



Our Voice

Lay Salvatorians—Living out the Gospel Values

A Newsletter for and about the Lay Salvatorians, Inc. — Published by the Lay Salvatorian Communications Committee

MEMBERSHIP		
SECTOR	COMMITTED	CANDIDATES
East (SR: Mel Benson)	20	0
Midwest (SR: Sue Haertel)	39	4
South (SR: Liza Dugal)	43	0
Southwest (SR: Sharon Clark)	25	4
West (SR: Jan Bencken)	22	0
Total	149	8

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Lay Salvatorian National Dues *— Address checks to: 'Lay Salvatorian Stewardship Appeal' and mail contribution to: 2207 Shades Crest Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801. See the current Financial Information on our website: <http://laysalvatorians.com/members/Finance%20Reports/Financial%20Reports.htm> *Requested donation is \$25 month. Envelopes will be mailed to you if requested. Contact Claire Williams (clairewilliams723@gmail.com). All donations are tax deductible.

Lay Salvatorians Celebrating 25 year Jubilee

On June 22, 2019 we will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of eight Milwaukee Lay Salvatorians at Sacred Heart Seminary. This fine group of people have served both locally and internationally in ministries ranging from being loving parents, to teaching or nursing, to parish work, to prison ministry, to building repair and on and on. We celebrate each Jubilarian as they continue their lives of prayer and service. We also remember our two deceased Lay Salvatorians: Rosemary Hetzel and Joseph Spoerl.

Janet Bitzan has lived in Milwaukee all her life, and taught nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for 30 years before retiring in 2015. She has international experience through travel and as a 12 year member of the International Joint Charism Commission. She is currently chair of the Joint His-

tory and Charism Commission. Janet is known for her service and care of the Salvatorian Sisters at SSR in Milwaukee. Janet has a strong interest in history and is a sought after presenter on Salvatorian History and the integration of the Lay Salvatorians into the Salvatorian Family.

Deacon Thomas Hunt has lived a life of service. He is currently the Deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. Tom serves the homeless through his work at the Guest House, (a homeless shelter for men), the St. Ben's meal program and Habitat for Humanity. He has served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Milwaukee County Jail for over 20 years, and is involved in Support Groups for families of incarcerated people, as well as Partners in Hope, a mentor program for men returning from incarceration. Tom has participated in an immersion program, Working Boy's Center

Celebrate Jubilee 2019

Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

in Quito, Ecuador, with sister parishes, one in Chiapas Mexico and La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic. He enjoys international travel and has visited Rome and the Holy Land.

Rosemarie Klein has been married for 62 years and is the proud mother of three sons (one deceased), and one daughter, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother to five. Rosemarie has a degree in nursing and a Masters in Health Care Administration. She has worked as a nurse and head nurse in hospitals and at St. Mary's Nursing Home/Salvatorian Heights for 11 years, two years at St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus and 20 years at Luther Manor. She retired at age 81. She has served the Salvatorian Family as a sector representative, a member of the LSNB and Milwaukee Regional Board, and was a member of the Convocation Planning Committee. She is also an active member of her parish, St. Margaret Mary, where she serves as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and a Minister of Care taking the Eucharist to residents at Luther Manor.

Carol and Joseph Schmidt also live a life of service together. They volunteered at River Hills Nursing Home for 20 years helping out with their weekly Mass. While driving to Arizona, they stopped at Cibecue, AZ, where Fr. Green and Sister Darlene worked. Joseph is talented in home repair and they put in a subfloor in their community hall and built a bathroom in that building and Carol helped with medical work in the hospital and nursing home. They continue to volunteer at their parish serving in the choir, as Eucharistic Ministers, art and environment committee, parish council and they helped with Bingo for many years. They are known for reaching out to those who are sick or need help. Carol is the treasurer for the Lay Salvatorians in the Midwest Region as well as the Midwest Regional Board. They are active members of the Lay Salvatorians in the Milwaukee region.

Patricia and Joseph Spoerl made their commitment together and were active members of the Salvatorian Family in Milwaukee. They were married in 1956 and had four children. Unfortunately, Joe was diagnosed with tracheomalacia in 1985 and died at St. Anne's Salvatorian Home in 2005. Pat was a teacher and is one of the founders of the Milwaukee Montessori School serving on their board of directors in the school's early years. She is co-founder of the Ulster Project in Milwaukee, an effort at reconciliation and peace for North-

ern Ireland. She is best known for her advocacy for those with mental health issues through her work as an originator of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness). Her advocacy for those with mental health issues continues to today as she strives to help people understand the nature of mental illness and the need for care and communication about this issue.

Patricia Wondra was born and grew up in Milwaukee. She studied to be a nurse and has several degrees including a Masters in Nursing and in Business Administration. In her long career as a nurse, her favorite job was Director of Nursing Services in a 415 bed nursing home. She lists as a great blessing in her life her husband, Albert, their six children and now 12 healthy grandchildren. She is active in both the Milwaukee region, during the summer, and the Phoenix region, during the winter. In her parish she has served on parish council, sang in the choir, and taught CCD for 25 years. She enjoys serving as a hospitality minister and through prayer wherever she is.

All of these Jubilarians mentioned the joy that being a Lay Salvatorian brings to their lives, the friends they've made, their spiritual growth and their many opportunities to serve. The Milwaukee region and the national and international communities are richer because of these fine Lay Salvatorians who truly represent all that Fr. Jordan and Blessed Mary of the Apostles imagined in their founding of the Salvatorians.

We also remember Diane Herold who also made her commitment 25 years ago with this group. Her ministry has been in alternative healing, including massage and Reiki. She has been inactive for several years.



To meet the priority related to increased communications, Lay Salvatorians Heather Holton and Bobby Pantuso initiated a Facebook page for the Lay Salvato-

rians. In addition, Lay Salvatorians will be a part of Vision Vocation Network and have an entry in the 2019 Guide to Religious Ministries. These efforts support an increased presence of the Lay Salvatorians. The members reviewed and edited the proposed new brochure and it should be available soon. (go to page 4)

Financial Updates Claire Williams, SDS



	Budget 2018-2019	Actual Jul 18-Mar 19	Budget 2019-2020
Income			
Total Income	25,000.00	16,331.04	25,000.00
Expense			
7410 · Office Expense			
Total 7410 · Office Expense	1,400.00	600.00	800.00
7420 · International Expense			
Total 7420 · International Expense	3,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
7430 · JLG/LSNB Meetings			
Total 7430 · JLG/LSNB Meetings	5,500.00	2,983.04	6,000.00
7440 · National Director Support			
Total 7440 · National Director Support	2,000.00		1,000.00
7450 · Communication Committee			
Total 7450 · Communication Committee	400.00	68.74	400.00
7458 · Insurance	950.00	911.00	950.00
7460 · Finance Committee			
Total 7460 · Finance Committee	150.00		150.00
7470 · SDS-L Convocation			
Total 7470 · SDS-L Convocation	0.00		0.00
7480 · Contracted Services	600.00	210.00	400.00
7490 · Miscellaneous	500.00	10.00	300.00
7500 · JLG Contribution	10,000.00	9,869.68	10,000.00
7550 · Joint Jubilee	500.00		1,000.00
Total Expense	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>16,652.46</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-321.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>

The chart to the left is the 2018-2019 current budget compared to the actual spend through March 2019. We thank all members for your donations, we still have time to contribute and make up the difference! A big thank you to committees for staying within their budgeted amounts.

In addition the recently accepted 2019-2020 budget is shown in the third column. If you have any questions about any of this information please reach out to your Sector Rep or directly to Claire.

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International Community of the Divine Savior Report

The General Committee of the International Community of the Divine Savior (ICDS) continues to meet monthly via Skype. This is working well and most of the General Committee are on every call. This call includes Austria, Australia, Belgium, Colombia, USA and Venezuela.

We recently completed updating the Operating Guidelines to reflect the changes that were approved at the 2018 General Assembly in Belgium. Those changes primarily affect how the ICDS operates, such as the General Assembly now elects only the President and Vice President and four more members of the General Committee and then the General Committee appoints the secretary and treasurer. This is so that the General Committee can replace either of those officers if they are unable to do perform their functions, rather than wait until the General Assembly (every six years) for that officer to be elected. Also, those officers do not have to be members of the General Committee. They can be a Lay Salvatorian expert in that field. We are currently working on updating the ICDS Statues so that they will comply with the mandates of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in order for our statues to be approved by the Vatican. Some of these changes are minor working issues that do not change the intent of the paragraph and some will require the approval of the units (countries). As of now, the document is still a work in progress and when the current draft is ready I will get it to the Lay Salvatorian National Board.

Many of the work groups (committees / commissions) such as archives and history; finances; justice and peace and the integrity of creation; identity and vocation are beginning to work on their projects.

We will meet in Rome this coming fall as the General Committee and as the Salvatorian Family leadership group. The dates have not been set yet.

In the Savior, Ken Drake

Two items of business at LSNB were approving the budget for 2019-2020 and establishing a committee to review the current bylaws.

National Director's Report Cont'd



Currently there are 149 committed Lay Salvatorians. The number of people interested in becoming Lay Salvatorians continues to grow. There are four candidates in formation in the Southwest; one of them lives in CA and his formation is occurring in both states. The following 4 people from the Midwest were approved to become candidates; Linda and James Jaworowicz, Mary Easterday and Cathy Carton. The East, Southwest and West Sectors have Interested Persons who are gathering with those communities. Both the East and South Sectors are going through the transition of the loss of priests, brothers and/or sisters.

Two Lay Salvatorians died since the last meeting. Barbara Tomsik died in early December 2018. She was an early member of the Eastern Sector who began as a Lay Associate and made her commitment in 1973. Her husband Frank was the first Executive Director for the Lay Salvatorians. Don Beaudry of the Western Sector died in January 2019. He and his wife made their commitments in 1998. On another sad note, Sonny Davis, the husband of Lay Salvatorian Judy Davis died unexpectedly on January 31, 2019. Fr. John Pantuso died in April. John and Joanne were Lay Salvatorians who made their commitment in 1973. After Joanne's death in 2002, John returned to the priesthood. We remember each of them and their families.

At the Jubilee in June of 2019, 10 Lay Salvatorians (8 living and 2 deceased) will celebrate their 25th Jubilees. All of them are from the Midwest Sector and Sue Haertel is coordinating the details of the Jubilee celebration with them. The living Jubilarians are Jan Bitzan, Diane Herold, Rev. Thomas Hunt, Rosemarie Klein, Carol and Joseph Schmidt, Pat Spoerl, and Patricia Wondra. Those remembered in memoriam are Rosemary Hetzel and Joseph Spoerl. Thank you, Sue, for stepping up to the plate. I encourage you to attend this celebration and support the Lay Jubilarians.

At the International level, the ICDS is working diligently on the changes to the Statutes requested by Dicastery. The leadership is committed to increasing communications with international Lay Salvatorian community through its website. They have established

workgroups. The five groups are 1) Statutes, 2) Lay Identity & Vocation, 3) Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, 4) Expanding the Salvatorian Family, and 5) Finance. Several US Lay Salvatorians are currently members of the various work groups: Judy Davis remains active on Statutes and Finance; Ken Drake is on Statutes; Claire Williams serves on Finance and Jackie White is a member of JPIC. The General Committee is committed to soliciting other members from the US. This is an opportunity for you to serve at the international level. If you are interested, contact the US Representative Ken Drake at kduckb2h@sbcglobal.net.

Members of the US Lay Salvatorians are involved in supporting the missions in a variety of countries. Mary Jo and Mark Verke actively support and travel to the Tanzanian missions. Denise and Bob Snyder live and work in Haiti part of the year. Lay Salvatorians in Tucson are involved in supporting the housing and care of asylum seekers from Central American and Mexico. Dave Whorrall, Pat Knier and Marie Joers support the missions in South America. Heather Holton is the Director of the Mission Warehouse. Sue Haertel travels to Tanzania each summer to teach English. As you can see, Lay Salvatorians are involved in the charism of international and mission work.

I continue to be in awe of the work and spirituality of each of the Lay Salvatorians and your commitment to the charisms of the Salvatorians. Several who have infirmities or are aging, support our work through their prayers and work at home.

Jacqueline White, SDS

Joint Leadership Group Summary

Everyone is aware that the Lay Salvatorian Board meets twice a year in Milwaukee and our newsletter tries to highlight that information for you.

Taking advantage of leadership being in the area the Joint Leadership Group also meets. They consist of members from all three branches and you can find the summary of their meetings posted in the weekly Update publications. The last meeting was highlighted in UPDATE – Volume 25, Number 39 dated 04/24/2019.

If you need a copy let your LSNB rep know. Staying informed of what is happening on a National and International level is important!