

The CLC Index

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Saying Goodbye...



It is with heavy hearts, we share with you, former CLC Board President Karen Buckley, has passed away. Karen was a lifetime CLC member and longtime member of the Board. She served as a Director from 1995-1998. She then served as Vice President from 1998-2004 and finished her CLC career serving as President from 2004-2010. Karen was a kind soul and cherished her family. She loved baking pies for family get-togethers and holidays. Karen also made incredible peanut butter fudge which, for many, is no easy feat! Karen was a beautiful individual whom will be missed greatly by so many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Karen's friends and family.

Ft. Jennings Council #88 Helping Families In Need

Council 88, Ft. Jennings recently dispersed the matching funds donations to two members' families that suffered losses from fire. They split the donation equally between two families. The money was raised from their recent bus trip to the Amish Country.



Mary Lou Krietemeyer, Council 88 member, presenting the check to her grandson, John McRedmond, whose family also suffered loss from a fire.



Shelley Hoersten, President, presenting the check to Ashley Prowant. She and her husband Austin are grandchildren of Council 88 member, Rose Krietemeyer.



Facts from Fairy

Happy Easter to all of our members and your families. I hope everyone had family time and a chance to relax and enjoy the Easter season. We are fortunate and blessed to be able to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection.

A CLC Life Insurance policy makes a great gift for anyone, even better if that person is interested in continuing their education. One of CLC's fraternal benefits are available to anyone holding a life insurance policy for three years. That benefit is the qualification to apply for one of CLC's 25 \$1,000 scholarships. This year CLC received 36 scholarship applications. The winners will be announced soon. Good Luck to everyone who applied. It is amazing what our members are achieving.

Thank-you to the councils for sending in your 2023 audits. This information is compiled and sent to the American Fraternal Alliance.

Join Hands Day is May 4, 2024. The CLC Board hopes everyone can take part and brighten someone's day. As we have seen, in Ohio, there has been a lot of destruction because of the tornadoes lately. Several of our members and their families have been displaced because of the storms. Councils and members can donate to the areas devastated by sending donations to the Red Cross or the United Way of Logan County at uwlogan.org. Please check their website for more information and updates on how to donate. Please keep the people that have been affected by the storms in your prayers as they continue to rebuild their homes and lives.

As we donate funds, and time, it is important that we report our hours and donations to the American Fraternal Alliance to help CLC remain tax exempt. Please report your volunteer hours and donations at www.theclc.org or send directly to society@theclc.org.

You have until April 15th to add to your retirement savings for 2023. Remember when you purchase a CLC insurance product, annuity, IRA or Roth IRA for you or your family you are protecting your family financially and supporting your community. You are making it

possible for CLC to offer scholarships, Matching Funds and Charitable Donations to support our members and their communities. Contact your local agent or the home office to purchase a CLC product.

CLC is no longer holding an in person Annual meeting. With the meeting being online CLC will no longer print an August Index. Most councils do not meet in the summer months and if you would like to view the annual meeting it will be available online at theclc.org website. The Board will meet in April. It has been a challenging year and the Board will continue to do what is best for CLC members and the organization.

The auction at St. Peter Catholic Elementary school in Upper Sandusky was held recently. CLC members are happy to support the school with cookie donations and attendance. It is a good time to socialize and spend time to support our young students. It was a huge success. Thank-you to everyone that donated and attended the event.

In Upper Sandusky we are preparing for the total eclipse on April 8th. According to the experts we are a prime location to see the event. As you get ready make sure you have your eclipse glasses and stay safe. I will be sitting at my house avoiding the crowds that are expected to overtake Wyandot County. I do hope it is a sunny day so people are not disappointed.

I look forward to attending the Glandorf and Ottawa council's quarter auction. It will be held April 23 at St. John's cafeteria in Glandorf at 6 p.m. If you are available it is always a good time to socialize and donate to a good cause. The proceeds support both council's charities. As you read this Index I will be returning from my visit to Italy. I am fortunate and blessed to be able to travel with friends from Marion Technical College. We hope to see the Pope and worship at the Vatican on Easter. As we continue in the Easter Season please pray for peace and support for the people suffering. We are truly blessed to live in the United States.

Please pray for Indian Lake, OH and all those everywhere that have been affected by the tornadoes and other severe weather as spring arrives.

PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE FOR SCHOOLS!



Upper Sandusky CLC council members : Fairy Wagner, Dianne and Janice Boes along with Mike Alspach, Upper Sandusky KofC Grand Knight, presented St. Peter School Principal Brittany Craddolph and students with the proceeds from the pancake breakfast and bake sale. The CLC council holds a bake sale during the KofC's pancake and sausage breakfast at the start of Catholic Schools week the last week of January. The council also received a charitable donation for St. Peter School's annual auction. Thank-you to everyone that donated and attended the event.

Annual Statement of Condition

Dear Member:

We thank you for trusting Catholic Ladies of Columbia to secure your family's future. For almost 127 years, we have helped families like yours achieve their financial goals through safe retirement and life insurance products, all while supporting their local communities.

I am please to share with you our 2023 year-end financial results:

- Assets of \$131 Million
- Surplus of 2.7 Million
- Insurance in force of \$65 million

This year we celebrate our 127th year of operation! CLC takes great pride in our organization and our long history. As we look to the future, we promise to continue to protect you our members as well as your families with our safe and secure products and our commitment to your communities.

On behalf of everyone at CLC, thank you for letting us serve you and your family!

Loni Perkins

Chief Operating Officer

For the winter is passed.
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers are springing up.
And the time of the singing of the birds has come
-Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Koffee With Kathi

Hello Friends!! Believe it or not, Spring is upon us!! A new season means so much to different people. Perhaps: "Spring Showers bring May Flowers", "Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be", "Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a Rebirth of the Spirit".

However, you visualize the season, one thing is for certain: The grass is no longer brown, it is just a little warmer, and maybe we find a little spring in our step. What we know for sure is that a change in seasons brings new adventures. Change is inevitable.

Change brings me to Life Insurance. If there are any significant life changes, we need to think about life insurance. Marriage, Buying a New Home, Having a Baby, Changing Jobs, Retiring, etc. All of these events plus many more should have you thinking about your current coverage, "Is there enough coverage? Do I need as much coverage? Do I have the proper beneficiaries in place?" The questions can go on and on, but the only way you will truly know is to sit with an agent and lay it all out. That is what we are for; to help you navigate your journey through life.

Please consider a review or encourage others around you to sit down and take inventory of their lives. Remember, it is NOT a product, it IS a promise.



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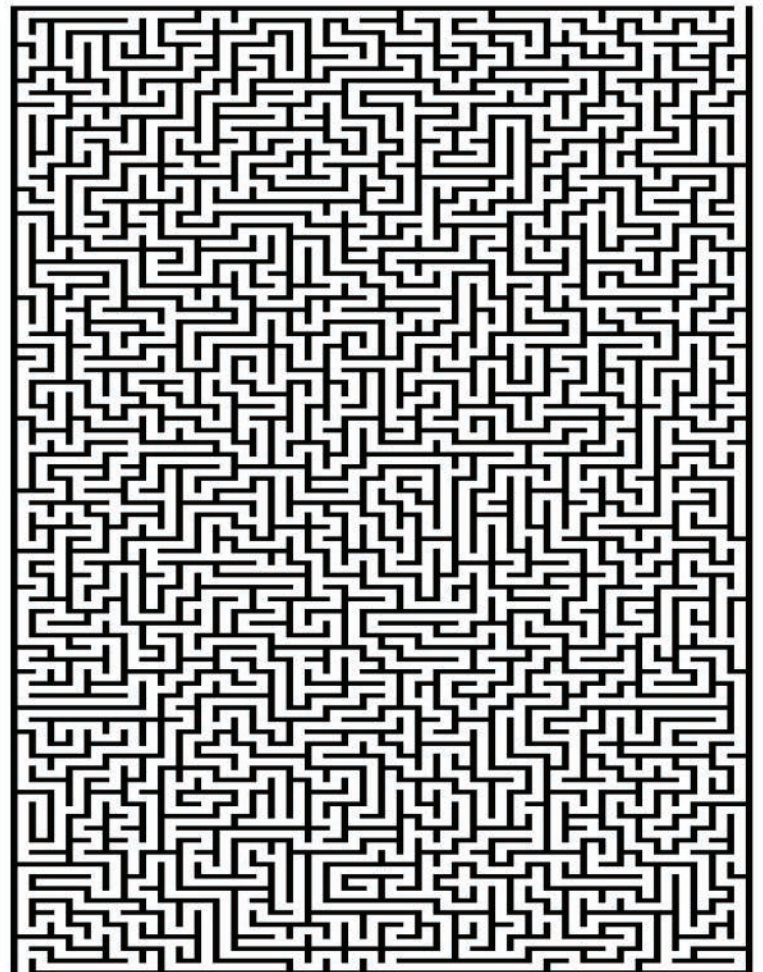


UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11
Board meeting

April 23
Glandorf and Ottawa CLC Councils
quarter auction at 6 p.m. in Glandorf
St. John's cafeteria

May 4
Join Hands Day



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