



THE SPIRIT

Issue 11

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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Court Regent's Message

Gloria Riley, Court Regent

Christ is risen!!! Alleluia! I wish you and your loved ones a Glorious and Blessed Easter!!!

The signs of spring are here. The charming birds start singing at 7:30 in the morning. What a great, morning alarm clock. The trees are starting to bud and show new life, the grass is turning green and the wildflowers are blooming. I even saw a rabbit! To make matters interesting, I heard a bobcat screech at night while saying my rosary inside my house. That horrible, curdling cry was quite startling and my heart start racing. Too close for comfort. Life in the country is awesome, but one needs to be aware of the perils that are present and be prepared to alter their life style.

With great sadness and lots of soul searching, I will not run for another two years as Regent. I have asked God for guidance in my life regarding my work and the CDA. God answered with a BANG! My energies will be redirected to where I do not know at this time. Just thinking about stepping down brings tears to my eyes. I have enjoyed being Regent, but now I will not be able to keep up with my duties. Being a Regent was a learning experience, an adventure in women's fellowship and prayer. This fantastic group of magnificent ladies supported me in prayer when my mother was admitted into

MD Anderson, when my husband was diagnosed with Transient Global Amnesia, when my father-in-law passed away, when my mother was put into hospice care and the list goes on. I have encountered amazing women, developed new friendships and strengthened my spiritual life. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve you and for your friendship and prayers.



Clergy Corner

Interim Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

Happy Easter Season

We have completed our Lenten Season with its time of soul searching and preparation for the Easter Celebration of the Resurrection. But, Easter is not over. The great feast of Easter will be with us for the next "50" days of the Easter Season, until Pentecost.

So, what exactly is the Easter season.

Most people think of Easter as a single day. Easter has never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don't get an additional day off from work. But, for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. The Easter season stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long.

It is during the Easter Season that we really come to the realization of what Easter actually is. During the Easter Season, nature begins to show new life. The trees grow leaves; the flowers bloom, the grass and weeds once more rise from the ground, etc... This new life reminds us of the new life that we share with Jesus.

As the new life of nature takes many forms, so does the new life in Holy Mother Church. New believers will have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Young members of the Church will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. These are all signs of personal spiritual growth in the Lord Jesus.

When Ascension Day arrives, we gather and share our hope that one day, the glory of Jesus will also be ours. On Pentecost Day, the fiftieth day, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit that moves every believer to spread the Word of the Gospel.

So, my sisters in Christ; celebrate life and experience the beauty of our Catholic faith through this joyous Easter Season.

Christ is Risen!! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Deacon "Dub"

'Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die' - John 11: 25-26



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Court News!

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I was in Spring last week and had the opportunity to attend Friday's fish fry and help sell mass cards. It was a great evening. I was reminded how friendly and welcoming everyone is at Christ the Good Shepherd. It was fantastic to see a few CDA sisters as well. Not to mention, the food was delicious! Please check out this great article about the Easter Bunny on Catholic.org. I found it very interesting! <https://www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=67999> ... I hope you all have a very happy and blessed Easter season!

Mass Cards Committee:

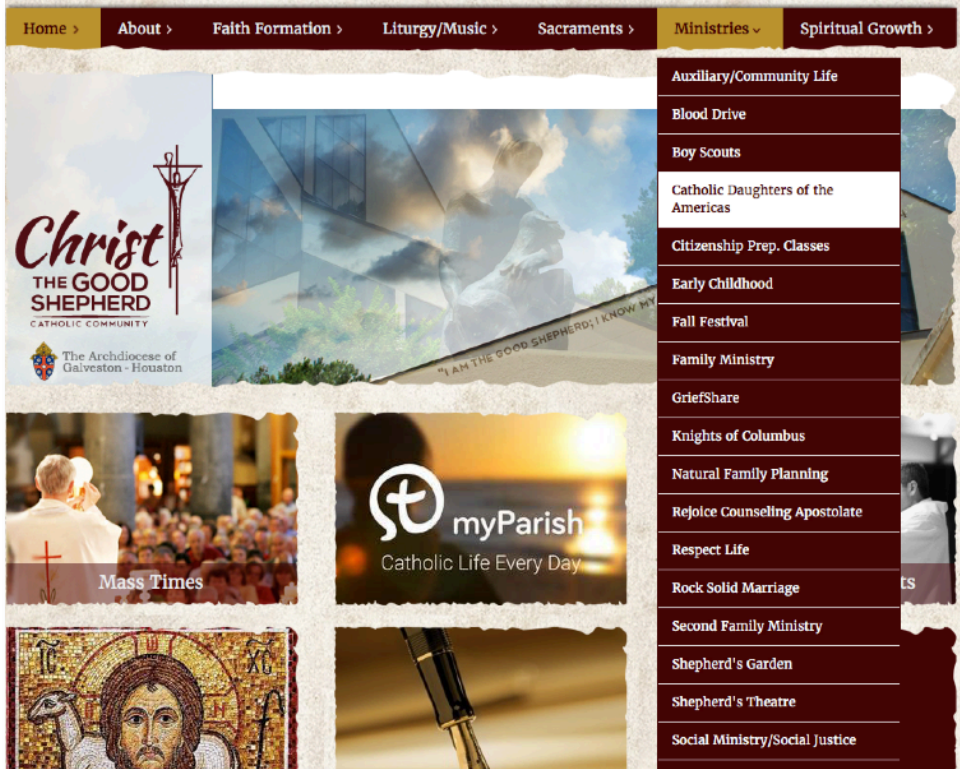
The fee for Mass cards is \$5.00. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund and a charity approved by our court. Please contact Peggy O'neil, 281-440-0286, or email at cda2731masscards@gmail.com, with mass card requests and/or questions. **Mass cards are always available at the meetings.**





Websites:

CCGS Court 2731 website: www.catholicdaughters2731.com Our website is now linked to the CGS website!! You will find the link under Ministries> <http://www.cgscdogh.org>



Texas CDA website:
<http://www.texasda.org/#loaded>

Texas CDA Facebook site:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/texasda/>



Opportunities! Needs a Chair and/or committee members:

- ✦ **PUBLICITY** - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- ✦ **CIRCLE OF LOVE** - Chairperson, plus members
- ✦ **FUNDRAISING** - Chairperson, plus members

Need Members:

LEGISLATION - Gizelle Williams, needs 1-2 members

MEETING PRAYERS - Mary Jane Brewster, needs 1-2 members

MEMBERSHIP / TELEPHONE - Vice Regent Charlotte Prieve, needs 3-4 members

STANDING RULES - Sheryl Andrews, needs 2 members

'A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.' - Mahatma Gandhi



Legislation:

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President of March for Life Celebrates Numerous 2017 Pro-life Victories

Jeanne Mancini, the President of the March for Life has called President Donald Trump the most pro-life President in history. Here are a few of the achievements she discussed from the last year:

- Reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy that prohibits \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the abortion industry,
- Removed funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for colluding with China's brutal program of forced abortion and sterilization,
- Worked with Congress to overturn Obama's midnight regulation that prohibited States from defunding abortion service providers,
- Published guidance promising to enforce the Affordable Healthcare law's requirement that taxpayer dollars should not support abortion coverage in exchange plans

Bishops' Human Life Action Committee Summarizes March For Life Week

Several positive pro-life actions by the President and Congress capped the week of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, (NCHLA), founded by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, summarized the actions:

First, January 19, the day of the March for Life, the House of Representatives voted 241-183 to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 4712). See how your Representative voted:

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2018/roll036.xml>. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued a statement thanking and praising the House and calling on the Senate to pass it as well.

Second, January 18, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights announced its establishment of a Division on Conscience and Religious Freedom. This new Division was created to more vigorously and effectively enforce existing laws protecting the rights of conscience and religious freedom.

Third, in his speech to the March for Life, President Trump announced two important actions:

- HHS' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing new guidance to state Medicaid directors

restoring state flexibility to decide program standards. The letter rescinds the Obama Administration's 2016 guidance that specifically restricted states' ability to take certain actions against family-planning providers that offer abortions.

- HHS' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is announcing a new proposed rule to enforce 25 existing statutory conscience protections for Americans involved in HHS-funded programs, which protect people from being coerced into participating in activities that violate their consciences, such as abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, offered a joint statement applauding these actions but also pointing out the need for Congress to enact the Conscience Protection Act to provide permanent legislative protections for victims of discrimination, as well as the ability to defend their rights in court. Without further action from Congress, the protection of these rights may only be short-lived.

Fourth, President Trump issued a proclamation naming January 22nd Sanctity of Human Life Day.

To sign up for legislative alerts, email NCHLA at info@nchla.org

Recap of Last Year's Legislative Goals Shows Most Pro-Life Bills Stalled In Senate

In Operation Morningstar last March, we listed several bills and regulations to support in the first 100 days of the 2017 Congressional session. Many of them passed the House, but are being delayed in the Senate until they can gain enough positive votes to pass. The 2018 election will be vitally important in deciding the future of the pro-life movement.

- No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act; passed the House, pending vote in Senate.
- Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Defund Planned Parenthood; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Conscience Protection Act; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- First Amendment Defense Act* (FADA) to prohibit the federal government from penalizing individuals, nonprofit charities and privately held businesses from acting in accordance with the belief that marriage is between one man and one woman no vote in House or Senate
- Support Supreme Court nominee if he/she is truly pro-life Gorsuch is pro-life.
- Repeal HHS regulation that prohibited states from withholding federal funds to Planned Parenthood. Yes, by HHS Secretary.
- Repeal HHS mandate that forces all employers, e.g., Little Sisters of the Poor, to pay for contraception, abortifacients, and sterilizations in employee insurance plans. Yes, by HHS Secretary.
- Rescind the guidance letter to public school districts that self-identified transgender students must be permitted to use the locker rooms, shower rooms and restrooms corresponding to their subjectively determined gender identity. Yes, by Education Secretary.
- Repeal the transgender and abortion mandate requiring physicians to perform abortions and sex-reassignment procedures even if physicians determine the gender transition procedures would be harmful to the patient. Yes, pending final HHS rule change.



Fish Fry

Lent 2018 has drawn to a close, hopefully it has been a very meaningful one for each of us!

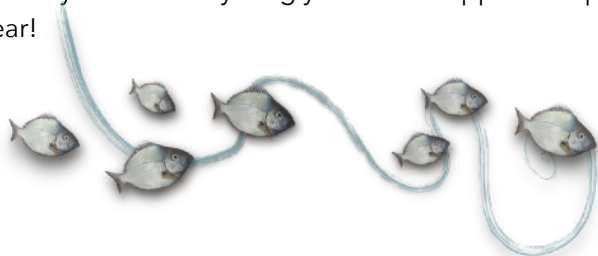
Thanks to many hands volunteering at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays, they were a great opportunity for people to socialize, enjoy a good meal with great desserts, and purchase CDA Mass cards for their living or deceased loved ones.

CDA sisters helped serve, brought desserts, and provided CDA information and Mass cards for the Fridays during Lent.

The Knights were generous in giving our Court the donations for the desserts. The total collected for the desserts was \$250.50.

We sold 62 Mass cards for a total of \$310.

We could not have succeeded with this project without many sisters volunteering their time and energy! Thank you to everyone for everything you did to support this project. We look forward to joining the Knights again next year!



**I SMELL
SOMETHING
FISHY**



'...if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.' - John 14:12



'Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.' - Clarence W. Hall







'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?' - 1 Corinthians 9:13



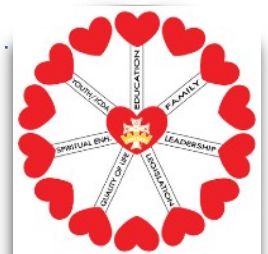
Circle of Love:

Priscilla Hargraves

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the CDA members who supported the Hope Center projects for March!

As you know, starting with the March meeting, we have a basket for individual donations for the Hope Center. The second monthly project is our donation of sandwich bags, a.k.a. "manna bags" which are given to the Hope Center on the third Friday of each month. These bags help feed the homeless over the third weekend, which is one of the weekends they are not provided a meal at the Hope Center.



These projects had their inauguration during March. I am thrilled to report that through the support of the CDA sisters they were very successful!

From our Hope Center basket, we donated men's underwear and socks, cleaning supplies, latex/vinyl gloves and various toiletries. The value of these donations was approximately \$150.00.

On Thursday, March 15th, thirteen members met at the CGS kitchen to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fill bags with non-perishable food items that had been donated by our members. Thanks to the generosity of our sisters, we filled two-gallon size plastic bags for each of the Hope Center clients. The Hope Center estimated that 35 - 40 clients would need the meals, however we provided 47 meals at an approximate cost of \$10.00 per meal for a total of \$470.00.

Three of our members delivered the basket donation, as well as, the manna bags to the Hope Center on Friday March 16th. We met Dr. Bob the founder and director of the Hope Center and other volunteers. They were very happy to accept our donations and expressed how much the manna bags would mean to their clients, who otherwise would not have a good meal after their Friday lunch at the Center.

Thank you again to all our CDA members who participated in any way to support this ministry. If you were unable to help this time, don't worry, this ministry will continue monthly. If you attend the monthly meeting, please consider bringing something on the Hope Center needs list for the basket. Also, you can join in the fun of donating needed items for the manna bags, making them and delivering them on the third week of each month. A list of needs for each project will be sent in the monthly reminder email.

We will be collecting items at each meeting to provide the 1960 Hope Center. Items needed are socks, men's belts, disposable razors, deodorant, gold bond powder, backpacks... If you would like to see a complete list, please see this link to the Hope Center Donate site: <https://www.1960hopecenter.com/donate> Priscilla Hargraves will have a basket available at the meetings to drop your donations.

Your donation is greatly appreciated! Thank you.



Local News


Please see flyer for Second Family Care Team Ministry....


Although time commitment can vary, all team members are asked to attend a monthly meeting. Training will be provided.

Include a member of the congregation in your life and make a commitment of love in His service and His name.

Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month 7 PM at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community.





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SECOND FAMILY



Care Team Ministry®

Care teams share God's love and grace with those in need.





Fr. James is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination!

Please attend mass May 19, 2018 at 10am with a celebration to follow in the Social Hall.



'The MOST beautiful thing God made: The family' - Pope Francis

National News



National Convention will be held July 17 - 22, 2018 in Sioux City, South Dakota. Our court will not be sponsoring attendance, however anyone can attend who would like to. No one in our court has chosen to attend so far. However, if anyone changes their mind, the deadline for advance registration is June 15, 2018.

See flyer for CDA National Regent's Reception for Olga Samaniego!

SAVE THE DATE

CDA National Regent's Reception

Honoring Olga Samaniego, Newly Installed National Regent 2018-2020

Saturday, September 15, 2018

San Antonio, Texas

Mass: 5:30 PM - St. Matthew Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road

Reception/Dinner: 7:00 PM - Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Blvd.

Meal Reservations: \$45.00 Meal Ticket (information is listed below)

Hotel Reservations: Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade
Room Rates: Single and Double **\$119.00** (Deadline August 10, 2018)

Use the following customized web link for room reservations:
<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/sanantonio/meetings/cda-newly-elected-national-regent-2018>
Or call Omni Reservations at 1-800-THE-OMNI and refer to "2018 Newly Elected National Regent".

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*(Please fill out and return this portion with your *check. **Deadline is August 10, 2018***
**Preferably a Court check, but personal checks will be accepted.*

Make check payable to: **CDA Texas State Court** and mail to: Eve Trevino, Texas State Chairman for National Events
1102 Delta Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Court Name: _____ Court #: _____ City: _____

Name of Attendees:

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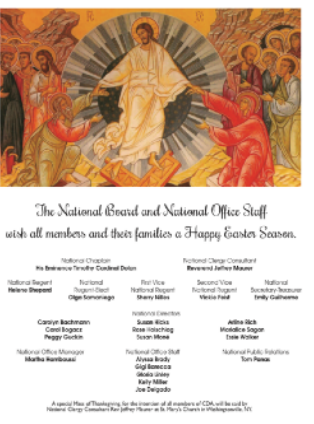


Click link below to see the Winter issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/colorfx/share_winter2018/

NOTE: you must have 'flash' to view)

***Our Texas Officers are featured on page 32!



National March 2018 Newsletter:

http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2018_03/QuarterlyNewsletter_March2018.pdf

National CDA Website:
www.catholicdaughters.org

Therefore,
if anyone
is in **Christ**
he is a
new creation.
The old has gone,
The new has come!

2 Cor. 5:17



Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the Advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

- ✦ *Be women of Faith*
- ✦ *Encourage Spiritual Growth*
- ✦ *Increase membership*
- ✦ *Promote the motto of "Unity and Charity"*

The theme for the 2017 - 2019 term is:

"Be Not Afraid:" -

St John Paul the Great



The Texas State Court was organized January 25, 1917. Our Mission Statement is a reflection of the CDA motto of Unity and Charity; "The members of the Texas State and Local Courts love Christ and His Church. We are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through active participation in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas."



Birthdays:

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| Gizelle Williams - | April 13 |
| Mary Jane Brewster - | April 23 |
| Marie Anne Suarez - | April 27 |
| Priscilla Hargraves - | April 29 |

Anniversaries:

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| Anne Shepherd-Knapp- | April 2 |
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CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHERINE LEE!

"Thank you all so much for your prayers for my and baby's health and a safe delivery these last few months! I'm delighted to announce that James Rafael was born on Saturday afternoon, and we're both doing very well indeed. I hope to see you all at the May meeting!

Best wishes for a grace-filled Holy Week,"

Katherine Lee



Prayers of the Month

April 2018 is the Month of the Holy Eucharist



Let us remember that Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, as a way to remain **present** to his followers when His time came to leave them.

What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.

(a) The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words "really, truly, and substantially" to describe Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist in order to distinguish Our Lord's teaching from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that He is present only by His power.

(b) All Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century.

(c) The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving."

For more info, go to: <https://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/eucha1a.htm>





Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for April 2018



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| 4/5/18 7:00 PM | CDA General meeting, bring needed donation items for the Hope Center
Nominating committee may present slate of candidates for officers |
| 4/14-4/15/19 | Community Weekend, CDA is a highlighted ministry and will have a table after the 5:30 PM, 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM Masses |
| 4/19/18 3:00-5:00 PM | Make sandwich bags for the Hope Center |
| 4/20/18 9:00 AM | Deliver monthly donations and manna bags to the Hope Center |
| 4/21/18 | 40th year Anniversary of the church |
| 4/26/18 7:00 PM | Financial Review

Liability Insurance Due |



'Don't be afraid, I know you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said.' - Matthew 28



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Christ the Good Shepard #2731
Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2018**

Call to Order by Gloria Riley, Regent at 8:07 pm.

Opening ceremony

- *Opening Prayer by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Opening Ode led by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Pledge to US Flag and Texas Flag said by members*
- *Silent Roll Call of Officers by Sheryl Andrews - all were present*



Good of the Order Book – Mary Jane Brewster passed among the members

Introduction of Guests – Bob Kammer – he briefly spoke about Second Family – Care Team Ministry (the flyer is attached to these Minutes)

Installation of New Members – No new members this month

*Reading of Minutes by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary **Motion was made to approve January Minutes as read by Mary Jane Brewster and seconded by Mary Roberts. January Minutes voted on and Approved.** There were no changes to February Minutes. A Motion was made to accept February Minutes as read by Mary Jane Brewster and seconded by Mary Roberts. February Minutes were voted on and Approved. For future notice, if there are no corrections to the Minutes then the are approved as read. If there are correction then we need a Motion to accept the changes and then vote on it.*

Reading of Correspondence by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – There was no correspondence presented to be read

Treasurer's Report by Veronica Arnold (see attached)

Bills were presented to the Court by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – No Bills were presented this month

Committees

Nominating - The Nominating committee met at 6 pm before the monthly meeting. Karen Doolittle is the chairperson. If anyone is interested in holding a position they need to talk directly to Karen Doolittle by March 12, 2018. Her email address is: tenfoldone@gmail.com

Old Business

- A. Priscilla Hargraves gave an update on the Court-sponsored sack lunch project for the Hope Center. St. Ignatius is providing lunches on the 2nd and 4th Saturday. We can choose from the 1st and 3rd Saturday. The Thursday before the 1st or 3rd we will meet to make the sack lunches. If approved we could do one of the weekends. There are about 35 people that need lunches. We can make enough for about 50. People can sign up to bring enough of one item to cover all the lunches. **A Motion was made to make sack lunches once a month as a Court sponsored project by Mary Jane Brewster. The Motion was seconded by Anne Shepherd-Knapp.** A discussion followed choosing the 3rd weekend and meeting at the church on the Thursday before



to put the lunches together. **The Motion was voted on and approved.** A Motion was made to do this project on the 3rd weekend of each month by Mary Jane Brewster and seconded by Anne Shepherd-Knapp. **The Motion was voted on and Approved.**

- B. Nancy's Rosaries – This will be a May project. Charlotte Prieve presented rosary pamphlets that can be purchased to go with each rosary. Priscilla Hargraves ordered the pamphlets with a donation from Mary Jane Brewster of \$8.00. Anne Shepherd -Knapp donated \$20 fro the purchase of more pamphlets. May 24th would be the best day to deliver the rosaries. We could go to 11:00 mass that day.



New Business

- A. Gloria Scoyola asked our Court to run the Easter Service Vigil reception after the mass. The reception will last past midnight. Karen Doolittle suggested that we are too new to take on a project this big. Katherine Lee suggested we give a week to see who can help and if not enough people volunteer we will have to turn it down. Gloria Riley will send out an email to the Court asking if anyone wants to volunteer to help out individual just not as a Court.
- B. Priscilla Hargraves came up the idea of having a Saturday Ladies Breakfast after 8:30 mass. It would be open to all women of the parish and done two or three times a year. Mary Roberts suggested doing it twice a year instead of three times.
- C. Priscilla Hargraves, Veronica Arnold and Charlotte Prieve went to the Membership Open House at Christ the Redeemer last night.
- D. Mary Roberts suggested doing some type of field trip outside our meeting for members to get to know one another in a more relaxed environment.
- E. Exposition is the 1st Wednesday from 6-8pm and 1st Friday after 8:30 am mass.
- F. Veronica Arnold on Community Weekend said we should be able to have a membership drive for the month of April and September and we can sell Mass cards at each Community Sunday. We will double check with Peggy O'Neil when she gets back to see if we want to sell Mass cards at all Community Weekends.
- G. We need volunteer for the Ways and Means Committee to come up with ideas for fundraising. They will only come up with a couple ideas for us to do and then we will get members to help put them together and run it.

Announcements

1. Mary Roberts said there will be a St. Joseph Altar at Sacred Hearts Society at 816 E. Whitney Dr., Houston, Tx 77022 on March 11th. Mass will be at 10:30am with the blessing of the altar after that and then lunch. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be cookies for sale and other things to do. Money made will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Closing Prayer, Ode and Prayer for Vocation by Mary Jane Brewster
Meeting ended at 8:50 pm