1st Place: Adelyn Joan Myers, Joseph Phillips, Lydia Myers (also 2nd-Place State Poetry); 2nd-Place: Avery Myers, Kylee Newfield and Noah Clapper; Mrs. Maurer, Principal

Court Joan of Arc #716 also sponsored our own Religious Education essay contest called Msgr. John Little Memorial Essay Contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Religious Education Students. The topic for 2019 was: *How the words of Jesus in the parables teach me to care for others and be closer to God.* Students from St. Aloysius Parish and St. Francis Xavier in Cresson entered the contest. Deborah Baker is the Director of Religious Education.



Left to Right: Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Vice Regent; Ava Saleme, first-place winner, 6th grade, St. Aloysius; Dot DeAngelo, Regent; Xavier Gummo, second-place winner, 6th grade, St. Francis Xavier; Ms. Seymour, 6th grade teacher; and Catherine Iapalucci, Court Chairperson for contest.

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Celebrates 99th Anniversary



Left to right, front row: Rose Marie Kushwara, 10 years; Pat Mulfiner, 70 years; Gwyn Hull, Life-Time Achievement Award; Back Row: Christine Surovec, Regent; Peg Witas, State Regent; Rose Truglio; Regent Appreciation Award: Charlotte Burcin, 10 years; Phyllis Galio, 15 yrs., Pat Lutz, Court District Deputy; Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair

Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone

Court St. Rita #523 sells hearts to honor mothers on Mothers Day, and several of our members create this beautiful display in our church, St. Matthew, in Tyrone. Thanks to Linda Grove, Sarah McNelis and Sue Ronan for creating such a beautiful floral display to honor our Blessed Mother and all mothers. Thanks to these ladies for help in preparing the flowers: Linda Grove, Sarah McNelis, Joan Everhart, Sue Ronan, Mary Jane Shank, Jean McCord. Thanks to Becky Rozick and Kelly Wilkes who helped with the flower sale after Masses. We had help from many of the women above and Sue Gavazzi, Dot Snyder, Maureen Drain; thanks to Debbie Zakrzewski who handled this project.



Sarah McNelis and Linda Grove

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court St. Bernard #339, Indiana

Ann Varescak of Court St. Bernard #339, received her 75-year membership pin! Ann is 101 years young!



Presenting Ann's pin are Nancy Robinson, Recording Secretary; Coleen Bowser, Financial Secretary and Barbara Minor, Regent

Court St. James the Greater #2180, Apollo

In honor of our patroness, Immaculate Mary, Court St. James invited Donna Marie Oster to speak to our members on Mary Gardens. Donna Marie brought alive the history of when flowers had taken their names from the virtues of Mary or the events in her life. Our May committee provided prayer reflection cards and flowers. The program was well-received and reminded our court to stop, smell the roses and pray!



Donna Marie Oster, Speaker; Father Vincent Zidek, Chaplain; May committee: Mary Gibson, Diana Tamski

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE *Court St. Mark #1097, Bristol—Baby Shower*

Many of the courts in Philadelphia and friends of Court St. Mark either gave monetary donations or donated baby items for Blessed Mother Costello Home for those in crisis pregnancies.



Left to right, standing: Loretta Parker, Dorothy Andrilla, Michelle Russo, Sarah Mastrull, Jill Johnston, Dorothy David, Cathy Sannelli, Mary Smith, Pat Harmer, Diane Ward, Lorraine Hoffman; seated: Peggy Guckin, Jo Ann Lynn, Carol Shea

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem



Regent Barbara Jackson, left, gives pledge to new member, Jennifer Wrazen

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Prepared over 100 meals for Aid for Friends



Betty LaComp, Rose Marie Medash, Jennifer Wrazen, Kathy Porter, Laura Tertel, Dolly Maronski, Dianne Beal, Barbara Jackson, Peggy Guckin, Carol Parsons



*Combined courts sponsor Deal or No Deal; representatives from the combined courts pictured above
All had great time with friends and delicious lunch, even those who had No Deal!*

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, 10th Anniversary

Mass was held at St. Joachim Church; the main celebrant was Father Bob Bazzoli, OSFS and concelebrated by Father Tom Higgins, Pastor of Holy Innocents Parish, Father Matt Palkowski, OFM, Cap., and Father John Baptist, OFM, Cap. Also, in attendance was the court's Chaplain, Brother Andrew, OFM, Cap.



Brenda Lee Miranda crowned the Blessed Mother assisted by daughter, Deanna Lee Teixeira, who gave her mom a tender kiss after the crowning; they are both charter members

53rd Biennial PA State Convention

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Melody Yeardie and Jeanette Kitch, candidates for State Treasurer, light candles as we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Shirley Hall, State Regent-Elect, installing and pinning Father Jozef Kovacic as new CDA State Chaplain



Peg Witas received what was left of a blanket made by a member of Court Dequenne #871, Dequenne, PA and sent to a member in armed forces, fighting in WW II

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Audrey Aubaugh, mother, proudly escorts daughter, Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer-Elect; Court Columbia #2



Our Tombola Team—Robin Krofcheck, Regent; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent, Financial Secretary, and Tombola Chair; Peggy Pizzi, Vice Regent; Andrea Alderson, Recording Secretary Court Washington #1651



Pattie Fromknecht, State Website Designer; Annette Ajay and Mary Kowalski; Court Prince Gallitzin #2625



Peg Witas, State Regent, presenting Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair, 2019 Pennsylvania State Woman of the Year Award



State Officers entertaining the delegates



Fun Night—Peg Witas at her toast



Fr. Tony, dancing the night away



2019 PA State Education Contest Winners

Art Division I

1st Place	Jada Moyer	Ct. #1755 Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Holidaysburg
2nd Place	Isabella Patch	Ct. #776 Monessen, Monessen
3rd Place	Justin Karichner	Ct. #399 Ave Maria, Lock Haven

Art – Division II

1st Place	Julianne Leonard	Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster
2nd Place	Brynn Wright	Ct. #2521 Blessed Madonna, State College
3rd Place	Giavanna Stanger	Ct. #2628 Mystical Rose, Philadelphia

Art – Division III

1st Place	Emily Munsee	Ct. #35 Conception, Corry
2nd Place	Caelin Grambau	Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster
3rd Place	Michaela Peyrek	Ct. #358 Easton, Easton

Art – Division IV

1st Place	Louise Manginell	Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte
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Poetry Division I

1st Place	Olivia DellaVecchio	Ct. #2222 St. Dominic, Philadelphia
2nd Place	Veronica Lessard	Ct. #722 Our Lady of Victory, Northern Cambria
3rd Place	Zach Lehman	Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte

Poetry Division II

1st Place	Zachary Dible	Ct. #2521 Blessed Madonna, State College
2nd Place	Lydia Myers	Ct. #716 Joan of Arc, Cresson
3rd Place	Jacob Noloilr-Palm	Ct. #776 Monessen, Monessen

Poetry Division III

1st Place	Aidan Grambau	Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster
2nd Place	Emily Munsee	Ct. #35 Conception, Corry

Poetry Division IV

1st Place	Patricia Dettore	Ct. #562 St. Theresa, Blairsville
2nd Place	Kathleen Byron	Ct. #776 Monessen, Monessen
3rd Place	Margaret T. Giordano	Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster

Essay Division I

1st Place	Gus Clement	Ct. #2521 Blessed Madonna, State College
2nd Place	Cole Uadiski	Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte
3rd Place	Jada Moyer	Ct. #1755 Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Holidaysburg

Essay Division II

1st Place	Max Clement	Ct. #2521 Blessed Madonna, State College
2nd Place	Graceann Mattair	Ct. #358 Easton, Easton
3rd Place	Sydney Calderone	Ct. #776 Monessen, Monessen

Essay Division III

1st Place	Audrey Clement	Ct. #2521 Blessed Madonna, State College
2nd Place	Joseph Martin	Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster

Computer Art Division I

1st Place

Anthony Przychodzien

Ct. #2222 St. Dominic, Philadelphia

Computer Art Division II

1st Place

Elias Martin

Ct. #776 Monessen, Monessen

2nd Place

Sean McAleer

Ct. #1023 Queen of Peace, Lancaster

3rd Place

Jack Miller

Ct. #399 Ave Maria, Lock Haven

Computer Art Division III

1st Place

Brendan Boylan

Ct. #998 Patricia, Kittaning

Computer Art Division IV

1st Place

Louise Manginell

Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte

2nd Place

Christine F. Bell

Ct. #562 St. Theresa, Blairsville

Music Division II & III

No entries

Photography Division II

1st Place

Julianna Onuskanich

Ct. #399 Ave Maria, Lock Haven

2nd Place

Josephine Crokus

Ct. #759 Westinghouse, Turtle Creek

3rd Place

Elizabeth Prushan

Ct. #2628 Mystical Rose, Philadelphia

Photography Division III

No entries

Photography Division IV

1st Place

Christina Bell

Ct. #562 St. Theresa, Blairsville

2nd Place

Louise Manginell

Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte

2019 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST

CATEGORY 1 - DIVISION 1

1st Place

Ct. #759 Westinghouse, Turtle Creek

2nd Place

Ct. #1141 Brownsville, Brownsville

CATEGORY 1 - DIVISION 2

1st Place

Ct. #2617 St. Francis de Sales, Philadelphia

2nd Place

Ct. #2222 St. Dominic, Philadelphia

CATEGORY 2 - DIVISION 2

1st Place

Ct. #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte

—Margaret Marie Gowaty, State Education Chairman

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Newly-elected State Regent, Shirley Hall, with delegation
from Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Altoona-Johnstown Diocese



All aboard CDA train!



2021 Nominating Committee

Bouquet of Gratitude

The 53rd Biennial State Convention is now a fond memory. I hope every attendee found their time spent there worthwhile and enjoyable. As the number of those of you registering to attend grew and grew, we realized, with great pleasure, the need to expand on the original projected numbers and prepared as well as we could to ensure we were ready. As Catholic Daughters, we are all well aware of the hours of work a successful endeavor entails for yourselves and your team. We all owe a large bouquet of gratitude to all the workers, both those front and center, those who worked behind the scenes and those who stepped up at a moment's notice who made the convention such a success.



Rest assured that your state officers have already begun the preliminary steps to ensure the 54th State Convention will be one that continues with the successes of this past one and to learn from the problems that inevitably arose. I promise you, members, that I have learned from my mistakes and I will be better prepared on several levels of my own involvement so that I can serve you better and at the same time enjoy the convention more myself. I extend a sincere apology to any member I may have offended in my effort to keep the convention and workshop on its timeline.

CDA Lucky Lottery Calendars

Thank you to all the courts that made every effort to sell all the 2019-2020 lottery calendars that were assigned to you. When each court does their share, this fundraiser remains a success.

—Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent



Please give the State Officers list on front page to all your officers or to any member who would need it. Financial Review copies go to National Office, Shirley Hall, State Regent and Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary. State Dues and donations go to Colette.

Unity and Charity

Message from IPSR

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Education certificates were given at convention. If no representative was present at convention, the certificates were mailed. Monetary awards were mailed to the courts for all first, second and third-place winners. First-place winners were sent on to National. Best of luck to all at the national level. A list of the education and newsletter winners can be found on pages 8 and 9.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow state officers, Shirley, Margaret, Lisa, Colette and Fr. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain, for their unwavering help and support during my term as regent.

It is my hope that the Pennsylvania CDA will continue to "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord."

—Peg Witas, Immediate Past State Regent

Thank you for Successful State Convention!

Greetings to All Catholic Daughters,

Take this opportunity to congratulate the newly-elected state officers for their willingness to serve CDA for the next two years. The convention was spiritual, informative and fun. It was a joy to meet and fellowship with so many wonderful ladies and priest. Your being in attendance and participation during the convention, showed just how much love you have for Catholic Daughters. As I always say, you are the most valuable resource in Catholic Daughters. Thank you for helping to make the convention a huge success.



As we approach the summer months, share quality time with family and friends. With the right mindset, summer can be a time of rest and relaxation. However, we know that everyone is busier than ever during the summer months. Regardless as to how busy we may find ourselves, there is no better way to stay connected than to plan activities everyone can take part.

Since the summer months go by so quickly, now is the perfect time to come together and take inventory of a few summer activities that can be shared among CDA members. When planning, take into consideration families, friends and even those in the neighborhood. May your summer be filled with joy and fun.

—Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer
Pennsylvania National Representative

Jubilee Celebration

Congratulations to Sister Mary Paul Giordano, who will be celebrating her 50th Jubilee as a Daughter of Our Lady of Mercy on Saturday, June 29th. Sister brought much grace and many spiritual messages during my four-year term as State Regent and kept us in stitches with her jokes at conventions and meetings.



Sister requests no gifts—except that you may give a donation to their Haitian Mission in Gonaives. If you wish to send Sister a congratulatory card and a donation, make check out to Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy and mail to 998 S. Russell St., York, PA 17402.

—Peggy Guckin, National Director and Past State Regent

Special Thanks

To all the ladies who brought their white outfits to the convention and participated in our Masses and at the meetings in the color guard, as banner bearers and escorts. I thank you for your time and your service. You all did a great job giving dignity to our great organization.



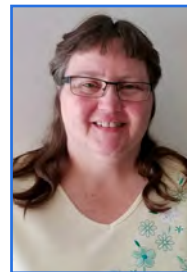
—Peggy Guckin, Color Guard, Ceremonial Coordinator and PSR

2019 STATE CONVENTION - TOMBOLA WINNERS			
Prize #	Description	Donated by	Winner's Name
1	ITALIAN BASKET	Ct Westinghouse #759	Anna Marie Trombetta
2	PRO-LIFE MATERIALS	Lisa McCann, St Secr	Patti Metzgar
3	COOKWARE / KNIVES	Peg Witas. SR & Lisa McCann, St Secr	Bernadette Dillon
4	EASTER GOODIES - WASH PA	Laraine McGinnis, PSR	Merlann Malloy
5	\$25 GC - OUTBACK	Ct Butler #443	Ann Nemec
6	\$25 GC - CRACKER BARREL	Ct Easton #358	Peggy Pizzi
7	\$25 GC - OLIVE GARDEN / PURSE-SCARF	Ct Queen of Peace #1023	Robin Krofcheck
8	3 FLAMELESS CANDLES #1	Ct Patricia #998	Kathleen Peeler
8	3 FLAMELESS CANDLES #2	Ct Patricia #998	Mary Marzen
8	3 FLAMELESS CANDLES #3	Ct Patricia #998	Christine Bell
8	3 FLAMELESS CANDLES #4	Ct Patricia #998	Lisa McCann
9	PINKS & PURPLES	Pat & Donna Gildea	Lili Fabert
10	WALL PLAQUE	Ct OL of Victory #588	Kathy Nealer
11	COURT OFFICERS BOOKS	Patti Fromchecht	Sue Sharer
12	\$15 GC - BOB EVANS&PANERA	Ct New Kensington #860	Laraine McGinnis
13	COFFEE TIME #1	Ct St Martin #418	Mary Jo Fitzsimmons
14	COFFEE TIME #2	Ct St Martin #418	Kathy Nealer
15	COFFEE TIME #3	Ct St Martin #418	Melody Yeardie
16	\$50 CASH / AFGHAN	Ct OL of Victory #722	Barbara Minor
17	\$100 CASH	Altoona Johnstown Diocese	Peggy Guckin
18	EASTER WREATH	Ct St Bernard #339	Peg Witas
19	MONEY T-SHIRT	Ct Rev P McCordle #448	Pat Gildea
20	\$25 GC - LOWES	Ct St James the Gtr #2180	Susan Ronan
21	TASTE OF TYRONE	Ct St Rita #523	Pat Gildea
22	3 PC BATH ITEMS	Ct Columbia #2	Anna Marie Trombetta
23	\$25 MONEYTREE	Ct of Our Lady #647	Susan Ronan
24	CDA CALENDAR / CANDY	Ct Joan of Arc #716	Lisa Marie Genet
25	LOTTERY TREE	Ct Washington #1651	Terry Gojkovich
26	\$25 GC - VISA	Ct Annunciata #260	Lorraine Gribben
27	WINE BASKET	Ct Ryan #911	Mary Ann Morley
28	EASTER CANDY	Ct Conception #35	Bridget Wallace
29	CERAMIC ANGEL LIGHT	Ct Conception #35	Anna Marie Trombetta
30	\$25 GC SHEETZ / OLGUADALUPE	Ct St Theresa #562	Lisa Fellner
31	PARTY LIGHT	Pittsburgh Diocese	Anna Marie Trombetta
32	CDA AFGHAN	Ct Blessed Madonna #2521	Virginia Rhoa
33	RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY	Ct Blessed Madonna #2521	Pat Gildea
34	HOME & OFFICE SUPPLIES	Ct Allegheny #664	Joanne Walker
35	SNACK TIME	Ct Dolores #1675	Melody Yeardie
36	\$50 CASH	Ct St Victoria #646	Merlann Malloy
37	\$25 GC-AMER EXPRESS / QUILT	Ct Holy Trinity #37	Barbara Minor
38	\$25 LOTTERY TICKETS / BUNNY	Ct St Dominic #2222	Terry Gojkovich
39	\$25 GC - TARGET / GARDEN TIME	Ct Mystical Rose #2628	Melody Yeardie
40	\$25 GC - KOHLS	Ct Brownsville #1141	Lisa McCann
41	\$25 GC - AMC MOVIES	Ct St Francis de Sales #2617	Mary Ann Galonski
42	4 SLICE TOASTER	Ct Bellevue #655	Peg Witas
43	ITALIAN BASKET	Ct Patricia #998	Bernadette Dillon
44	\$25 CASH / \$25 LOTTERY TICKETS	Ct Lambing #314	Johanna Leonard
45	\$25 GC - BED, BATH & BEYOND	Ct Prince Gallitzin #2625	Anna Marie Glowaski
46	\$25 GC - BED, BATH, BEYOND / HOME ACCESSORIES	Ct St Rene #1868	Bridget Wallace
47	CHOCOLATE & WINE	Ct St Gerard Majella #2751	Johanna Leonard

Treasurer's Message

Thank you ladies, for voting for me. I am glad to be on the State Board. I will do my best to be a good treasurer. I am grateful for Mother Mary watching over me and guiding me. God bless.

—Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer



February Lottery Winners

Tim Marley
Pat Sloniger
Eileen Roach
Patricia B. Lafferty
Donna Barone
Ct St. Ephrem #2230
Carol Liberi
Donna Durant
Carmella M. Paduono
Scott Sweeney (2X)
Heather Graff (3X)
Angie Lewis
Lett M. Calvetti
Robert T. Eye Jr. *
Georgann B. Connell
Terri Eddy
William Ortlieb III (2X)
John Rensel
Laura Rumbol
Kim Clemens (2X)
Mary Mancini
Robert T. Eye Jr. (2X)
Lorraine Andrews
Diane Mahoney
CDA Ct. St. Mary #95
Dick Kenna (2X)
Alice Havics (2X)
Fr. Neil Dadey
*\$100 winner

April Lottery Winners

Carol Gouty
Ct. Our Lady #647
Pat Fontouzzi
Ellie Gabriel
Robert T. Eye Jr. (3X)
Margaret Kratz
Janet Hill
Frances A. Rhoa (2X)
Bridget Wallace
Marsha De Caria (3X)
Shirley Norris
Frances A. Rhoa
Barbara Krug (2X)
Frances A. Riley
Lorraine Andrews
Peg Witas / So Win
Pam Callahan
Thomas Redding
Carol A. Schubert
Mary Jane Hodak
*Rose Marie Lesovic
Cheryl Rensel
Janet A. Kreiner
Gloria Hesler
Barry Critchfield
Shirley Kurzynski
Mary Anne Galonski
Marianne J. Ziviello
Mary Marzen
CDA Ct. Ave Maria #399
*\$100 Winner

March Lottery Winners

Rev. Samuel Bungo
Maryann Ferro
John Pallott (2X)
Lori Shannon (2X)
Cynthia P. Greco
Christian J. Leonard
John Pallott (3X)
Catherine Murphy
Karen Smay Brown
Judy Wood (2X)
Marge Hall
Theresa L. Zamerowski
Susie McCallister
Robert Galonski
Maxine Nava
Ct. St. Mary #95 (2X)
Bernie Cybach
Ct. St. James Greater #2180 (2X)
Karen Kiefer *
Mary McCloskey
Anna Germock
Charlene Ringer
Linda Facchine (2X)
Geraldine T. Long
Sylvia Fox
Fances A. Rhoa
Betsey Wolfgang-Rugh (2X)
Lois C. Martin
Joseph Laconi
Paula Miller
Susan Parrish
*\$100 winner

Reminder:

Each court is asked to give \$20 a year to the five National Projects and to donate what you can to ten National Charities. All donations are to be included in one check, made payable to Catholic Daughters and sent to PA State Secretary Colette McCaffrey. Her address is on the first page of this newsletter. Forms are on our website and will be sent out with State Dues.

Membership News

The State Membership Team has been working very hard these past two years in the effort of saving existing courts and starting new courts. We visited 13 churches, did 33 Mass talks, held two orientation programs and visited three courts. I would like to thank all the ladies who helped to make this happen.

Over the past two years, we lost five courts, with a total loss of 188 members. We also started two new courts, gaining a total of 40 new members—Our Lady of Fatima #2739 in Exton and St. Gerard Majella #2751 in Clarence.

At the State Convention, the following courts listed below took in five or more new members in a two-year period and received an award. Congratulations and thank you for helping to keep Pennsylvania strong. These awards are based on the roster report from National.

Court #95 St. Mary's - Erie

Court #260 Annunciata - Greensburg

Court #339 St. Bernard - Greensburg

Court #418 St. Martin - Scranton

Court #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle - Altoona-Johnstown

Court #588 Our Lady of Victory - Harrisburg

Court #647 Our Lady - Altoona-Johnstown

Court #655 Court Bellevue - Pittsburgh

Court #716 Joan of Arc - Altoona-Johnstown

Court #759 Westinghouse - Pittsburgh

Court #1651 Washington - Pittsburgh

Court #1755 Our Lady of the Alleghenies -
Altoona-Johnstown

Court #2222 St. Dominic - Philadelphia

I quote our National Regent, Olga Samaniego, "Our sisterhood is facing a great challenge—one of survival. We are in great danger of losing our great organization. That loss would be a significant loss to Catholic women everywhere." We must meet this challenge, we cannot wait.

My challenge to you as individuals—you can help by inviting your friends, relatives and neighbors to join our wonderful organization. If you need help in recruiting new members, please call me so that I can help you.

Together, under God and our Patroness, Our Blessed Mother, we can do anything.

—Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman



Tidings from your State Secretary

Greetings to all PA CDA members,

Thank you for your support at our Pennsylvania State Convention. I am honored to have been elected as your State Secretary.

With this new position comes some new responsibilities. Keeping you abreast of changes in our National Charities is one of them. I would like to advise you that Misericordia, one of our National Charities has been replaced by Catholic Extension. I know lots of you are saying, What is Catholic Extension? Catholic Extension was founded in 1905, to help Catholics in remote areas lacking church buildings and resources. Their vision is to raise money to help bring the Catholic Church to these isolated communities. Today, Catholic Extension serves 87 "mission dioceses," funds approximately 2000 projects annually throughout the United States and its territories.

Also, a reminder that Project Handclasp has been replaced by the National Shrine Basilica in Washington, DC. Updated Donation Forms are available on the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters website: www.cdapa.com. No need to worry if you don't have computer access—an updated copy of the Donation Form will be mailed to each regent with the Spring Dues bill.

Regents, please mail all paperwork and checks that you previously mailed to Lisa McCann pertaining to membership, dues and donations to me at the following address: **Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary, 3813 Dartmouth Place, Philadelphia, PA 19136.**

Spiritual Intentions and checks should still be sent to: **Margaret T. Giordano, 1530 Hollywood Dr., Lancaster PA 17601.**

Thank you to Peg Witas for her guidance and dedication to the Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania and to Shirley, Margaret and Lisa for all that they do to nurture our courts. Welcome to Jeanette Kitch, our new Treasurer. Most of all, thank you to all of the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters for all that you do.

Wishing you a healthy, holy and happy summer with your loved ones. Take time to feel the Spirit of Our Lord around you.

—Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary



Easter People

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that witnesses to Him. Jesus teaches us that if we live like him we will make a huge difference in the world. Our sacramental life is the source of great strength to accomplish just that. We have been hearing in Sacred Scripture how Jesus' early followers slowly but gradually changed the world around them when they could have let the world change them by persecuting them through violence, fear and threats. But they knew that that was not the path to true life and happiness and so they said no to what was contrary to Jesus' values and principles.

Let us, like them, be the salt of the earth and light of the world our Savior calls us to be. May we all, through the intercession of Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of our Lord, in "Unity and Charity," continue to rejoice in God's great love and care for us and seek always to bring God's light and peace to all we meet, and touch them with the same loving and merciful hand with which God has touched us.

—Father Jozef Kovacic, CDA State Chaplain



Growing Through Education

The other evening, I watched some of the *EWTN Live* episode that had Lou Holtz as the guest. Some of you may be scratching your head wondering who he is. Lou Holtz is a legendary football coach of great integrity and a man of great faith. He is also known for his evangelism that was filmed for *Catholics Come Home* in which he says, "The key to winning in this life is choosing to do God's will and loving others with all you've got. If you haven't been going to Mass weekly, get back in the game. We're saving your seat on the starting bench this Sunday. Welcome home."

This man has accomplished much in his life outside of football. He is a husband, a father, a grandfather and a great-grandfather. Every summer the entire family spends a week together and each evening has a theme. On one of the evenings each person has to say how their spiritual life is going. The main idea being how they are working at growing their spiritual life.

The concept of growing seemed to be the theme of the interview. Basically, the discussion between Lou Holtz and Fr. Mitch Pacwa, was that if you're not growing, if you're not striving to reach a goal, then you are dead. You need to grow always in your professional life, your personal life, and most of all in your spiritual life. Lou mentioned that when he settled down and just wanted to "maintain," things went wrong. This happens to us too. We become dead fish that float down the river with the current. We actually have to put forth effort in life to be alive and move against the current.

We all are in this boat in the river called life. Are we just coasting along with the current, i.e. popular culture, or are we using oars to row ourselves upstream to a better life?

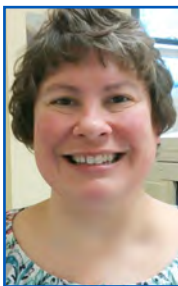
Education helps us by giving us the ability to form oars that help us get upstream. We must constantly educate ourselves so that we can keep maneuvering upstream towards our ultimate goal of heaven.

When is the last time you challenged your faith life? What is the most recent information you have learned about your spouse? What skills have you worked on to enhance your professional life? What chances are you taking—not stupid chances that lead to one's demise, but chances that help you grow?

When we become complacent and think we know all we need to know, the other side steps in and starts to lead us astray. None of us is perfect and we will fall, but if we go to the Sacrament of Confession and gain graces to help us avoid falling deeper into the lies of our culture, we can make progress going against that current.

Adult education for business and life skills has been around for quite some time, but adult education in the faith is only now starting to grow. Take advantage of a class offered by your parish or diocese. Search out solid Catholic teaching online or start an adult faith formation program. Cast out into the deep through education of your heart, mind and soul.

—Margaret Marie Gowaty, State Education Chair



For God's Glory

In early April of 2019, we Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters held our 53rd Biennial State Convention in Blairsville in the Diocese of Greensburg. It was so exhilarating to meet with so many of you there. The unity that we exhibit at such a gathering is imperative for the growth of our establishment. The charity of our members is evident not only by your generous contributions to the state and national projects and charities, daily convention Mass collections, and donations for the tombola, but also by the selfless willingness to give of your time and talents before, during and after the convention.

Before, during and after reminds me of our convention title, "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." This theme recaps for me how we originated, that is, the history of our organization. It prompts me to ponder those Catholic Daughters who came before us, those of yesterday. There were many I did not know, but then there were also our mothers, grandmothers, and other women from our parishes and communities who so generously gave of their time and talents for the cause of CDA. These women have inspired me to follow in their footsteps.

And so here we are today. We carry on many traditions and yet we look ahead to keeping up with the times and preparing for the future of CDA—our tomorrow. We are all entrusted with keeping our institution alive and well for the generations to come. Through our continuance of unity and charity, we will accomplish that.

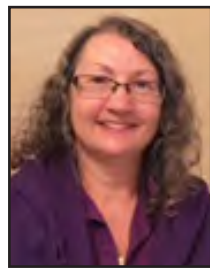
One month after convention, I officially began my service to all Catholic Daughters in Pennsylvania as First Vice State Regent. It is truly an honor for me to serve in this capacity; I am so grateful for this opportunity and thankful for your support.

In May, I attended our transitional board meeting in Easton. There, with His Excellency Bishop Schlert, clergy, Knights of Columbus, Immediate Past State Regent, Peg Witas, and the entire new board of State Officers, State Regent, Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent, Lisa McCann, State Secretary, Colette McCaffrey, and State Treasurer, Jeanette Kitch, members of the Courts Easton #358, Ryan #911 and St. James #1029, I had the privilege of attending the Mass and dinner for the 100th Anniversary of Court Easton #358 of the Allentown Diocese. Again, what an awesome display of CDA unity and charity!

As summer draws near, may we feel the warmth and love of God in our hearts, minds and souls. May we sprout new ideas for our CDA courts. May we refresh and renew our CDA commitments. As the sunshine and rain cultivate brilliant flowers in our gardens, so may we nurture our new perceptions, allowing them to flourish into dazzling and successful stratagems.

May our patroness, the Blessed Mother, be our model in all we do and say. May we diligently use the talents God has gifted us, and may we humbly pray, "Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory." (Ps 115:1)

—Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Altoona, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: _____

From: _____

Intention: _____

Happy 100th Anniversary

Court St. Leo #356

Court Easton #358

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Congratulations - 10th Anniversary

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Happy Anniversary

Marialice and Frank Sagan

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations on 25 Years as a Sister of Charity

Sr. Kathy McGuire

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations on 37 Years as a Priest

Father Ed Lamp

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations on a Successful Convention

PA CDA Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Successful Convention

State Court of North Carolina Officers and Members

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations!

Newly Elected State Board

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Newly-Elected Nominating Committee-2021 Convention

Newly-Elected State Officers for 2019-2021

All State Contest Winners

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Congratulations on 100 Years of Service

Officers and Members of Court Easton #358

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, March-May 2019. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Membership Milestones

70-year Membership

Patricia Mulfinger

65-year Membership

Faye Kelleher

35-year Membership

Nancy Kowalczyk

15-year Membership

Deborah Oesterling Rhodes, Pat Stoker

10-year Membership

*Charlotte Burcin, Rose Marie Kushwara
Kristina Tice*

5-year Membership

Kaitlyn Fello

Requested by: MaryAnn Zimmerman,
Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

In Appreciation

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Easter Blessings

All CDA Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Birthday

Sr. Mary Paul, sister

Theresa Hauck, sister

Danielle Christian, niece

Adam Christian, nephew

Nicole Kreider, daughter

Charlotte DiCola, life-time friend

Sandy Sultzbach, mother-in-law

Thomas Hauck, brother-in-law

Valerie Hatfield, daughter

Karen Zeiset

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Sr. Mary Paul, Theresa Hauck, Nicole Kreider

Linda Greineder, Roberta Stefanow, Valerie Hatfield

Robin Burgoon

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Sherry Nilles

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Happy 21st Birthday

Jada Hoskins, granddaughter

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy 90th Birthday

Mercedes Rafferty, mother

Requested by: Peg Witas, State Regent

Happy Mother's Day

All Mothers

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Peggy Guckin, National Director

In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

All CDA Members

Requested by: Court St. Rene #1868

Get Well ♦ Good Health ♦ Healing

Complete Recovery

Roberta Stefanow

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Corin Ignacio

Requested by: Sandy Owens,

Ct. Our Lady of Victory #722

Father Anthony Wozniak

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

Rita Fontes

Matthew Selway

Charlotte DiCola, lifelong friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

MaryAnn Voystock

Connie Geary

Dorothy Mankowski

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

David Fello, husband of Lorraine Fello

Requested by: Officers of Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Joy ♦ Peace ♦ Good Health

Peg Witas

Requested by: Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Father D. Timothy Grimme

Requested by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

Mother of Susan Sharer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Sr. Mary Paul

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Thank You!

Father Sherdel

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Essie Walker

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers and Members

Peg Rafferty Witas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

*All who attended or contributed
to the 53rd Biennial State Convention*

All Who Served as District Deputies from 2017-2019

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Prayers for Well-Being Due to Flooding

Iowa, Illinois, Missouri

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Rest in Peace/Repose of Soul/In Sympathy
In Memory**

Dolores Ashcroft

Madge Sherry

Requested by: Sandy Owens, Ct. Our Lady of Victory #722

Margaret Kirgin

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Judith Buterbaugh

Requested by: Court St. Bernard #339 Officers

Joe Kasper

Requested by: Peg Witas, State Regent

Dolores Leath

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Mary Painter

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Mary Aloia

Rose Luongo

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Welcome

New Members Linda Greineder and Roberta Stefanow

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Welcome to Our New State Treasurer

Jeanette Kitch

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Welfare

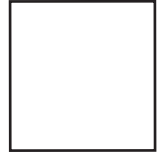
Kasper Family

Requested by: Peg Witas, State Regent

Sherry Nilles

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, PSR, National Director
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

Easter People

Dear Catholics Daughters of the Americas and Friends,

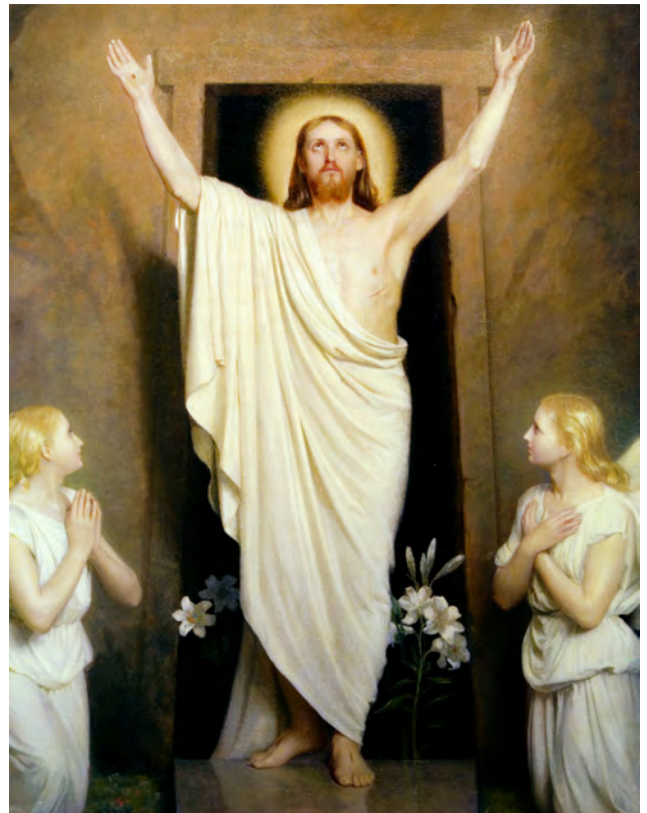
Maybe you have heard the story of a certain pastor who was known far and wide for his powerful and inspiring preaching. He was so popular that people from other towns would sometimes skip Mass at their home parishes just to hear his homilies. At the height of the pastor's popularity, however, something strange happened: he delivered the exact same homily, word for word, two weeks in a row. The people thought it was odd, but they concluded that he had simply been so busy that he had not had time to prepare a new homily. The next Sunday, the pastor again repeated the same homily, word for word. At which point, those who came to Mass got upset and some parishioners actually confronted him after Mass: "Why do you keep preaching the same homily? they asked. He replied: "You are right! I have been preaching the same homily and I will keep preaching it until you put it into practice!"

A few weeks ago, we celebrated Easter. We know quite well the stories recorded in the New Testament that describe for us all the events that led to the resurrection of Jesus. These stories have been told for centuries and we have been fortunate to listen to these stories for many years. And just like the pastor's homily, these stories we find in Sacred Scripture and their outcome don't change, but we should if we want to truly honor the one who is in the center of them all. We should let them speak to us and let them transform us into resurrected people, Easter people. How? You may ask.

The good news of Christ's resurrection brought an incredible joy, strength and courage to his friends and followers who were fearful and were beginning to lose hope. It renewed and strengthened their sometimes fragile faith in the Lord of life who is stronger than all that seeks to pull us away from him, especially sin. While we realize how blessed we are, by our good and gracious God, we also know that the world around us can at times be very troubled, dark and depressing. And that's why we need to celebrate Easter because it reminds us that Easter is not just something like a story that happened a long time ago but it is an ongoing event that still celebrates the fact that God is actively involved in our world and continues to defeat fear and chaos. Easter is like a point we need to focus on when all we see ahead of us is fading light and darkness. Nobody and nothing can ever defeat God's purpose, or plan if you will, of creating something new through those who love Him. We need to remember what happened on Good Friday and then on Easter Sunday morning.

We can be confident that Jesus Christ accompanies us on our life journey to help us change habits, attitudes and behaviors that have hurt us and others. His gift of new life offers us a new beginning so we can write a new chapter

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The Resurrection
Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)
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