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With Change Comes Adjustment

By Sr. Deb Wischmeyer

I read recently that Lent should be a time of openness in letting God change us for the better. This got me thinking about the changes that the Sisters of Notre Dame are currently going through.

As numbers are currently declining in our provinces, we have made the decision to combine all four of the North American provinces into one united province. We are finding that it would be more economical and practical if we pooled our financial and human resources together.

Well, you know they say that change is good but it isn't necessarily easy. As the sisters continue to age, we have more and more that are in need of skilled nursing care. We are no longer able to provide for this in-house and must have these needs met by professional nursing home care. Community and prayer life for these Sisters will take on a whole new look.

Many of us find the new changes to be exciting and life-giving. However, these same changes

cause other Sisters to experience fear of the unknown.

Lent is the perfect time to remember to be open to change and to accept where others are in dealing with their own changes that they may be undergoing.

Please keep the Sisters of Notre Dame in your prayers as we undergo our unification process.

Ft. Jennings Council #88 Bringing Joy to The Meadows

On Saturday, February 23rd a group of Council 88 CLC members and friends entertained the residents of Ft Haven in Ft. Jennings and The Meadows in Kalida.

It was so heart warming and rewarding to see the memory residents' faces brighten and how they started singing along with our accordionist, Elaine Wehri. We brought much happiness to several 100+ year old residents by singing "Happy Birthday" to them.

It was a day of spreading much happiness and cheer. Everyone went home that day with a full heart!



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March is a busy month for CLC but I will take the time to welcome spring with open arms! This month top selling agents will be attending the CLC Leader's Conference along with Loni Perkins; Chief Operating Officer, Gail Kroll; VP of Sales and Marketing, Sheila Bowers; Chief Underwriter and Celeste Stultz; Creative Director. Congratulations to them and continued success working with CLC. We are thankful to have such a dedicated work force. A Board meeting is scheduled for March 21. The CLC team is continuing work and improvement for the success of our members and CLC. The Board is still looking for a member to serve on the Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee will assemble a list of qualified Benefit Members for election to the CLC Board of Directors. If you would like to make a difference by being a member of the committee or would like to become a candidate for the 2022 Board of Directors please email me at fwagner@theclc.org or call the Home Office at 800-845-0494. I hope to announce the committee members at the annual meeting in October.

The Councils have received a Volunteer Hour Report form and a Council Audit form. Make sure the forms are completed and returned to the Board Representatives. Individual members may report their volunteer hours at theclc.org under the "Contact Us" tab. Members and councils may also enter their volunteer events, photos and community projects on the website. This information is very important in keeping our fraternal tax exempt status. We love to hear from our members and would like to include your activities in the Index.

It is imperative that we have up to date information for all of our members. When life changes happen your information may change as well. Please remember to update your address, phone number, email address and beneficiaries with the Home Office. The office receives returned mail each week due to our mobile society. Several methods to update your information are available for your convenience. Call the Home Office at 800-845-0494, email society@theclc.org, or go to our website at theclc.org and download the Change and Service Request Form, fill it out and return it to CLC Life Insurance, 700 Taylor Rd., suite 280, Gahanna, OH 43230. If you would like to receive the Index via email you may add your email address to this form in the miscellaneous section, number 13. If you know a member who is not receiving the Index, encourage them to submit a request on the website to be included.

In Upper Sandusky, we are preparing for the St. Peter School benefit auction. It is a major fundraiser for our Pre-K through grade 6 Catholic school. It is also our way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. It has turned into a great way to spend time with family and friends while raising money for our local school. Since Ash Wednesday is March 6th, our KofC fish fry events will start on Friday night. They are also a great way to enjoy good food and fellowship. We welcome you to attend these activities in your areas as they support great causes.

March is also the perfect time to start or add to an IRA or Roth IRA. It is a way to prepare for your retirement and reward yourself. Call your local agent or the Home Office at 800-845-0494 for more information.

May the luck of the Irish be with you and your families!



CLC Council #86 in Upper Sandusky Helping St. Peter School

Council #86 donated \$1,500. to St. Peter School. Donations were raised through a bake sale. Proceeds were matched with charitable donations from the CLC Home Office.



Pictured are (front row, from left) Caleb Anderson, Carington Weaver, Nora Leightey, Reese Stringfellow, Gwen Beckley, Emma Lanversitch, Eliana Conigy; (back row, from left) Kayla Weaver, President Fairy Wagner, Rosemary Smalley, Barb Grasz and Teresa Brodman.

Getting Ready for the Bus Trip!

Council #86 is gearing up for The Ark Encounter and Louisville Experience annual bus trip! This is a trip filled with casinos, shopping, spas, golfing, food galore, a lovely cathedral, a pool, Fourth Street Live entertainment area, breakfast at Bellterra, take a tour on Trolley DeVille, a winery, fun, laughter and much, much, more! The cost is \$450 for double occupancy. This does not include gratuities. For more information and to sign up email CLCbustrip@gmail.com. Travel dates are August 5-8, 2019.



2019 Spring Retreat and Join Hands Day!

Springfield council is busy preparing for the spring retreat at St. Teresa Parish. Father John MacQuarrie will be the celebrant for the Mass. There will be a speaker and a light dinner will be served after Mass.

The Board asked the Springfield Council to select a charity for our Join Hands Day project to be included with the retreat. They have chosen the Springfield Soup Kitchen at 830 West Main St. in Springfield, Ohio. The soup kitchen served over 34,000 hot meals in 2018. We are asking for councils, members and agents to donate toward this worthy cause along with attending the retreat.

The soup kitchen will accept canned food products, along with paper plates, cups, bowls, coffee and other donations. The full list of items needed is on their website at springfieldsoupkitchen.org. Monetary donations can be sent to the CLC Home Office by April 24.

The Board hopes members, agents and guests will be able to attend the retreat. The cost for the evening is \$5.00 per person which may be paid at the door.

Please have your reservations into the Home Office no later than April 15. You can call 1-800-845-0494 to reserve your spot or email society@theclc.org.

The Board Members look forward to seeing you there. Let's show our support for the Springfield members and community.



Building Bridges Between Generations



Join Our Team! Walk For MS Columbus!

By Jane Kozman

Team "Just Koz" is back! Our team will be walking for Tom Kozman. This year's MS walk will be held at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium on Saturday, May 11th. Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. and registration begins at 7:00 a.m. This year we would love to have you join our team along with including your donations. Our walkers will be dressed in their wildest MS Bling! Get creative and show off your passion for the cause!

This cause is very dear to my heart. My husband Tom was diagnosed in 2007. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central

nervous system. It interrupts the flow of information within the brain and between the brain and body.

The MS Walk is a day that brings friends, families and co-workers together to embrace an important event. By joining our team or making a donation you are helping fund cutting edge research, treatments as well as support local programs that are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most importantly... it is a "Just Koz".

Thank you for your support and continuous prayers!

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- MAR 06 Ash Wednesday
- MAR 16 Peter School Benefit
Upper Sandusky auction
- MAR 17 St. Patrick's Day
- APR 19 Good Friday - Office Closed
- APR 21 Easter
- APR 29 Springfield Retreat!
Must RSVP no later
than April 15, 2019
- MAY 2-3 Council #86
Rummage Sale!
- MAY 04 Join Hands Day
- MAY 11 MS Walk @ The
Columbus Zoo

Register Today To Join Team Koz and the Home Office Staff! Registration is FREE! Entry to the Columbus Zoo is FREE!

Saturday, May 11, 2019

1-mile and 3 -mile routes available
Columbus, Ohio
Age Minimum: Open to all ages

Start/End Location

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
Starting from:
4850 W Powell Rd.
Columbus , OH 43065

Online registration will close at noon Thursday before Walk MS: Columbus. If you haven't registered before then, visit the registration area on event day. 7:00 a.m. Check in; 8:30 a.m. Walk
https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TRR/Walk/OHAWalkEvents/1201513980?pg=utype&fr_id=30282

Fundraising Incentive

Raise \$100 and get a Walk MS T-shirt



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