# CICINIDIA













#### **Quilting For Comfort and Strength**

I was diagnosed with endometrial cancer in November 2019. I had a complete hysterectomy in December and started my chemo treatments in January 2020. During my first chemo appointment at the Stefanie Spielman Center at The James in Columbus, I was presented with a beautiful handmade quilt. I thought, WOW, this is beautiful! Being a quilter myself, I knew I wanted to do something to help. I wanted to make a difference for others in my situation. I contacted The Stitching Sisters, a group that organizes the thousands of quilts that are handed out each year. The Stitching Sisters accept quilts at any stage. They will take fabric, quilt tops, completed quilts and of course, cash to buy supplies. I love to create and design quilt tops and I thought that is where I can help. I set a goal of ten and went to work.

My CLC Council, Council 88 of Ft. Jennings, knew of my illness and treatments and decided to present me with a Matching Funds donation. The Matching Funds program is available through the Home Office. The council raises money and CLC will match the council up to \$500. When they told me, right away I thought surely there is someone more deserving and more in need than me. After receiving it, I decided to use part of it to "pay it forward". In addition to using the money for the trips to Columbus for treatment, hotel rooms and food, I used part of it to buy what I needed to complete the quilt tops for The Stitching Sisters.

This was a very rewarding project! It gave me a goal and something to do on those days when I was not feeling the best. It got me out of the recliner and ultimately I felt better at the end of the day. My hope is that each quilt brings the warmth, comfort and peace to the recipient as they travel through their cancer journey.

- Sharon Calvelage











#### **Annual Volunteer Hours Report!**

Each year CLC reports the volunteer hours provided by our members. CLC would like to thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness and making a positive difference in a world that seems so very upside down right now. The chart below shows the hours reported to the AFA for 2019. Even though it is difficult to get out this year, you can still make a difference from a distance. Remember you can report your volunteer hours by mail, by phone, by email or on the CLC website.

		Number of Members		Community Service Events			Fraternal Social Fellowship Activities			
	Number of Lodges	Certificate Holders	School Members	Number of Events	Number of Hours	Financial Distributions	Number of Events	Number of Hours	Financial Disbersement	Home Office Contributions
Indiana	1	841	0	0	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kentucky	1	447	0	0	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Michigan	1	1143	0	0	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Ohio	27	8516	765	6144	68,248.00	\$27,583.85	2714	20568.00	\$27,582.85	\$53,005.85
Total	30	10947	765	6144	68,248.00	\$27,583.85	2714	20568.00	\$27,583.85	\$54,005.84

### Fairy's Facts for August

2020 has definitely been a trying year. Covid 19 has changed all of our lives. We have taken so many activities and gatherings for granted in the past. I miss seeing CLC members at the meetings and many activities. It has certainly cramped my style and the many charitable events that we held during the year. With social distancing and the required face masks we are all missing human contact and interaction. Remember to call your neighbors and friends. Maybe start a telephone call list. Have each member call another member every couple of weeks just to check in.

The Board met recently using zoom. Because of our health and our families we meeting virtually allows us to continue CLC business and remain safe. The office staff also works remotely with only 2 members of the staff being in the office at once. No visitors are allowed in the office at this time. This procedure will remain until further notice.

A big congratulations goes out to all of our young members that entered the 2020 coloring contest. All entrants should have received their coloring contest award in the mail and a Juvenile Term application for the year. This is just one of the great fraternal benefits available for being a CLC member.

Just like everything else in this world right now, changes have been made to the CLC Annual Meeting. This year, in the best interest of the society, its members, Board of Directors, agents and Home Office Staff, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. All members, age 18 and older, should have received a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to register for the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting. We will start at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, live from the Home Office. I along with the board members, Parkway, auditors and office staff will be giving reports. Please, if you have any questions on how to register, go to theclc.org or call the home office at 1-800-845-0494 for assistance registering online. This year it is free but you must have an email address to participate! Registration deadline is October 5!

This year we are celebrating our teachers as part of our Annual Meeting and Make a Difference Day. Recognize your favorite teacher by entering them in our contest on theclc.org website. You may and mail it to the Home Office. The winner's names will be drawn, from all the entered nominees, during the 2020 Annual Meeting.

September is life insurance awareness month so it is the perfect time to benefit the people in your life. Remember Christmas is not far away and a life insurance policy or annuity is a perfect Christmas present for anyone. The policy may be sent in the mail and no gift wrapping required. It is a way for us to provide for our future and the future of our loved ones.

2021 is election year for CLC Board members. CLC is looking for qualified members to serve on the CLC Board for a 4 year term. Members will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and 4 Directors. The Board meets regularly to conduct the business and fraternal affairs of the society. Resumes for Board positions will be accepted at the Home Office until January 31, 2021. If you have any questions please contact the Home Office or any Board or Nominating Committee member.

One of the many changes in my life is that I am spending more time at home and I have taken time to read more. Happiness seems to be a big topic of conversation in the articles that I have read. It is hard to determine what makes people happy. One of the recent articles has determined that people who are happier and the most resilient are the ones who practice gratitude. As we continue in the pandemic I am grateful to be a CLC member and know when this is over we will join together and carry on with our generosity toward our members and communities.

CLC has lost several members to Covid 19. The Board and I offer our sincere sympathy to their families and friends. I know some of our members have also had to quarantine because of coming in contact with infected people. From myself, the Board of Directors and all of those in the Home Office, please be safe and take care.

#### **2020 CLC Coloring Contest Winners!**

Each year CLC holds a coloring contest for its' youngest members. The theme changes each year. This year, not only were they required to color, they were required to draw as well. What better way to spread the message to stay safe and practice everyday activities than expressing them through art? There were so many great entries. Below you will see the top three winners from each age group. The message is clear, the creativity is awesome and the coloring is incredible! Congratulations to all of the Coloring Contest winners for 2020! We love seeing your creativity and sharing it with all of our members! All of the kids that enter win a cash prize (from \$1 up to \$10) and the chance to win a K.I.D.S. policy from CLC until they stop entering the coloring contest or they age out. Help us congratulate all of the winners of 2020! Great job!



Kendall Reed, Council #7



Adalee Wagner, Council #86



Jamison Miller, Council #115



Hayleigh Smith, Council #10



Magdalen Mertz, Council #88



Nora Wick, Council #86



Bella Meyer, Council #179 ("Striped mask with ear straps, a chin strap with lights and a butterfly decoration on top")



Corinne George, Council #7



Elliot Walther, Council #900

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All, in person, CLC events are cancelled for 2020 & until further notice!



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#### **Reminders!**

The CLC Annual Meeting Deadline 10/01/20
Teacher Nomination Deadline 10/05/20
Board Resume Submission Deadline 01/01/21
Office Closed 09/07/20

### **New Payment Options**

Tired of addressing envelopes? Looking for stamps? Making sure your payment is in the mail on time and actually makes it to the Home Office in time to process by your payment due date!? STOP! CLC now accepts credit card payments. Now you can make your payments with one phone call! Just pick up the phone, dial 1-800-845-0494 to make your payment over the phone. There is a small transaction fee of \$5.00. This is the fee we are charged to complete each transaction.

Don't feel like paying the few extra dollars to pay over the phone? You have another choice!

Go to www.theclc.org to the printable forms section. Print the ACH withdrawal form, fill in all required fields, include a voided deposit slip and mail it to the Home Office or email it to society@theclc.org to begin automatic withdrawals. It really is that simple!

