

Join Hand's Day 2022: Providing Comfort How You Feel Comfortable

Each year CLC takes part in "Join Hand's Day", where we give back to our communities and strengthen our fraternal bond. With the ongoing pandemic, it might be difficult to volunteer your time and talents as you would like to. This year we are encouraging members to give back in any a way that works for you. If you want to help in person, socially distancing or from the comfort of your own home, there are options for everyone! During the month of April, we ask

that you volunteer your time and talents to others. You may even be doing some of these things already. This means you could already be participating and adding up your volunteer hours! Here is a list of some activities and idea starters you



may be able to use to get you moving and motivated! Put together first-aid kits for your local shelters, shovel snow or rake leaves for your neighbors, babysit during a PTA meeting or another school event, write letters or make cards for a group (like a retirement home/community), knit scarves or hats for families in shelters, make birthday cards for kids in homeless shelter, walking kids or grandkids home from school, volunteer at an animal shelter, help set up a or hats for families in shelters, make birthday cards for kids in homeless shelter, walking kids or grandkids home from school, volunteer at an animal shelter, help set up a community event, start a little, free library or blessings box, clean up your local park, pick up trash around the neighborhood, help your neighbors with repairs offer to patch up clothes or toys

> for your neighbors. You can also visit Volunteer Match.org to get more ideas or search for volunteer opportunities in your Zip Code. We are looking forward to seeing how our members engage

in their communities and help promote CLC's commitment to fraternalism this April for Join Hand's Day. Please share photos of your volunteer activities to society@theclc.org. We will share your pictures and story in the Index so all of our members can be inspired by the work you and/or your council do. Thank you for helping your community!



Fairy's facts...

Welcome to March. The weather has definitely been a challenge to start the new year. I know I am tired of shoveling snow and ice. I am happy to say Spring is coming very soon.

The CLC Board met in January. All 2022 Board members were installed by past vice President Alice Teynor. I want to again thank the retiring Board members for their hard work and dedication to CLC and its members. Due to Covid and the weather, the Board met both in person and via zoom. I want to welcome CLC's new Vice President Lydia Rall, secretary Charisse Shick and the new directors: Carol Bockrath, Melissa Niese, Linda Petersen and Lucy Vanderhoff to the CLC Board.

The Board met for orientation and the January Board meeting. The Board agreed to keep interest rates on CLC products the same. CLC will continue with our Fraternal benefits of scholarships, Charitable donations and Matching Funds. Each council and/or agent can request a \$500 donation once per year. Also, please keep in mind, prayer requests may be sent to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com

It is imperative that we have up-to-date information for all of our members. When life changes happen, your personal information may change as well. Please remember to update your address, phone number, email address and beneficiaries with the Home Office. The office also 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 at theclc.org. 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 2nd, our KofC fish fry events will start on Friday March 4th. 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.

Happy Spring and may the luck of the Irish be with you and your family.

Making Time To Feed Those Dealing With Loss



Death and trying to deal with all that comes with making arrangements to lay a loved one to rest is never easy. In fact, it can feel very overwhelming. One of the last things people think about in this time of mourning is cooking. The ladies from Council #86 in Upper Sandusky volunteer their time and talents in the kitchen to help those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. A big thank you to all of you for your thoughtful generosity and efforts.

Along with taking a little stress away from those dealing with loss, this effort is a perfect example of a Join Hands Day volunteer opportunity. Reach out to your church or local funeral home to see if there are ways you can donate your time to help during or after funerals. You will have volunteer hours to report and be a glimmer of light for someone during a dark moment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Active CLC Councils

Leipsic Co. 6 Ottawa Co. 7 Cloverdale Co. 10 Defiance Co. 32 Delphos Co. 40 London Co. 57 New Bavaria Co. 75 Landeck Co. 84 Upper Sandusky Co. 86 Fort Jennings Co. 88 Columbus Co. 95 Bucyrus Co. 115 Willard Co. 116 Van Wert Co. 121 Kalida Co. 134 Portsmouth Co. 162 Athens Co. 165 Columbus Grove Co. 166 Glandorf Co. 179 St. Michaels Co. 199 Springfield Co. 207 Blakeslee Co. 208 New Cleveland Co. 215 Russell's Point Co. 217 Ohio Co. 900 Michigan Co. 901 Indiana Co. 902 Kentucky Co. 903



Baking Up Charitable Contributions

Catholic Ladies of Columbia Council 86 members: Marcia Wagner, President Darlene Weaver, Agent Fairy Wagner, Lois Risner, Janice Boes, Cheryl Culver and Linda Karcher presented Our Lady of Consolation students with \$600. The proceeds from the CLC bake sale held at the OLC craft show. Members want to thank everyone that donated in any way.



CLC & The Dough Hook Team Up for The Ronald McDonald House



Each year The Dough Hook in Bluffton, Ohio partners with The Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio in Toledo to supply them with meat. The Dough Hook matches the donations they receive and this year they were able to deliver \$1400 worth of beef, pork and chicken. Along with that, CLC generously donated \$500 as part of their charitable contributions. Making the presentation to Carol Bublick, Family Services Manager of the Ronald McDonald House are Past Board President Sharon Calvelage and Marlena Ballinger, owner of The Dough Hook. Marlena and Sharon are also members of Council 88 in Ft Jennings.

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Upcoming Events

March 2 Ash Wednesday

March 19 Upper Sandusky St. Peter School Benefit Auction 6PM

April 17 Easter Sunday

April 19 Glandorf Council Quarter Auction 6PM

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