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CANDIDATES

**2021
Board Election**

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS!**



The time is quickly approaching to cast your votes for the next CLC Board of Directors. Board nominees are introduced in this Index as well as on the CLC website. As you prepare to vote in July and August for CLC Board members please choose the qualified individuals that will continue the CLC legacy. The CLC Board is the governing body of the Society. The Board defines the purposes of CLC and adopts rules and regulations to operate the Society as a fraternal benefit society. The Board is active in the management and administration of the Society. Each board member has an important role in the Society as we continue to grow for the benefit of our members. Please take the time to read a little about each candidate so you will know how you want to vote!

President - Fairy Wagner



My name is Fairy Wagner. Since being a member, I have served as Secretary of Upper Sandusky's council and served on many committees. I have been a lifelong member of Upper Sandusky Council #86. I attend council meetings and enjoy the annual summer trip with Council #86. I am a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in Upper Sandusky. I volunteer at St. Peter School, the parish festival, I have taught in the religious education program as well as help with vacation bible school each year. I am the current President of the CLC Board of Directors. Prior to my seat as President I served as the Vice President for two years and before that I held the seat of Secretary as well as the seat of Director when I first took my place on the Board. As President, I attend and preside at all Board meetings. I have attended many CLC council activities and American Fraternal Alliance's seminars and conferences. I promote CLC as a Fraternal Society to benefit the members and their communities. Along with learning so much about life insurance, investments and fraternalism, I have met countless people that have enriched my life. I look forward to continuing my place as President on the CLC Board of Directors. I truly appreciate the opportunity.

Vice President - Lydia Rall



My name is Lydia Rall. I have been a life-long member of CLC, since my mother, Helen, would bring me with her to local council meetings as a child. I was initiated in 2007 and was an active member of Council 86 Upper Sandusky, before moving to Columbus and joining council 95 in 2014. I attend St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Victorian Village. My background in higher education finance, logistics and policy helps me think broadly in terms of furthering the mission of CLC. I've served on the CLC Board of Directors since 2017, and work directly with Enterprise Risk Management, Strategic Planning, HR Committee and previously worked on the transition from Constitution to Bylaws system from 2014-2016. I want to continue serving on the board for the same reasons I ran for the board back in 2017. Being part of CLC allows me to be part of something much larger than myself. I'm following in the footsteps of family and friends before me and am working to make our society more equitable and sustainable. I have learned so much about the Society, its members, how decisions are made, and what really goes into providing a quality investment product for our members. Thank you so much for putting your faith in me to do this work and thank you for keeping that faith moving forward.

Secretary - Chari Shick



My name is Chari Shick. I have been a life long legacy member of CLC. I am in transition due to moving and am a prior member of St. Joseph/Jacksonville and Resurrection Church/Lexington. I recently moved to Upper Sandusky and will be attending Transfiguration of the Lord. I have worked on the decorating committee, taught children's liturgy, helped provide meals for individuals in need, and assisted during special masses. I am the current Vice President of the Bucyrus CLC Council. I am a manager of the Northern territory for The Alpha Group and been with the company for approximately 15 years. I work with disabled individuals every day while managing my team which work in 12 north eastern Counties. Being on the Board of CLC allows me to be a representative and voice for the members, and help to build a stronger society. Being a legacy not only has given me a reason to genuinely care about CLC, but allows me to use my education, resources, and administrative experience to help CLC grow with the times and be more technologically advanced. Being a strong professional female, I pride myself with my honesty, being a hard worker, my strong religious belief, and determination to make a positive difference in other's lives.

Director (4 seats)



My name is Carol Bockrath and have been a member of Kalida Council #134 since 1996. I provide administrative support to the Kalida Local Schools. As a respected member of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, I will be able to contribute my ideas for the business and fraternal affairs of the Society and most importantly, help me gain lifelong friendships. I take great pride in supporting the initiatives and growth of the CLC. I believe I can bring many positive aspects to this board position including my organization and communication skills. I would like the opportunity to serve as a board member and contribute to the future endeavors of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.



My name is Melissa Niese. I am a current member of the St. Nicholas Holy Family parish, where I have resided for my entire life. I am a member of our parish Altar Rosary Society and a new CLC member. I have spent 18 years in the financial sector. I consistently contribute to positive business results through effective organization, prioritization, and teamwork on special projects. I have served as a team leader for approximately 25 people in a former role. In my current role as a Credit Analyst I am independently motivated and I work well in group settings. This opportunity is especially exciting to further my professional and personal goals. My organization, teamwork and communication abilities will serve to support and further the Societies efforts.



My name is Linda Peterson. I am a lifelong member of CLC beginning with my first insurance policy at 2 years old. A 3rd generation CLC Member, I currently serve as Secretary for Fort Jennings Council #88 and have served on various committees for the council and also chaired the CLC Audit /Financial Status-Committee for the last 3 years. My husband Brian, daughter Molly and I currently reside in Hamler Ohio and attend St. Paul's Catholic Church. Having worked for and been involved with several organizations and their respective boards, I feel my knowledge of nonprofit membership driven organizations could be a great asset to the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. I hope my fresh ideas could lead to attracting new members to the Society and growing local CLC councils around the State.



My name is Crystal Pratt. I am a member of Upper Sandusky council #86. I have been a member of CLC since 2019. I currently hold a position with Marion City Schools as a program coordinator. My interest in spreading the word of God and the Church through my life can be seen through the passion in my work and my volunteerism throughout my community and my church. I have had the opportunity to take on many larger community outreach events that I was able to plan from beginning to end. Becoming a Board Member will help expand the opportunities and my knowledge of the inner workings of a not-for-profit. I will be able to use my leadership skills and experience to help with presentations, council activities and meetings, reports and the many responsibilities that come with supporting CLC.



My name is Viki Snider. I have been a member of Athens Council 165 since 2009 and am currently serving as Council President. Prior to serving as President I held the seat of Vice President and before that the seat of Treasurer. I have attend St Paul Church, which is now a part of Athens Catholic Community, since birth. After serving the past four years on the CLC Board as a Director, I feel there is so much more to learn about CLC. I would like the opportunity to continue learning all aspects of this great organization. My husband and I have owned and operated our own business for 28 years. This requires budgeting, bookkeeping, ordering, time management and people skills. I believe my skills, experience and dedication to CLC will benefit the Society.



My name is Lucy Vanderhoff. I am a member of Russells Point Council #217. I have been a member of CLC since 1996. I am currently the Sr. Internal Auditor for my company. My knowledge in planning, execution and reporting, alongside my experience in finance and working to enhance the work environment, will be beneficial to the CLC Board of Directors. I look forward to the chance at becoming more involved in CLC and its inner workings. My family and I moved out of the area in 2019 then the pandemic hit. Just like the rest of the world, the pandemic made it extremely difficult to be involved in the community and in our Parish. That is also something my family and I are looking forward to getting back to as this year progresses.

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You Can Help End COVID-19

COVID-19 has changed almost everything about daily life. The effects of the pandemic have been so huge, you may have wondered if there's anything you can do to help end COVID-19 for your community.

The answer is yes. You can do something. To start, visit Combat COVID (<https://CombatCOVID.hhs.gov>). It's a one-stop resource where you can find out how to help your loved ones and millions of others in the fight against COVID-19. This website was developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the National Institutes of Health and the Federal COVID Response.

At the Combat COVID website, you'll find the latest updates and tips about COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, including monoclonal antibodies. The site also describes clinical trials for COVID-19 treatments and how you can get involved. Make a real difference. Visit Combat COVID (<https://CombatCOVID.hhs.gov>). To learn more about clinical trials, call Combat COVID at 877-414-8106.



Members share in the spiritual benefits of being enrolled in a perpetual membership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. If you need a special prayer, individual requests can be sent directly to Sister Deb by sending an email to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com. Local councils have annual Masses for their living and deceased members. If requested, CLC council members will offer prayers at a member's funeral services. Even in death, CLC supports and honors our members.

The Catholic Ladies of Columbia is a Fraternal Benefit Society meeting the needs of individuals by providing secure financial products, fellowship and service to others.