

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

"A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart." These words by Kathleen Grove somehow seem appropriate in this month of Valentines Day. After all the busyness of the holidays it's refreshing to focus on something simpler and less hectic. We often think of Valentines Day as a romantic holiday, but I like to think of it as a time to show those closest to us how special they are. Mr. Rogers writes in his book, The World According to Mister Rogers, "Sometimes all it takes is one kind word to nourish another person. Think of the ripple effect that can be created when we nourish someone. One kind empathetic word has a way of turning into many".



I recently took a trip up to New Hampshire to help my parents move from the house I grew up in into a condo. I traveled by myself, something I hadn't done since I was single, and was amazed at the kindness I encountered from total strangers. From the guy who filled the wiper fluid in my car, to the man who loaded the trunk with complimentary bundles of packing paper, to the people at the car rental company who personally drove me to the airport because I was running late for my flight. I had never met any of these people before, yet they each went out of their way to help me. It reminded me of the people I've encountered throughout my life who truly live as disciples of Christ. Going about a mundane job with a positive attitude and a cheerful smile, or doing or saying something nice to someone for no particular reason.

These are the people with a genuine love of life and they really brighten the world. In this season of resolutions, I'm going to do my best to be one of these people.

The second half of our year got off to a lively start with Ladies Night Out at the Onion Pub. We had a great turnout and a great time. Sara Werner and Sondra Raider planned a fun evening for us complete with raffle prizes. Thanks, ladies!

The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00pm in the Hospitality Room. Donna Teper, our featured speaker, will focus on relaxation techniques and taking the stress out of our lives. After the holidays I think we could all benefit from that. As an added bonus, we're planning to have prizes for a few lucky winners. Don't miss it! Also, mark your calendars for the Mother/Daughter movie night to be held Friday, February 25 at 6:30pm in Thane Hall. Bring your daughter, your mom or your grandma. It promises to be a fun "girls night in".

This is also the time of year when the nominating committee begins filling board positions and event chairs for next year. If you've never seen the inner workings of the club, this is your chance to become part of the fun. If you've worked on something in the past but would like to try something different, this is your opportunity. Please consider how you can help make our next year really great. Contact Karen Bocabella (847) 381-9817 or myself (847) 304-6769.

Finally, I'd like to wish each of you a Happy Valentines Day. May you all know the joy of having friends who touch your heart.

Yours in Friendship,
Susan



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Congratulations to:

Parveen Werner, on the birth of her daughter, Francesca

Our deepest sympathies to:

Marge Durkin, on the death of her mother, Mary O'Sullivan

Maureen Sieger, on the death of her father-in-law, Joseph Sieger

Please keep in your prayers:

Diane Augustine, who has been ill

Jeanette Dedmond,
who broke her hip

Please call **Peggy Frey (304-0743)**

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mmehringer@sbcglobal.net or 487-0661

CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

MEETING INFORMATION



Don't miss this month's general meeting on **Tuesday, February 8**. Our speaker is Donna Teper. We will be focusing on relaxation and getting rid of stress. Make this a special night for YOU.

SCHOLARSHIP



The St. Anne Women's Club proudly announces its Second Annual Catholic High School Scholarship Contest. All eighth grade students of registered St. Anne Parish families entering into a Catholic high school are eligible to participate. A one-time \$2,500 award will be given based on a written essay due **February 11, 2005**. Participants must write a 250-500 word essay answering the question, "Who has had the most spiritual or religious influence on your life?" We are privileged to have Fr. Britto join our panel of judges this year. The winning essay will be announced on Sunday, February 27 at all Masses and will be published in the *Clarion*. For more information on the scholarship, call Karen Boccabella (381-9817).

NOMINATIONS



We are beginning to fill positions for the 2005-2006 club "year". If you have been interested in being a chairperson for one of our numerous committees, now is the time to let us know! There are opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talent to spiritual, community service, social and administrative areas of the club. Please call Karen Boccabella (381-9817) for more information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Join women from the many churches in the Barrington area on **Friday, March 4** at 1:00pm at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 401 E. Main St. in Barrington. The theme, "Let Our Light Shine" reflects the prayer focus of the Christian women of Poland who prepared the service. The guest speaker is Rev. Jeanne Hanson. She is a recent graduate of Chicago Theological Society and a senior pastor at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Childcare will be provided. Plan to stay after the worship service for a time of refreshments and fellowship. No reservations are necessary. Questions? Call Carol Laning (842-2418).

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS



Don't miss Friday Night, Movie Night on **February 25**. We will begin with a pizza party at **6:30pm** and show the latest chick flick at 7:30pm. Pajamas, sweats and pillows are a must! Please note that the location has changed. It will be in the Parish Center, not the Hospitality Room. Please note the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Questions? Call Maria Trzaska (383-0938), Karen Boccabella (381-9817), or De Moser (381-4333).

SCRIPTURE STUDY



A new scripture study began on January 24. This 10 week study of St. Paul's letters written in prison before his execution will give you an insight into the early Church and one of its greatest evangelizers. We meet on Mondays from 9:15am until 11:15am in the second floor meeting room of the Parish Center. No prior Bible study is necessary for you to join us, nor it is necessary for you to attend all sessions, since each lesson stands on its own. The cost is \$20 and childcare is available for a small additional fee. There is no need to register for this study unless you need childcare. To register for childcare or for more information, call Julie McLemore (304-5418) or Deborah Adreani (382-5132).

VIVA LAS VEGAS!



It's Gala time again! Come join the fun in planning THE party of 2005... November 5 to be exact!

We are looking for volunteers in various committees - a little of something for everyone!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Kendra DiMucci's house, 34 Lakeside Dr., South Barrington. For more information or questions, call (654-0822).

We can't wait to see all of you!

Kendra DiMucci, Melissa Peckosh and Kelly Rudnicki, 2005 Gala Co-Chairs.

FISH



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This Month's Calendar



FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 3 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Feb. 7 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Feb. 8 7:00 pm	General Meeting Donna Teper, Stress Management Hospitality Room
Thursday, Feb. 10 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Feb. 14 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Feb. 16 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Feb. 17 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Feb. 21 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Feb. 24 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Feb. 25 6:30 pm	Friday Night Movie Night Parish Center
Monday, Feb. 28 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room

BOOK SALE



Local author, Joan Wester Anderson, was gracious enough to make a return visit to our December meeting at the Ice House Mall. She first spoke to the Women's Club in October, 2002. Many of our club members have enjoyed her many books and found them very inspirational. We still have a very limited quantity of Joan Wester Anderson's new book, *In the Arms of Angels*, signed by the author. These will be available for purchase at the February general meeting or you can call Linda Lopez (304-0136) to purchase it from her. A percentage of the profit goes to the Women's Club. This would make an excellent Valentine's Day gift.

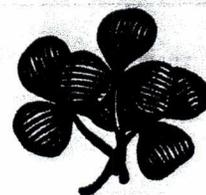
Save the Date



Mark your calendar. The day retreat is planned for April 8 from 8:00-4:00 at St. Anne. More information will be in the next newsletter.



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Dear Friends,

"To the world you are someone, but to someone you are the world." It's easy sometimes to feel small and unimportant. In the grand scheme of things, we may appear to be just another someone. But turn that phrase around and look at it from another angle.

Think of all the people each of us means so much to. Think of all the lives we touch just by being our own unique selves. When our children are very young, we are their world, but I also believe that we can mean the world to others at different times. How many times have you truly been touched by another person? How many times have you been that special person for a friend or family member?



My best friend from college recently lost her mom to cancer. Because she lives in California we don't see each other that often, but we've still remained friends over the years. I had always felt close to her parents in college because my parents were so far away, plus we shared the same last name! I spent many holidays and vacations with them even long after we were out of college, and had often thought of them as my "California Parents". I mentioned this in a note to my friend and she later told me how much knowing that meant to her. As difficult as it is to lose a loved one, reliving memories of happier times can bring comfort. We sometimes have the power to mean the world to someone and that, to me, is one of the real joys of friendship.

It continues to amaze me how many creative, talented and wonderful women

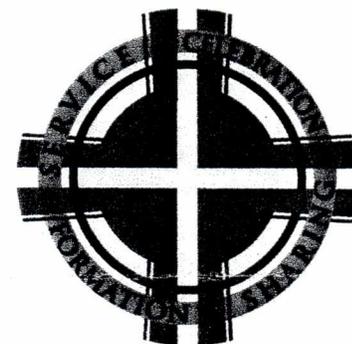
make up the Women's Club. Last month's general meeting focused on relaxation and our speaker, Donna Teper, had us nearly hypnotized as she led us through the exercise. It felt great to let go of the stress! We then raffled off gift certificates for manicures and spa services to twelve lucky winners. Many thanks to Mary Sneed for obtaining these donations from several local businesses. Mary and her hospitality committee also provided colorful Valentine themed decorations to make the evening special. Thanks for a super job, ladies.

If you weren't one of the lucky winners in February, take heart; you'll have another chance at the March general meeting, which will feature flower arranging. Cherrie Labunski from **Nature's Accents** will be demonstrating techniques for making beautiful bouquets using fresh flowers. At the end of the evening, three lucky winners will get to take home her creations. Since we hope spring is right around the corner, this should give you plenty of ideas for arranging those pretty spring flowers. Don't miss out!

In April, we will be asking everyone to bring baby supplies to our general meeting as we will be collecting items for the new moms at PHD, a counseling center for pregnancy help and education. Please see the flyer in next month's newsletter for a list of what is needed. Even if you're not able to attend the meeting, we would welcome anything you would be willing to donate. Please contact Sara Werner (847) 487-5812 or myself (847) 304-6769 for more information.

During this season of Lent, as we focus more intently on our faith, let us also thank God for our friends. Sharing faith with friends is, for me, the heart and soul of what the the Women's Club is about.

Yours in Friendship,
Susan



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Our deepest sympathies to:

Jeanette Egan, on the death of her mother, Jeanette Matthews

Patty DiMonte, on the death of her father, Robert Schlenzig

Ellen Nelson, on the death of her father-in-law John Nelson

Please keep in your prayers:

Tina Sobb, who has been ill

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CLUB HAPPENINGS...

SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Anne Women's Club proudly announces the winner of the second Annual Catholic High School Scholarship Contest is Neil Misak. His \$2500 prize will go towards his first year tuition at Carmel High School in Mundelein. We had a great turnout - twice as many entries as last year! The quality of the essays was awesome and all of the students who entered should feel extremely proud of themselves.

Who has had the most spiritual or religious influence on my life? by Neil Misak

When I think of spiritual and religious influences on my life, many people come to mind. Such people are saints, role models and missionaries. None have had more of an impact on my life, though, than my very own grandfather.

My grandfather has had great influences on me in many different parts of my life. One of these ways is his dedication to being a strong Catholic, a way that everyone should be. He was born and baptized Catholic and remained that way for the rest of his life. He went to church every Sunday to celebrate Mass, just as I do today. He was baptized, raised, confirmed and wed all in the same small church, Saint Cyril's.

Not only did my grandfather go to church, he was active in the church community. Every Memorial Day I can remember going to the cemetery with him. In honor of all the soldiers that have passed away, we would put little American Flags next to every soldier's grave in remembrance. Although it may seem like a small deed, it showed just how much my grandfather cared for others.

My grandfather had a dream for that cemetery. His dream was to have a chapel in the cemetery so that people could have a place to hold Mass for funerals and to pray. He worked very hard to raise money and to get support for the project. With a lot of hard work and the help of others, his dream came true, and the chapel was complete.

About three years ago, my grandfather was diagnosed with a brain tumor. About five months later, my grandfather passed away. How ironic that his funeral be held at the chapel he helped build, and that he be buried in the same cemetery that he worked on so hard to make beautiful.

My grandfather is no longer alive, but his spirit lives on. Whenever I learn and study about the Catholic Church and Religion, I realize what great deeds my grandfather did for the church in his community. When I get older, I want to be just as active in the Catholic community and do just as much good as my grandfather did.

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St. Patrick's Day

The St. Anne Sharing Board is hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day party on **Saturday, March 12 at 6:30pm** to benefit the St. Frances of Rome Scholarship fund. This year, the Parish Center will be transformed into Annie and Frannie's Cantina! Dinner includes your choice of an authentic Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage or delicioso pollo fajitas. The cost is \$30 per person. Entertainment will include a Traditional Celtic Band, Anam Mor Irish Dancers, Mexican Folk Dancers from Mission Juan Diego and a DJ until midnight. If you don't plan on going to the party, you can still purchase raffle tickets for \$100 each. The grand prize is \$10,000. Please consider purchasing a ticket yourself or share it with friends for this worthwhile cause. Raffle tickets may be purchased by calling Pam Jacobs (847-277-1635).

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Welcoming Committee will be hosting a Spring Girls' Night Out in late April to honor new members and old. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER

The Welcome Committee is looking for Sponsors for new Club members. Sponsors pair up with new members to help welcome them to our Club by calling them each month and attending monthly meetings together. Call Deborah Quig (847-842-1509) or Cindy Seibt (847-516-0313) for more info.

This Month's Calendar

MARCH

Thursday, Mar. 3 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Mar 4 1:00 pm	World Day of Prayer St. Paul United Church of Christ, Barrington
Monday, Mar. 7 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Mar. 8 7:00 pm	General Meeting Hospitality Room
Thursday, Mar. 10 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Saturday, Mar. 12 7:00 pm	St. Patrick's Day Party Parish Center
Monday, Mar. 14 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Mar. 16 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Mar. 17 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Mar. 21- Friday, Mar. 25	Spring Break
Sunday, Mar. 27	Easter

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Aloha! This year we will be going Hawaiian at the Senior Luncheon. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00am** and is open to all Barrington area and Saint Frances of Rome Parish seniors. This day will include entertainment and fun surprises. If you would like to volunteer to help with this special occasion, please call Marjie Malia (847-304-8090).

VIVA LAS VEGAS!

The 2005 Gala Committee is still looking for a few more volunteers for this year's black tie event, Viva Las Vegas. This is one of the Women's Club's biggest fundraisers and is important to our parish. It's also a great opportunity to meet other St. Anne women. Meetings are usually once a month from 7:30-9:00p.m. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30p.m.** The meeting will be held at Kendra DiMucci's house. Please call (847-654-0822) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Happy Easter!

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

“When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.”

- William Arthur Ward

How do we find greatness in others? Well, first of all we have to be looking for it. Like so many things what we actually see depends a lot on what we are trying to see. It's hard to see goodness when we aren't open to it, yet if we are willing to open our eyes to it, goodness and even greatness is all around us. It exists in each one of us. Therefore it is only logical that if we seek to discover the best traits in those people around us, we are also putting our own best foot forward. Attitude and mindset are everything.



There has been a lot of publicity in recent weeks about the upcoming GALA 2005-*Viva Las Vegas*. The energetic and dedicated women on the Gala committee are seeking to discover the best in us, the Women's Club, and also within the parish community. This exciting event requires many volunteers to be successful. It's really not fair for all of the work to fall on the shoulders of the committee when we have so many talented people in our club and our parish. I'd like to ask each of you to consider what your best qualities are and see if you can be of assis-

tance to these amazing women who tirelessly show us what it means to do great things. I think you'll be surprised at how much you are capable of. Remember, it's all in how you look at it.

Our next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm and will focus on service to others. We have chosen PHD, a local organization that provides counseling, education and support services to pregnant women in need. Cathy Vincus, our guest speaker, will share stories and information from her experiences as executive director of PHD. We've planned a baby shower theme and are asking everyone to bring "gifts" for the new moms at the center, many whom are young and financially dependent. Please see the enclosed flyer for a list of what is needed. I hope to see all of you there for an evening I think will be as rewarding for us as it is for the women we are helping to support.

As I was going through one of my folders recently, I came across these words from St. Francis of Assisi, which seemed to bring meaning to the focus of this letter. He says: "Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received-only what you have given: A heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." May God give all of us the courage to love, serve and make sacrifices so that together we can make a difference.

Yours in Friendship,
Susan



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Our deepest sympathies to:

Fr. Fred Licciardi, on the death of his father, Gerardo Licciardi

Irene Siebecker, on the death of her husband

Congratulations to:

Theresa Lindh, on the birth of her son, Michael James

Mary Anderlik, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 14

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CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

THIS MONTH'S ENCLOSURES



Please note the flyers that have been enclosed with this month's newsletter:

- PHD Baby Shower
- May Installation Dinner

Take a moment to read each of the flyers and plan on participating in these events.

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION



Please join us for our next general meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm. We will be having a baby shower to benefit the women at PHD, a local organization that gives assistance to pregnant women in need. We will also have the opportunity to hear from PHD's executive director, Cathy Vincus. She will share information and stories with us. Plan to come to this meeting.

SENIOR LUNCHEON



All Barrington Area Seniors are invited to attend the annual Women's Club Senior Luncheon Luau on Wednesday, May 11 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The Senior Luau will include lunch, raffle, prizes and entertainment. The event will be held in the Hospitality Room. Enter through the main doors to the Gathering Space on Ela Street. Seniors, please RSVP to Marjie Malia by May 2 (847-304-8090). Club members interested in volunteering to help with the luncheon, please call Cherie Kolder (847-381-8071).

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



All members are invited to a "Wine and Dessert" party in celebration of all of our new '04/'05 Club members. Plan to attend this fun Girls' Night Out on Thursday, April 28, 7:00pm at Angela Nordgren's house. RSVP to Deborah Quig (847-842-1509).

FISH



FISH (For I Shall Help) is in need of new volunteers. The commitment is usually one day a month and will not crowd your schedule. Consider how you can help. Please call Kathy Giamalva (847-381-6840) if you are interested in this opportunity for service.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Are you looking to get involved with the Club but prefer to be behind the scenes? No meetings, just data entry and a monthly label printout for the newsletter! It will be helpful if you've used Excel in the past, but not required. Please call Angela Nordgren for more info (847-516-3586).

Women's Club volunteers are needed to chair several committees for 2005-06. Positions are still open for the Overnight Retreat, the spring Day of Prayer and a new spring fundraiser for our club. Call Karen Boccabella with any questions or to volunteer (847-381-9817).

DAY RETREAT



It's not too late to enjoy a relaxing and spiritual day. Join us on Friday, April 8 from 9:00-3:00 for our Day Retreat, "Making Friends with the Bible". Speakers will be Fr. Britto Berchmans and Sr. Ethyl Detz O.P.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY



Church Women United will host its annual May Friendship Day on Monday, May 9, 7:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 225 W. Ivanhoe Rd., Wauconda. May friendship day is an annual event, celebrating its 72nd anniversary, that unites Christians in a common worship experience. Each church will honor one young woman for her service to her community. Families are welcome. Donations of regular sized toiletries will be collected for women at the Dwight Correctional Center. Dessert will be served. For more information call Carol Laning (847-842-2418).

PHOTO DIRECTORY



Last year's picture directory was a great success! Thank you to all who participated. If your photo didn't make it into the directory this year, don't worry. Pictures will be taken at the next two general meetings, so bring your best smile!

MAY DINNER



The May Installation Dinner will take place on May 10th. See enclosed invitation for details. Please RSVP to Marjie Malia (847-304-8090).

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APRIL

Monday, Apr. 4 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Apr. 7 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Apr. 8 9:00 am-3:00 pm	Day of Prayer Hospitality Room
Monday, Apr. 11 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Apr. 12 7:00 pm	General Meeting / PHD Baby Shower Hospitality Room
Thursday, Apr. 14 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Apr. 18 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Apr. 20 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Apr. 21 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Apr. 25 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Apr. 28 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Thursday, April 28 7:00 pm	Girls' Night Out Angela Nordgren's home

Dear Father, I thank you for the priceless gold of a fine friendship.

I thank you...

*that time and distance do not change true friendships,
that most friendships are based on terms of equality,
that a trusted friend is like a flawless diamond.*

I thank you...

*for true friends who know all about us and love us anyway,
for true friendships that are, in a sense, two souls in one body,
for fine friendships that are love without wings.*

We remember that Jesus said that we are His friends if we do whatever He commands us. May we be His true friend, so that it will be easier to be friends with others.

Gerrit D. Schut

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Dear Friends,

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."

-G. Randolph

As I sit down to write my last letter to you, it's hard to know where to begin. What words do I use to convey what this year has meant to me?



Two years ago when Angela asked if I would consider being her vice president, my first reaction was to politely decline. I didn't feel I was a strong enough person to lead the club as president the following year. But Angela can be persuasive, and I'll admit I was flattered that she asked me. I agreed to think about it. One by one I eliminated the reasons why I couldn't do it and began to focus on what I could do for the club. Suddenly it didn't seem quite so intimidating anymore.

I had always thought of myself as more of a follower than a leader, but I also believe that it's important to take on challenges in life. It usually makes us better people. I have to say that I feel both stronger and more confident than I did a year ago. Certainly there were times when I felt overwhelmed, "in over my head" a bit. Then I realized that I had a wonderful group of women I could call on for help. So many of you did so

much for me this year and I am grateful to each and every one of you. You made my life easier and my experience more meaningful. It's a powerful feeling to have the support of so many great women. Just knowing you were on my side made me want to try harder.

At our upcoming installation mass on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00pm in the chapel, Karen Boccabella will become our new president. She is a lovely person and will be a wonderful president. After the mass we'll all enjoy a catered dinner downstairs in the hospitality room. We'll recognize the women who have served the club this year and hear from several past presidents as well. This is one of the nicest meetings of the year. Take some time for yourself that night and come spend the evening with us. I think you'll be glad you did.

This year has been a learning experience for me. I've achieved some of my goals, yet I've also realized there is more I'd like to accomplish. I feel more connected to the church, yet I still want to deepen my faith. I've made many new friends, but I've also learned a lot about friendship in the process. In some ways the end is really just a new beginning.

Thank you for taking this journey with me. I feel blessed to have shared this gift of friendship with each one of you.

Your Friend,

Susan



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Our deepest sympathies to:
The family of Kathleen McCarthy,
former club member

Please keep in your prayers:
Rita Moran, who broke her hip

Mary Somen, who had a hip
operation

Congratulations to:
Annie Feeley, on the birth of her
daughter, Cara Ann, March 31

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FISH

FISH (For I Shall Help) is in need of new volunteers. The commitment is usually one day a month and will not crowd your schedule. Consider how you can help. Please call Kathy Giamalva (847-381-6840) if you are interested in this opportunity for service.



MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Church Women United will host its annual May Friendship Day on Monday, May 9, 7:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 225 W. Ivanhoe Rd., Wauconda. May friendship day is an annual event, celebrating its 72nd anniversary, that unites Christians in a common worship experience. Each church will honor one young woman for her service to her community. Families are welcome. Donations of regular sized toiletries will be collected for women at the Dwight Correctional Center. Dessert will be served. For more information call Carol Laning (847-842-2418).



PHOTO DIRECTORY

Last year's picture directory was a great success! Thank you to all who participated. If your photo didn't make it into the directory this year, don't worry. Pictures will be taken at the May general meeting, so bring your best smile!



PHILANTHROPY

The St. Anne Women's Club donates a portion of our money each year to various charities which have been selected by the board. The money came from our main fundraiser this year, the Harvest of Homes Housewalk. Thank you for all you do for



our club. This year, we donated to the following charities:

8th Grade Essay Contest	\$2,500
Hospice of NE Illinois	
- Hope's Friends	\$1,000
Gigi's Playhouse	\$1,000
Family Services	\$1,000
Barrington Youth Services	\$1,000
BACOA	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$7,500

TURNOVER MEETING

The turnover meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 9:00am at the home of Susan Butchness. All current Women's Club board members, as well as next year's board, organizational chairs and committee members should attend this meeting. If you are not returning to the same position, please bring your files to the meeting to turn over to the next person. Invitations will be mailed.



AUGUST NEWS

You won't be hearing from the Women's Club again until August. The August newsletter will have the 2005/06 membership form enclosed. The board will be busy planning the programs and events for the coming year. The reason our club is so successful is because of the combined effort of many women. Please take some time over the summer to think about how your own gifts and talents can help make our coming year the best it can be. Have a wonderful summer!



This Month's Calendar



MAY

Monday, May 2 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, May 5 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm	Installation Mass/Dinner Chapel/Hospitality Room
Thursday, May 12 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Wed., May 18 9:00 am	Turnover Meeting Susan Butchness' house
Thursday, May 19 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Thursday, May 26 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery

JUNE

Saturday, June 11	Parish Block Party
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Women's Club volunteers are needed to chair or help on several committees for the 2005/06 club year. Chairpersons are needed for the annual Day Retreat and also for a new Spring Fundraiser. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the mailing of the newsletter. This could be one person, or a team of people to fold newsletters, stuff envelopes and use the parish postage meter machine.

Favorite Recipes



Apricot Jam Bars

From Patricia Kolisinsky

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 pint jar apricot preserves

Cream, in order, the butter, sugar, flour, coconut and chopped pecans. Mix thoroughly. Take 3/4 of mixture and press into the bottom of a 9x13" pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350°. Remove from oven and spread apricot preserves evenly over the pre-baked mixture. Sprinkle remaining mixture over the top and bake for 20-30 minutes, until golden brown on top.

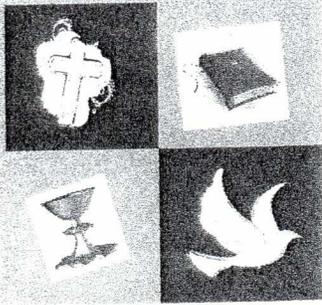
Optional: Add a powdered sugar/milk glaze drizzled over the top. Cut into squares and enjoy!

Cowboy Caviar

From Deanna Moran

- 2 T red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. hot sauce
- 1 1/2 T salad oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 firm ripe avocado
- 1 15oz. Can black-eyed peas
- 1 11oz. Can corn kernels
- 2/3 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 2/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 lb. Roma tomatoes, coarsely chopped

In a large bowl, mix vinegar, hot sauce, oil, garlic and pepper. Peel, pit and cut avocado into 1/4" cubes. Add to vinegar mixture and mix gently to coat. Drain and rinse peas and corn. Add peas, corn, onions, cilantro and tomato to avocado. Mix gently to coat. Salt to taste. Serve with tortilla chips.



St. Anne Catholic Community Women's Club News



From the President...

Karen Boccabella



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. We hope you enjoy the new format. It is a work in progress and we'd love to hear your feedback and/or suggestions. Our year kicks off in high gear with some exciting changes and old favorites. Plans for our September meeting are in full swing and one of nine meetings you won't want to miss! Come and learn about the incredible ministries, charities, and committees the Women's Club offers and assists as well as what we have in store for the coming year. We'll also enjoy unique boutique shopping, some handcrafted by talented women's club members, as well as a fabulous wine tasting, courtesy of the Wine and Cigar Shop in Lake Zurich, also operated by a women's club member.

In addition to the newsletter, information about the Women's Club can now be found on our new Website! www.stannewomensclub.org. Again, any suggestions and feedback is welcome. Please take some time to browse around the site. Information regarding upcoming meetings will always be on the home page, including information on the "donation of the month". In lieu of our monthly human concerns raffle, we will be collecting items each month on a voluntary basis for different organizations, starting in October. Individually, the donations will be minimal, i.e. a canned good or a box of pencils. Collectively, we can really make a difference. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, whether it's for one month, the whole year or a number in between please let me know. You can learn more ways to get involved at the September meeting.

Once again, the theme this year is all about finding balance in our lives. Love the Chaos, Cherish the Quiet. Our programs this month reflect that goal to look within ourselves and our surroundings and find that which is truly important to us – bringing spirituality in our lives, whether by reflection or action. Personally, I swing way to the action side. In that constant momentum, I'm fearful that I'm losing sight of the purpose – to become closer to God and my own spirituality.

As I mentioned last May, I'm hoping to explore the lives of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus and fascinating opposites. We are introduced to them when Jesus and his disciples visit their home in Bethany. Martha is a whirl of chaos – preparing the food, cleaning the table, setting out dishes. She enters the living room to find Mary, not helping, but sitting at the feet of Jesus. Like any rational woman, she goes a little ballistic and asks Jesus to set her sister straight and get her butt in the kitchen! Jesus responds "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42), Wow. I'd love to hear those words sometimes. Maybe I did, but chose not to listen. In the book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", the author, Joanna Weaver, points out "in [Martha's] eagerness to serve Jesus, she almost missed the opportunity to know Jesus." But wait! Somebody has to do the work, right? Absolutely, but just as we are called to serve God, we must, as Weaver puts it, not become so overwhelmed that worship become work and devotion become duty.

Hope to see you September 13th.

Peace and Harmony...*Karen*

September, 2005

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Little Angels,
Saints and Other
News from Above



Our deepest sympathy to:

The family of Angela Ramirez,
former member

Congratulations to:

Eva Kolasinski, on the adoption
of her daughter, Kiri

Madeline McCauley, on the
birth of her daughter, Matilda

Theresa Gauvreau, on the birth
of her son, Paul David

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New Member Coffee



Mark your calendars now for the New Member Welcome Coffee, to be held on Friday, October 28 from 9:15-11:15am at Sondra Raider's home. All club members are welcome to attend. Please join the welcoming committee in helping our new members feel special. Babysitting will be available at the St. Anne Nursery. Please RSVP to Susan Butchness (304-6769).

Viva Las Vegas! Gala 2005



The 2005 St. Anne Gala will be held November 5, 2005 at the Stonegate Conference Centre in Hoffman Estates. Invitations will be mailed in mid

September. This is our parish's largest fundraiser. Please consider helping the Gala Committee by working a casino table the night of the event or stuffing invitations on Wednesday, September 14th at Kendra DiMucci's house. In addition, we are looking for casino table sponsorships. You or your business will be recognized with a printed 8 x 10 sign that will be prominently posted at a designated casino table the night of the event. Please call 654-0822 for more information.

*Casino license is applied for.

Playgroup



The St. Anne Women's Club has a Playgroup for moms and children of any age. We gather and play every Thursday from 10:45-12:30 in the Parish Center Nursery. Our first meeting for the 05-06 year will be on September 1. Come join our playgroup. All are welcome!

Membership Drive



It's that time of the year...the summer is wrapping up, the days are growing a bit shorter, and the Women's Club 05/06 schedule is beginning!

Part of getting the new Club year organized is collecting membership forms, individual's photos, and dues from our members. Please send your form in by the September 30th deadline. *Your participation is very important in our photo directory project, too.* If you didn't appear in last year's directory please send your photo in with your form or via email.

Angela Nordgren is receiving files electronically at angnordgren@comcast.net. The membership team

will also be accepting forms and taking photos at the first general meeting in September. Questions? Call Suzanne Steliga at 381-0081.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR YOUR "VIVA LAS
VEGAS" INVITATION!**

Scripture Sharing



All women are invited to join the next scripture study entitled "Good News in New Places" beginning Monday, September 12 at 9:15am in the second floor meeting room of the Parish Center.

During this nine week Little Rock Scripture Study Program, we will explore the challenges faced by early church leaders in bringing the story of Jesus to a Gentile audience. The cost for materials is \$20, payable at the first meeting date. Each session lasts 2 hours. No sessions are scheduled for the Columbus Day holiday or Thanksgiving week. Childcare is available for a small additional fee; please pre-register for this service so that we may have adequate supervision. If you have any questions or wish to register for child care, contact Julie McLemore (304-5418).

Recipe of the Month

Each month a recipe will be highlighted from the past month's meeting. This month's recipe is from Karen Boccabella.

Corn Chowder.... as fall approaches; a great soup for cooler nights that uses the corn of the season.

Ingredients:

1 cup peeled and diced potatoes

1 cup peeled and diced carrots

6 slices bacon

1/3 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper

3 cups milk

1 cup half-and-half

2 cups cooked fresh corn, cut from the cob

Chopped parsley

Combine the potatoes, carrots and 1/2 cup of water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. In a skillet, cook the bacon until crisp. Reserve drippings. Crumble the bacon and set aside.

In a large saucepan, sauté the onion in 3 tablespoons of bacon drippings for 5 minutes. Blend in the flour, salt, and pepper. Gradually stir in the milk and half-and-half. Add the potatoes, carrots and their liquid. Cook and stir until smooth and slightly thickened. Add the corn and heat through. Adjust seasonings. Serve in bowls with bacon and parsley garnish.

Getting to Know our Board...Maria Trzaska—Programs

Each month the newsletter will feature a member of our board. I hope this is helpful for everyone in the club to get to know a little about those who have given much time and talent to serve in these leadership positions. This month we introduce Maria Trzaska, our program person. Maria's responsibility is to work with the president to plan, execute and follow through with all of our wonderful speakers and activities during the general meeting. This year's program lineup promises to pack the room!

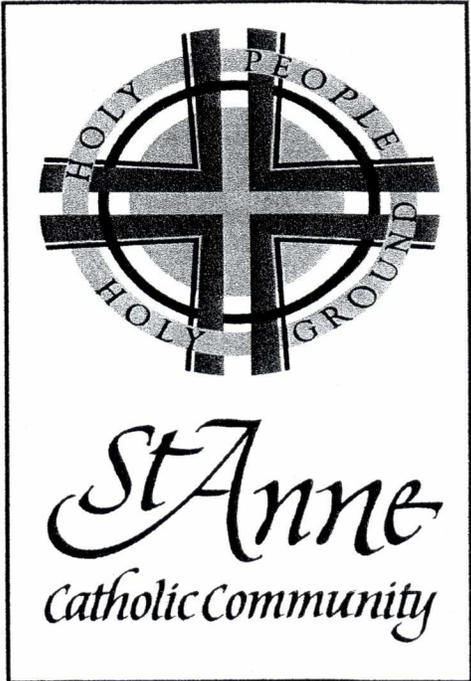


Maria has two children. Ryan, 13, is a freshman at St. Viator, and Jacklyn, 11, is a sixth grader at St. Anne. Maria has been a member of the Women's Club since 1995 and has been active ever since. In addition to serving on numerous committees such as Housewalk, Gala, Hospitality, Senior Luncheon, Welcoming and Funeral Luncheons, Maria also co-chaired our Craft Show fundraiser for two years and last year's Mother/Daughter event.

A personal thanks to Maria for convincing me to join her that fall day in 1998. She is a wonderful inspiration, a great friend, and, may I add, a fabulous sister-in-law. Don't say hello to Maria...unless you want a hugely warm and welcome response!

Karen Boccabella

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2005-2006 Events Calendar



Please Note:

Scripture Sharing is each Monday at 9:15-11:15am (beginning Sept. 12)

Playgroup meets each Thursday at 10:30-12:30am in the Parish Center nursery, beginning September 1st.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 13 General Meeting
7:00 pm Cafeteria

Wed., Sept. 21 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

OCTOBER

Tuesday, Oct. 11 General Meeting
7:00 pm Hospitality Room

Wed., Oct. 19 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

Fri., Oct. 28 Welcome Coffee
9:15-11:15 am Sondra Raider's home

NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov. 4 Church Women
United

Saturday, Nov. 5 Viva Las Vegas!
6:00 pm Parish Gala

Tuesday, Nov. 8 Mass/General Meeting
7:00 pm Chapel/Hosp. Room

Wed., Nov. 16 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

DECEMBER

TBA Happy Birthday Jesus
Cafeteria/ Hosp. Rm.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 Christmas Party
7:00 pm The Garlands

JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan. 10 General Meeting
7:00 pm Ladies' Night Out

Wed., Jan. 18 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, Feb. 7 General Meeting
7:00 pm Hospitality Room

Wed., Feb. 15 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

Wed., Feb. 22 Barbara Rinella
Luncheon/Fundraiser

MARCH

Tuesday, Mar. 14 General Meeting
7:00 pm Hospitality Room

Wed., Mar. 22 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

APRIL

Tuesday, April 18 General Meeting
7:00 pm Hospitality Room

Wed., April 26 Board Meeting
9:15 am Conference Room

MAY

Friday, May 5 Church Women
United
World Day of Prayer

Tuesday, May 9 Installation Mass and
7:00 pm Dinner
Chapel/Hosp. Room

Wed., May 10 Senior Luncheon
Hospitality Room

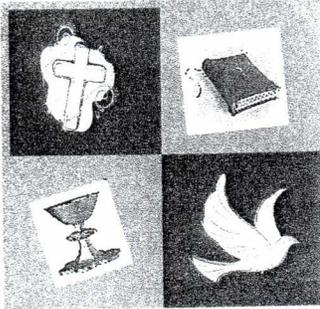
Wed., May 31 Turnover Meeting
Karen Boccabella's
home



Newsletter

Help is needed in folding and mailing the newsletters each month. Please consider volunteering to do one or both of these jobs.

Martha Mehringer is beginning her 4th year of working on the Women's Club News. If you are creative and pretty good on the computer, or wish to learn more, consider using this year to learn about publishing our newsletter. For more information, please call Martha Mehringer (487-0661).



St. Anne Catholic Community

Women's Club News



From the President...

Karen Boccabella



Many of my best memories involve music...singing in my room to the Carpenters or Donny and Marie, my grandparents singing at the holiday table, my first concert. In college my best friend and I bonded over the alternative music he introduced to me. I remember my baby girl fussing one night until I put on the Boccelli CD I used to play when she was in utero. She instantly quieted when the familiar sounds began and we shared a moment.

Throughout the years as old friends moved away and my family grew, the kids took over the musical selections; Lullabies, Disney CD's, the latest Nickelodeon soundtrack. I joked to friends that I was completely out of touch with the latest bands and that yes, I still didn't know how to burn a CD. I didn't realize what a void that left in my life. Last year my younger brother's testicular cancer diagnosis led to a reunion of sorts with my old college friend, who overcame the same disease. With that reunion came a renewal of friendship and a re-introduction to music...MY music. I began to realize that I was also facing a renewal with myself - an important piece of my identity that I had lost. Suddenly I became Karen again, not just someone's mom, wife or volunteer. Songs made me laugh, cry, reflect and remember. I embraced music with my former passion, or, as some may have viewed it, obsession...itunes and I have seen many a long night; my kids begged for their KidzBop only to hear my latest download instead. When my 5 yr. old finally threatened to pull the plug on my computer it was like someone throwing cold water on me...Where was the balance?? Before I was Type A "Martha", ignoring the call for self-reflection and too busy trying to please everyone else. I then shifted to a "Mary", listening, totally absorbed, without awareness of the responsibilities surrounding me.

To find the balance, I decided to introduce my family to my music with great results. My kids and I sing together in the car, we dance spontaneously in the kitchen and fall asleep to music in the evening. My husband loves his new cd's that I burn while multi-tasking. I've invited them to share in the joy and peace that I find in music. We've learned more about each other through our musical tastes. We share moments.

I hope the September meeting helped those who attended become more informed and inspired about the different ways to become involved. Please consider volunteering for the Viva Las Vegas gala on November 5, if you haven't already. We need as many volunteers as we can get to guarantee a successful event. It reminds me of a song I heard last year that I play often to inspire and energize myself. Perhaps it will do the same for you. In his song "Not Me", Keni Thomas sings...*"The world becomes a better place when someone stands and leads the way...steps forward when they'd rather say not me."*

Hope to see you all on **October 11th** for our next general meeting. Look inside for more details, including information about our monthly donation item - school supplies for Iraqi children. Be sure to turn in your membership forms in order to continue receiving newsletters and be included in the directory.

Peace and Harmony,

Karen

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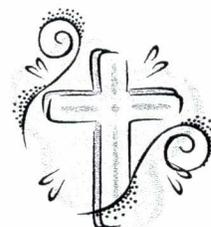
Suzette Sumang, on the death of her father-in-law

Please keep in your prayers:

Lisa Petrilli, who is undergoing kidney dialysis and is in need of a kidney

Mary Trzuskowski, who had back surgery

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Next Meeting October 11th!

Please join us on **Tuesday, October 11 at 7pm** in the hospitality room for our next general meeting. Representatives from CHASI (Children's Home and Aid Society), founded in 1883, will join us to discuss their organization and the numerous services they provide children and families in need. There are 3 nearby offices: Palatine, Carpentersville and Schaumburg. This year we will focus on one of these locations for our filled stocking donations.

Our October donation item will benefit children in another part of the world: Iraq. We will collect specific school supplies for our troops overseas to deliver to the children. Please consider donating **Composition (not spiral) notebooks, Mechanical pencils (do not need sharpening) and Pens**

Vince Sumang, husband of club member Suzette, is on leave from Iraq, where he is involved in this rebuilding process. Vince will speak briefly about how these small gestures make such a difference to these kids. Thank you to Mary Sneed for organizing this month's donation. If you would like to help pack up the items, please contact Mary Sneed (756-4235).

Membership Deadline

Our September deadline has passed and we are missing many membership forms! **We've extended the deadline to Friday, October 7th.**

Please note this important point; this will be your **LAST newsletter** if you don't remit the form and your dues. You also will **NOT appear** in the 2005-2006 Club directory.

We hope you'll take a moment to fill out the form, find a photo and write a quick check. Just a reminder, Angela Nordgren is receiving photo files electronically at angnordgren@comcast.net. Questions? Call Suzanne Steliga (381-0081).

New Member Coffee



Mark your calendars now for the New Member Welcome Coffee, to be held on **Friday, October 28 from 9:15-11:15am** at Sondra Raider's home, 214 Maple Rd., Barrington. All club members are welcome to attend. Please join the welcoming committee in helping our new members feel special. Babysitting will be available at the St. Anne Nursery. Please RSVP to Susan Butchness (304-6769).

Viva Las Vegas! Gala 2005....

COUNTDOWN TO VIVA LAS VEGAS!



The 2005 St. Anne Gala is on **November 5th** at the Stonegate Conference Centre in Hoffman Estates.

Look for your invitation in your mailbox! This is our parish's largest fundraiser. Please consider helping the Gala Committee by working a casino table the night of the event. Shifts are only 45 minutes and you can work with your spouse. In addition, we are still requesting casino table sponsorships. Please call 847-654-0822 for more information. Finally, Kendra, Melissa and Kelly would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU out to all the incredible women who volunteered their evening to stuff gala invitations in September. We couldn't have done it without your help!



Playgroup

Trick or treat! Mother's Playgroup is hosting a Halloween Party on **Thursday, Oct. 27** in Thane Hall starting at **10:30**. Let's preview your children's costumes and get more use out of them, too! Bring a lunch item to share and drinks for yourselves. Contact Mary Sneed (756-4235) for details.

Recipe of the Month

Turkey Enchiladas... submitted by Angela Nordgren

Cooking spray	1 cup fat-free sour cream
3/4 cup sliced red bell pepper	3 cups chopped cooked turkey or chicken (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1/2 cup chopped onion	1/4 cup bottled salsa
1/4 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
3/4 teaspoon ground coriander	1/2 cup black beans
1/2 to full package of taco seasoning	6 (6-inch) flour tortillas
Dash of black pepper	
2 1/2 cups chicken broth	
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese or taco flavored cheese	

Preheat oven to 350°.

Place a medium saucepan coated with cooking spray over medium heat until hot; add bell pepper and onion. Sauté 3 minutes or until tender. Lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup; level with a knife. Combine flour, coriander, and black pepper in a medium bowl; gradually add broth, stirring with a whisk until well-blended. Add to saucepan; bring to a boil, and cook 3 minutes or until thick, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; stir in cheese and sour cream. Combine 1 cup cheese mixture, turkey, and salsa in a bowl.

Spread 1/2 cup turkey mixture down center of each tortilla; roll up. Place in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour remaining cheese mixture over tortillas. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until bubbly.

Yield: 6 servings (serving size: 1 enchilada)

Getting to Know our Board... Diane Van Nest... Treasurer

Diane is in her second year as our Treasurer Extraordinaire! She is a great inspiration to all Women's Club members, returning and new! Since 2003, Diane has been an active addition to our club. She has volunteered for the Housewalk Fundraiser and at Senior Luncheon. In addition to volunteering as club treasurer last year, she was also playgroup coordinator. This year, Diane is also co-chairing the Mother Daughter Mass and jewelry making event. Diane first joined Women's Club after getting involved with Playgroup. She heard about the wonderful programs we offer and not only joined, but soon after, agreed to serve as treasurer, due to her talent for numbers and a love of money!



As a past math teacher with a degree in math and currently a math tutor, Diane brings wonderful experience to her position. Diane not only manages money well, but she manages her time too! A mother of four beautiful and busy girls, Sarah 15, Lauren 12, Erica 10 and Olivia 5, she also enjoys biking, tennis, traveling and cooking – especially with her homegrown red peppers and tomatoes! Diane is also an avid Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Cubs fan. Be sure to say hello and thanks to Diane for donating her time and talents to our club.

Hospitality for October



The people listed below have graciously offered to bring goodies or help with setup or cleanup for our October general meeting. This is being published as a reminder to those who signed up and also as a thank you for your time and effort. We all really enjoy the wonderful treats that people bring.

Help with Setup

Irene Leonard
Kendra DiMucci
Kelly Rudnicki
Melissa Peckosh

Bring a Dessert

Sylvia Anderson
Margie Ban
Fran Luby
Mary Reinhart
Pat Weaver
Millie Brodner
Peggy Franzese
Robin Jeffers
Susan Butchness
Peg Holt
Sondra Raider

Help with Cleanup

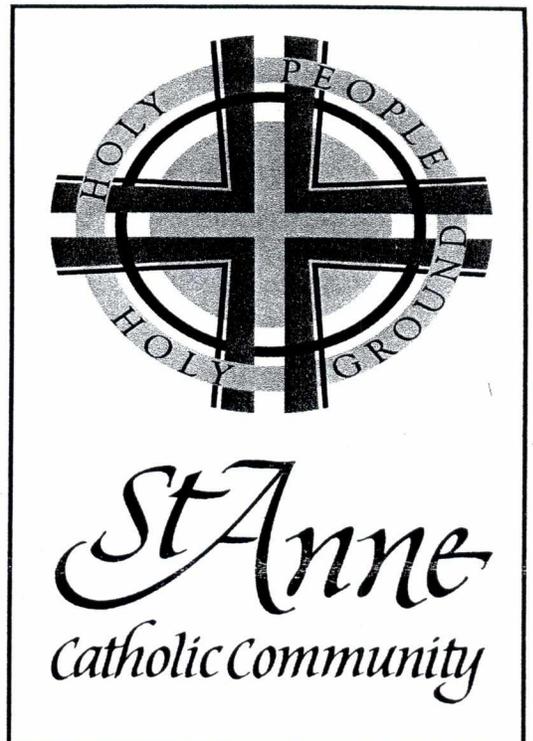
Mary Sneed
Kendra DiMucci
Kelly Rudnicki
Melissa Peckosh

Bring an Appetizer

Sylvia Anderson
Kathy Giamalva
Elaine Conrad
Jeanne Walmsley
Catherine Perrin
Mary Sneed
Alicia Tisbo
Krystyna Trzaska



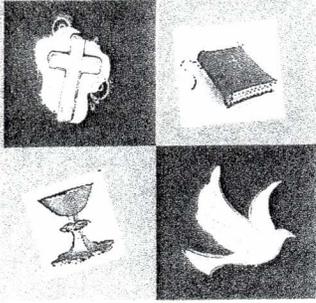
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October Events



Monday, Oct. 3 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Thursday, Oct. 6 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Oct. 10 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Tuesday, Oct. 11 7:00 pm	General Meeting Hospitality Room
Thursday, Oct. 13 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Oct. 17 9:15-11:15	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Wed., Oct. 19 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Oct. 20 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Oct. 24 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Thursday, Oct. 27 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Oct. 28 9:15-11:15 am	New Member Coffee Sondra Raider's home
Monday, Oct. 31 9:15-11:15	Scripture Sharing Conference Room



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From the President...

Karen Boccabella



November, 2005

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Our deepest sympathy to:

Anne Salter, on the death of
her father

The family of Ann Gavit

Lisa Feeney and Cara Golec, on
the death of their grandmother,
Connie Franze

Please keep in your prayers:

Lisa Petrilli, (Lisa Nordquist),
who is undergoing kidney dialy-
sis and is in need of a kidney

Marilyn Diedrichsen, who had
surgery

Annie Barry, daughter of Mary,
who had jaw surgery

Kendra DiMucci, whose mother
has been ill

Tina Sobb, who has MS

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Our meeting in November is particularly special...our Mass of Remembrance. Eva and Patricia Kolasinski are planning a beautiful celebration of women in our parish who have passed on, as well as those in our personal lives and hearts. Afterwards, we will enjoy the gorgeous voice of Theresa Donohoo in concert with Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle. How fitting since Terry's voice reminds me of angels....

I've been to several funerals this past summer, all men, and all under the age of 60. Braden, a close family friend and co-worker whom I had known forever, was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was 32 years old, single, full of life and goodness. He was a guy who never met a stranger. I dreaded his funeral service, scared to walk inside and face the reality. Expectedly, the place was packed and his parents and brother were bombarded by family, friends and acquaintances. In disbelief we sat, not really speaking...I thought of nothing else except the tragedy, the loss, all he would never be. I had no idea what the Reverend of his church would say - what could he say? And then a song began to play...3 *Wooden Crosses* by Randy Travis. "It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you; it's what you leave behind you when you go." The reverend began to speak of Braden's light, the light that he had inside of him - one that so many people could see and feel deep in their hearts. As they recounted stories of Braden's antics, and we laughed through tears, the most overwhelming sense of calm filled the air. It was his light that we felt and that he had left behind for all of us to take and pass on.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day"...When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Braden's parents, especially his mom, have more Mary characteristics, quieter and more prayerful. But at his service, she, in particular, became all Martha - though full of a sorrow I can't begin to imagine, she held fast to her belief and trust in God. I realized later that I, a self-proclaimed Martha, became a Mary... I stayed inside with grief, unable and unwilling to let my faith prevail. And though I'm still not quite there yet, I have a great example to follow. For once, I'm really striving to be Martha. Not always easy...

I share this story in the hopes that as we remember those who have passed, we focus on their light that shines through us. I hope we can give thanks for the memories we have shared and for the light that we continue to pass on to others. And as we listen with the angels to the beautiful music, let's remember that they are listening with us and we will share a moment with the ones we loved.

Peace and Harmony - *Karen*

Next Meeting November 8th!

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 8 at 7pm** for a very special general meeting. The evening begins in our intimate chapel with our Mass of Remembrance and moves into the Gathering Space for all to enjoy the gorgeous voice of Theresa Donohoo with Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle. Be sure that evening to pick up your CHASI bags for the Carpentersville children in need. Those bags are to be returned at our December Christmas party at the Garlands.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, our November donation item will benefit the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville. Please bring in canned and other nonperishable foods for the pantry. This volunteer-run pantry has been in existence since the 1960's. Anyone interested in assisting with the delivery of these items, please call Karen Boccabella (381-9817).

Save these Dates!



Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm — Ladies

Nite Out! We are planning a fun-filled evening. Join your friends, relax and enjoy a night out with the Women's Club. More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Sat. February 4th, 1:00pm — Mother/Daughter

Jewelry Making Event. We will begin with Mass in the chapel with Fr. Britto. From 2:00-4:00 we will be making one of a kind necklaces and bracelets/anklets in the hospitality room. Look for the flyer in the December newsletter to sign up for this special afternoon. For questions or to volunteer to help, call Margie Wedinger (382-5425).

Directories



What a success!! Suzanne Steliga and Angela Nordgren would like to thank all of you for providing photos, paying your dues and filing out the membership forms. The new directory will be available for pick-up at the November general meeting!

Children's Christmas Party



Santa's really cool with his reindeer and toys,
But Jesus is the Reason for the Season of Joy!
So bring all the children with joy, without doubt,
To see what the Christmas stories are all truly about.
A jolly old St Nick will greet you at the door,
A magic show will leave them rolling on the floor.
Stories, ornaments and stockings to decorate...
A big, beautiful birthday card for Jesus we'll create.
Pastries and bagels are some of the yummy treats,
Goody bags to take home are especially sweet!
So call for reservations to ensure your bag is there
And **MANY, MANY ANGELS** are **NEEDED** to **VOLUNTEER!**
We need your help to make this day a great success,
As we remember to think of Jesus a little more and presents a little less.

The St. Anne Children's Christmas party (formerly Happy Birthday, Jesus) will be held after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on December 4th. Please contact Tricia Johnson (277-7635) or Jennifer Wondrasek (713-2453) if you would like to help.

Getting to Know New Member...Johanna Rooney



One night at a meeting with the Barbara Rinella Luncheon committee, I was listening to Johanna Rooney tell a story that made me laugh so hard I was almost crying. It came as no surprise to me when I found out later she once studied and performed in theatre! Johanna joins the Women's Club after 11 years at St. Anne. Maria Trzaska (we need to get her a recruiting title!) urged her to take the ball and run with it this year...and take the ball she did! Johanna has already committed to serving on the Rinella fundraising event and, with her talent, her service will hopefully not stop there.

A fellow student of theatre myself, I really enjoyed hearing Johanna's stories of her past life in the theatre world. She studied in Chicago at the infamous Second City for three years and performed in their Children's Theatre before moving on to study more in-depth active methods. From there, Johanna was seen in numerous performances around Chicago, from Sam Shepard to Shakespeare. But life in the theatre world can become disenchanting. In search of a more "normal" life, Johanna found herself in the fast paced world of the Chicago Board of Trade where she enjoyed four fun and interesting years. When she and husband, Robert, welcomed into the world their first child, Brendan, now 17 and at BHS, Johanna decided to stay home and raise her family. Next came daughters Michaela, 14, and Keelin, 11, followed by son Connor who is 5. Johanna hopes to further connect with the St. Anne community through the Women's Club. A big welcome to Johanna – we're so glad you joined the club!

Recipe of the Month



Breakfast Casserole....submitted by Sara Werner

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| 2 ½ cups seasoned croutons | 1 (4 oz) can mushrooms, drained and chopped |
| 1 pound Bob Evans Farms Original Recipe Roll Sausage | 1 cup (4 oz) shredded sharp cheddar cheese |
| 4 eggs | 1 cup (4 oz) shredded Monterey Jack cheese |
| 2 ¼ cups milk | ¼ teaspoon (or more, if desired) dry mustard |
| 1 (10 oz) can condensed Cream of Mushroom soup | Fresh herb sprigs and carrot strips (optional) |
| 1 (10 oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry | Picante Sauce or Salsa (optional) |

Spread croutons on bottom of greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Crumble sausage into medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until browned, stirring occasionally. Drain off any drippings. Spread over croutons. Whisk eggs and milk in large bowl until blended. Stir in soup, spinach, mushrooms, cheeses and mustard. Pour egg mixture over sausage and croutons. Refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 325°F. Bake egg mixture 50 to 60 minutes or until set and lightly browned on top. Garnish with herb sprigs and carrots, if desired. Serve hot with optional picante sauce. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

As always – Enjoy!

Getting to Know our Board... Deb Quig...Recording Secretary

Our Recording Secretary, Deborah Quig, has been with the Women's Club since 1998. New to the Barington Community and wanting to meet new people, then President, Maria Liedlich, encouraged her to join the club. Aren't we glad she did! Since then, Deb has worked on many committees such as Gala, Breakfast with Santa, Housewalk and Sr. Luncheon and served as Chair for the first two mentioned. She has also been active in Playgroup and the former Moms Plus. Not only is Deb serving her first year as Recording Secretary but also is co-chairing the Welcoming Committee with past president Susan Butchness.



Deborah's organization and writing skills, as well as her boundless energy, served her well in her former working world. She has worked in advertising and in Marketing for Disney and McDonald's. Besides spending time with husband, Michael, and her two adorable children, Thomas, 5 and Sarah, 1, Deb enjoys cooking, reading, participating in a book club, and travelling (when Hurricanes don't get in the way!)



Sondra Raider...Corresponding Secretary

Sondra Raider, a member since 1999, is our Corresponding Secretary. If you know of anyone in need of a card or a newsletter prayer request, whether in times of joy, concern or sorrow, be sure to pass it on to Sondra. In addition to her board position, Sondra is co-chairing the Ladies Night Out event for the second year. She has also chaired Sr. Luncheon for two years and has served on various committees such as Newsletter and Housewalk. When not fulfilling Women's Club commitments, Sondra can be found enjoying her favorite pastimes such as shopping (woohoo!), cooking, skiing, tennis and travel.

Sondra and hubby Jeff have three beautiful children, Emma, 10, Christopher, 8 and Will, 5. Before motherhood, Sondra studied nursing, after getting her business degree. After several years in marketing, Sondra combined her medical and business knowledge by working for Abbot Labs in marketing and then sales and worked until her second child arrived. After a bad day at home, Sondra was advised to get out and go to a Women's Club meeting. Sondra says she has met and been inspired by so many wonderful women since then!

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This Month's Enclosures:

Please note the flyers that have been enclosed with this month's newsletter

- Mother—Son Event
- Children's Christmas Party

Hospitality for November



The people listed below have graciously offered to bring goodies or help with setup or cleanup for our November general meeting. This is being published as a reminder to those who signed up and also as a thank you for your time and effort. We all really enjoy the wonderful treats that people bring.

Help with Setup

Kim O'Neill
Betsy Murray
Irene Leonard
Karen Goss
Chris Valentine
Arlene Schamberger

Help with Cleanup

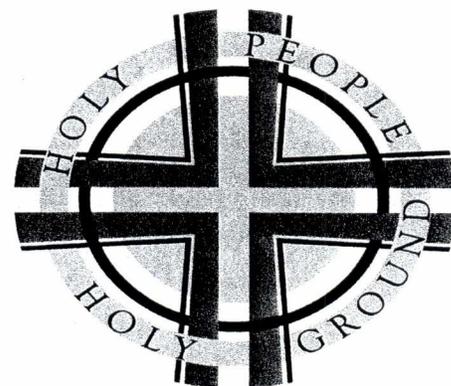
Kim O'Neill
Betsy Murray
Joyce Wisniewski
Marcia Todd
Johanna Rooney

Bring an Appetizer

Pat Kolasinski
Marilyn Dempsey
Marge Durkin
Deanna Moran
Cathy Faust
Deborah Quig
Mary Ellen Henehan
Davida Kozlowski
Sara Werner

Bring a Dessert

Sue Koch
Charlotte Kovalsky
Peggy Franzese
Maria Trzaska
Linda Lopez
Margaret Spegel
Kay Huguelet
Stacey Niezyniecki
Angela Nordgren

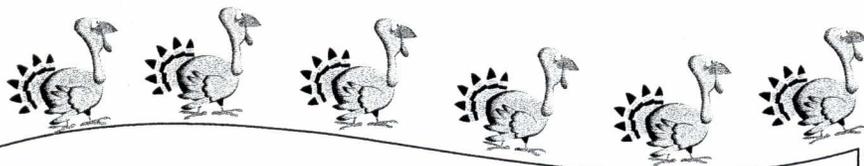


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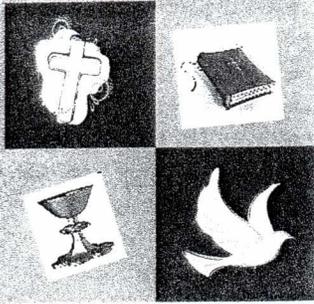
November Events



Thursday, Nov. 3 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Nov. 4 10:45-1:30	World Community Day Lutheran Church of the Atonement
Saturday, Nov. 5 6:00 pm	Viva Las Vegas! Stonegate Conf. Centre
Monday, Nov. 7 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Tuesday, Nov. 8 7:00 pm	Mass and Concert Gathering Space
Thursday, Nov. 10 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Saturday, Nov. 12 3:00-4:30 pm	Mother/Son Dodgeball & pizza Langendorf
Monday, Nov. 14 9:15-11:15	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Wed., Nov. 16 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Nov. 17 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Nov. 21 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Thursday, Nov. 24	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Monday, Nov. 28 9:15-11:15	Scripture Sharing Conference Room



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St. Anne Catholic Community Women's Club News



From the President...

Karen Boccabella



I'm still humming songs from the November Concert. What a beautiful evening! Thanks again to all who made it such a memorable success. Don't forget the Children's Christmas party and magic show on December 4th with St. Nicholas as a special guest after the 9:00 and 11:00am masses. Please support our endeavors to remind the children of our parish that Jesus is the reason for the season!

With this season of thanks and blessings in full swing I want to dedicate this article to all of you who have given your time, talents and support to our Women's Club. Whether it is working on an event, volunteering for hospitality, supporting our club by your meeting attendance and everything in between, I am so thankful for you. I feel blessed to be able to spend time with and get to know so many amazing and unique women.

Some "Martha's", like me, have difficulty delegating. I spent most of my life believing the phrase "if you want it done right you just have to do it yourself." Not until I was participating in the Women's Club did I see the arrogance in my thinking. It's humbling to step back and see the gifts and talents of so many people soar past you in ways you couldn't imagine. And yet, it's so liberating to know that you're not alone in your endeavors. I wonder what Martha thought, as she feverishly prepared dinner for Jesus and His apostles while her sister sat at the Lord's feet and soaked in His teachings. The Bible's words show she was irritated and angry but I imagine deep down she was sad, anxious and kind of tired. The anxiety of experiencing a childlike feeling of wanting to play with the others but you had to finish your chores. Feeling tired from working so hard and longing to sit. Sad because she knew she was missing out on the moment but felt too much that if it was to be done right she had to do it herself.

What a gift for the Lord to allow her the opportunity to let go and free herself from responsibility for just a little while. The Bible doesn't really tell us what happened after Jesus reminded Martha that Mary has chosen the better way. I like to think that she gave Him a grateful, tired smile and plopped right down next to Him, if only for a little while (before yanking Mary's dress to help her with the dishes).

The Board would like to give a similar gift to all of you as we invite you to join us at the December 13th meeting: a Christmas party in your honor. It's a chance for us to say thank you to all you who continue to support our club and its mission. All of you put down the dishes, turn off the oven and don't worry about the work. Come and enjoy some good food, good friends and good music. Allow yourself to really hear how collectively we have made a difference in so many lives as we welcome our special guests from BACOA, the Pediatric Division of Hospice of Northeastern IL and Gigi's Playhouse. The kids of Gigi's Playhouse are working hard as they prepare a very special performance for our group. You really won't want to miss any of it. If you are able to come please RSVP so we may give the Garland's an accurate number. Club members only please and don't forget your CHASI stocking bags!

Wishing you a blessed holiday season - *Karen*

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and Other News from
Above



**Please keep in your
prayers:**

Lisa Avers, whose father
has been ill

Karen Warner, whose
mother-in-law has been ill



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Christmas Party



Hope you can all join us for the Women's Club Christmas Party being held in your honor on **Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm at the Garlands of Barrington**, 1000 Garlands Lane. Our special guests are BACOA, Hospice of Northeastern IL, Pediatric Division and a special performance by the children of Gigi's Playhouse. Enjoy a variety of shopping from 3 unique vendors (10% of all sales will be donated to the Women's Club). Be dazzled by the sounds of our fantastic piano player while munching on dinner from the carving and food stations. A cash bar will be available (complimentary soft drink and coffee refills).

If you are able to attend and have not called to RSVP, please do so by calling Karen Boccabella (381-9817) or Maria Trzaska (382-0938) or send an email to sawcinfo@comcast.net.

Remember to bring your filled CHASI stocking bag. This event is for club members only please.

Jewelry Making



The Women's Club's annual mother/daughter event will be on **Saturday, February 4th at 1:00pm**. We will begin with Mass in the chapel with Fr. Britto. From 2:00-4:00 we will be making one of a kind necklaces and bracelets/anklets in the hospitality room. Look for the flyer in this newsletter to sign up for this special afternoon. For questions or to volunteer to help, call Margie Wedinger (382-5425).

Chasi Stockings



We will be giving Christmas stockings to children in need at the Children's Home and Aid Society again this year. Bags were passed out at the November meeting. Please bring your CHASI stocking bags to the December Women's Club Christmas party, Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm. For questions, please call Joann Robbins (304-8602).

Ladies' Night Out



We have planned a fun-filled evening on **Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00pm**. Join your friends, relax and enjoy a night out with the Women's Club. Look for more details in the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

Playgroup



The Women's Club Playgroup is hosting a children's Christmas party on Thursday, December 8. It will be lots of fun for moms and kids. All are welcome. We will meet at 10:45-12:30 in the Thane Hall Nursery. Call Mary Sneed with any questions (756-4235).

Scripture Sharing



The last scripture sharing for the year will be on Monday, December 5. Beginning on January 23, we will begin a new study of women in the Old Testament. More information will follow in the next newsletter.



Viva Las Vegas

The lights have gone out on Viva Las Vegas and it was a HUGE success - thanks to all of our incredible Women's Club volunteers and Gala Committee members who helped us in big and small ways this past year! The 2005 Gala wouldn't have been possible without all the support, time and talents given by so many of you. We are humbled and grateful by all that you have done for our committee and our parish. Thank you again!

Kendra DiMucci, Melissa Peckosh, Kelly Rudnicki

Recipe of the Month



Baby lamb chops with parsley and mint pesto dipping sauceby Rachael Ray, Food Network

1 cup flat-leaf parsley tops, 3 handfuls
1/4 cup, 6 to 8 sprigs, fresh mint
1 large clove garlic
1/4 cup (2-ounce package) sliced almonds
1 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 racks baby lamb (have the butcher cut into chops)

Preheat grill pan or large heavy skillet over medium high to high heat.

In a food processor, combine parsley, mint, garlic, almonds, cumin, coriander and pulse until mixture is finely chopped. Add a little salt and pepper and vinegar to the processor and turn it back on. Stream in extra-virgin olive oil until a sauce forms. Stop processor, taste and adjust seasonings. Transfer to a small bowl using a rubber spatula. Drizzle chops with extra virgin olive oil, season with salt and pepper and grill for 3 to 5 minutes on each side for medium rare to medium well doneness. Arrange chops around the dipping sauce and serve.



Getting to Know our Board... Jen Wondrasek...Special Events

Meet Jen Wondrasek, Organizational Chair for Special Events. An Org Chair's responsibility is to ensure communication between the committees under their category. Org Chairs attend monthly board meetings to relay information and to play a vital role in policy and procedure decisions.



Jen became a member of the Women's Club in 2002. Her hope was to become more active in the Church community and meet new people along the way. She has certainly exceeded her wish! Jen's been busy the past three years serving on various committees such as Gala, Housewalk, and Breakfast with Santa/Happy Birthday Jesus. This year's Children's Christmas Party, which Jen co-chairs with Tricia Johnson, is a great blend of the two previous concepts. Be sure not to miss it!

Jen is a graduate of Barrington High School, but before that lived all over the country, never in one place for more than five years. She went on to University of Illinois and worked with Motorola as a Mechanical Engineer for 12 years before deciding to become a stay at home mom.

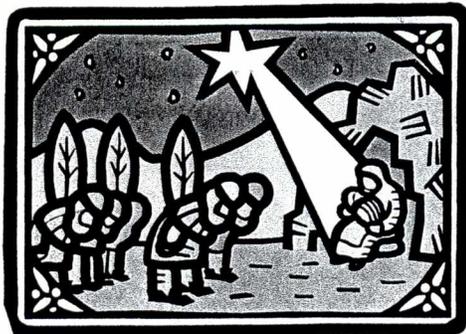
Her involvement in charities goes beyond the St. Anne Community. Jen also volunteers with Palatine based Wellness Place, as well as Barrington Family to Family (family-to-family.org). This unique organization allows volunteers to ship monthly packages of food to families in need across the country, in Jen's case a Native American family. Shipping expenses are courtesy of FedEx.

In addition to spending time with her husband, Gerry and her two beautiful children, Tommy, 5 and Paige, 3, Jen enjoys skiing, playing piano and her book club.

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- Mother—Daughter Event
- Ladies' Night Out



*Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, All is bright
'Round yon virgin, Mother and
Child
Holy Infant so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace*

December Events



Thursday, Dec. 1 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 4 after Masses	Children's Christmas Party
Monday, Dec. 5 9:15-11:15 am	Scripture Sharing Conference Room
Thursday, Dec. 8 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Party Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, Dec. 13 7:00 pm	Christmas Party Garlands
Thursday, Dec. 15 10:45-12:30	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 25	Christmas

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