



The Messenger

Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club

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Pawleys Island, South Carolina

Our Mission Statement is to promote and participate in religious, social and civic activities and to sponsor fund raising events for our parish & community.

MAY 2024 THIRTY-THIRD ISSUE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PBOCCWC PRESIDENT

He (God) only sees the heart....Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

As my tenure as President of the PBOCCWC draws to a close, I would like to thank all the Women's Club Members who have donated their talents, time, and resources to the various events that we have hosted over the last two years. You are an amazing group of women who work hard and have fun doing it to make each event a success. I feel honored and privileged to have been able to serve and work with all of you. The friendships I have made I will treasure always.

We've had an amazing year. Thanks to our annual Fundraisers, the Arts and Crafts Festival, the Boutique Auction and Fashion Show we raised over \$26,000 to be distributed among 18 Local Not for Profit Organizations. We held a Mass of Remembrance for deceased members, celebrated Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day with a Mass and Communion Breakfast, and held a Day of Prayer moderated by Sr. Kathleen Adamski, who inspired us with her topic "Be Not Afraid." For fun, we toured Mepkin Abbey and the amazing Creche displays and Hopsewee Plantation to learn some of our local history. Still to come is Mary's Walk on May 9th with Father Paul at Brookgreen Gardens, our Grants Luncheon and making Lunches for the Joy School Summer Program the week of June 17th – 21st.

I'm excited to announce that we've elected a new Executive Board for 2024/2025:

President – Rita Foster

First Vice President – Kathy Brochu

Second Vice President – Shirley Bole

Secretary – Michelle Schneider

Treasurer – Suzanne Eberhardt

The Women's Club is blessed with an amazing group of women who will lead the club into another successful year.

Nancy Crosbie

PBOCCWC President, 2022-2024

MEMBERSHIP

It's been a good year for our Women's Club Membership Committee. We have 192 active members of which 23 are new members. Once joining our Precious Blood Women's Club, not only will you meet wonderful ladies that work diligently all year on our committees, you will meet lasting friends who always are there to lend a hand. If you haven't joined, please consider doing so. Should you wish to find out more about our club, we will be more than happy to send or email you information about joining.

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OUT AND ABOUT



The Women's Club took two field trips this year. In the Fall we visited Mepkin Abbey to view the Crèche display and together enjoyed lunch at Gilligan's on the River. This past month we visited Hopsewee Plantation where we toured the plantation house, museum, enjoyed an informative presentation on Gullah history, and had high tea together in the dining room.

Claire Turner
Second Vice President



THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A special word of thanks to our "SUNSHINE"
 ladies:

Nancy Szarowicz
Sue Ann Appel
Rose Lanci

These Angels keep us informed all year long with many, many prayer requests and updates on our present (and past) members.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Jordon Poston of Teach My People, a faith-based program for underprivileged children, spoke to us in October. TMP supports children with tutoring, various activities, meals, and after school care. Volunteers are welcome in many capacities at their center.

In January, we welcomed Kathy Binney, Executive Director of St. Christopher's Children to speak to our group. Kathy explained the mission of providing orthodontic care and clothing to local children. Last year they assisted 500 children. Be sure to visit their Resale Store on Hwy 17 in Pawleys.

Martha Insignaris enthusiastically spoke to our group in March about the JOY School – a wonderful 10 week summer program for children and young adults with disabilities. Each year, the Women's Club prepares and delivers lunch for one week of the summer program. This year marks the 40th year! Denise Lee is coordinating our lunches for the week of June 17-20.

Mary Nemeth from the Charleston Diocese spoke in March of her new position and of the great works the Bishop's Appeal supports throughout our area. She was very pleased to hear of the many programs and activities that we do.

At our April meeting, Amanda Copeland of Tideland Palliative Care explained in-home services available to assist seriously ill patients in managing their illness and eliminate extra visits to the doctor.

Thank you, Claire Turner for coordinating these informative talks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

A Father's Place
 Amazing Journey
 Barnabas Horse Foundation
 Baskerville Food Pantry
 Birthright of Georgetown
 Camp Rise Above
 Freedom Readers
 Hugs for Horses
 JOY University
 Martha's House
 Miss Ruby's Kids
 Smith Medical Clinic
 SOS Care
 St. Christopher's Children
 Teach My People
 The Outreach Farm
 The Village Group
 Tidelands Hospice
 Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church

In Addition to the Grant Recipients, the PBOCC Women's Club will soon be announcing the recipient of a \$2000 college scholarship, who is a 2024 graduating High School senior and parishioner of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. Also, a \$1000 tuition scholarship will be awarded to a parishioner who is attending Seton High School.

J.O.Y. School – J.O.Y. is Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last.

The J.O.Y. School is a non-profit, non-denominational program at Pawleys Island Presbyterian for children with disabilities. During the summer, the school operates for 6-7 weeks/5 hours a day. Children come from local counties and others come from far away with their vacationing families. No child is turned away, no matter the severity of his/her mental or physical disabilities. This year they are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

Martha Insignares, a member of PBOC parish and our Women's Club, is the program director. She is assisted by nurses in training, professional therapists, local youth volunteers, visiting church youth groups and professionally trained men and women who return every year to ensure the school's success.

Each year, the school asks local church and community groups to provide lunch for 30 students and staff each week. The Women's Club has assisted with this program for a number of years. This year we are scheduled to provide the lunches the week of June 17 – 20. Lunches are only required for four days that week.

This year, a specific menu has been created for each day to simplify the meal preparation for the Women's Club volunteers. The four meals will be: meat loaf, sandwiches, hamburger casserole and hot dog casserole. Side dishes, fruit and dessert are also provided each day. The lunch must be delivered to the Presbyterian Church by 11:15 am each day.

Denise Lee is coordinating the lunch preparation volunteers and will need at least 5 volunteers each day. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May general meeting. Denise can be reached at denisejmlee@gmail.com or by cell phone at 201-417-0068.

Denise Lee



2024 FASHION SHOW

ALL THAT GLITTERS was a huge success, raising funds to help many local non-profits.

It took lots of time and helping hands to make this great event happen. Thank you if you took part in decorating, ticket sales, sponsorships, canvassing for giveaways and for the Silent Auction, putting together baskets, or any other way! Our models showcased fashions from Affordables and Pawleys Island Wear, both of which have stores located in the Hammock Shops. Our guests enjoyed the fashions, the food, great conversations with friends, and of course, the Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar!

We gave away 43 amazing baskets to ticket holders, along with 7 door prizes. We also had approximately a dozen Silent Auction packages that went to the highest bidders. To top that off, The Coastal Observer wrote a wonderful article about it all!

Catherine Briggs
Sue Rovner
Fashion Show Chairs

2024 BOUTIQUE AUCTION

The results are in..... the 2024 Boutique Auction was a success! A special thanks goes to Beth Hart, Manager at Pawleys Island Wear, who donated some beautiful new merchandise from her store. The word about the Boutique Auction must be getting around because ticket sales over our previous year increased, and we sold 250 tickets! THIS GREAT EFFORT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED without your donations and support.

St. Christopher's Kids & St. Cyprian's picked up the remaining clothing & accessories. • The vignettes have been returned to FOWL's storage area. Size tags were returned to St. Christopher's resale store. On behalf of the entire 2024 Boutique Auction Co-Chair's, we would like to thank Nancy Crosbie, President, and her Executive Board for all the support & help during the set-up for this event. And last, but certainly not least, Nikki Del Valle. Her help was invaluable! Debbie Clatterbuck will remain the Chair for next year's event.

The Arts & Crafts Festival was held on October 27th and 28th, 2023. What a great weekend! With over 60 vendors, bake sale, book sale, kitchen cupboard, silent auction and cafe', there was something for everyone! There were well over 600 people who attended over the 2 days. Most all of the vendors were very pleased with their experience and profits--so pleased that we have only 12 spaces left for 2024.

A special thank you to all of the Women's Club members, Arts & Crafts Committee Chairs, Nikki and all who helped to make the festival such a success!

Debbie Allen

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

Our annual, "stuff the bus" baby shower was once again a success, providing baby clothes, necessities, and diapers in support of Birthright of Georgetown.



Libby Callahan spoke on the good works that Birthright provides to pregnant women and their babies. Congratulations to Keri Christovich who won the gift certificate drawing of diaper contributors!

GOLF ANYONE?

Precious Blood Lady Niners

The Women's Club golf group continues to grow. We now have 30 members and enjoy playing nine holes on Wednesdays at Litchfield Country Club. Besides golfing, we love to socialize. The picture is from our annual golf Christmas Luncheon. If you are interested in joining our group contact Carole Kaczynski ck3966@sccoast.net



SPIRITUAL CORNER



Our annual Day of Prayer was held on February 27, 2024. The facilitator, Sister Kathleen Adamski, OSF, presented an encouraging program, entitled "Be Not Afraid". Sixty women participated in the event. There were many positive comments regarding Sister Kathy's presentation.

Our Lenten Simple Supper and Mary's Way of the Cross was held on March 22nd. Thank you to all that assisted in any way.

We look forward to Mary's Walk with Father Paul at Brookgreen Gardens on May 9th. This is open to all women of the parish. There will be a light breakfast consisting of bagels, donuts and fruit. Please contact Debbie Clatterbuck to sign up.

Christine Schwartz & Debbie Clatterbuck
Spiritual Facilitators

WAYS AND MEANS

As you may know, our Club operates with monies which include our annual dues and Ways & Means fundraisers held throughout the year. This fund covers all of our expenses which include our monthly meeting refreshments. This year we successfully ran a Souper Bowl event which we hope will become an annual event. Our Soda Bread sale was once again a sellout, with record sales! The amaryllis sale at Christmas was also a great success!

With so many new members we are always looking for new ideas.... If you have suggestions for future fundraisers, reach out to our Board Members with your ideas!

SIP 'N CHAT 2023-24

At the Women's Club, most of our efforts are based on conducting charitable works. However, once in a while it is nice to let loose a little. All work and no play is not a formula for success. Once a month, we gather in friendship through Sip & Chat!

Each month a different member of the Women's Club opens her home for a few hours one afternoon. What is wonderful about hosting is it doesn't cost the host! Each guest brings a shareable snack, wine, or soda.

This gathering gives us an opportunity to put the work behind us and gather as friends. It is also a chance to catch some of the ladies up on what went on at our last meeting if they were unable to attend.

If you wish to host, just let the Sip & Chat Chairperson know and she can schedule it. If you wish to attend, just sign up at the monthly meeting.

Michelle Schneider

SPOTLIGHT ON LINDA.....



As many of you know, Linda Caswell has recently moved back to New Jersey to be closer to family. Over the years, Linda has held MANY positions within our Club. First and foremost in my mind, is the project of acquiring the beautiful statue of Blessed Mary which now stands graciously in the front of our Church. In addition, Linda has served as Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Spiritual Facilitator, among many other roles!

**Linda, we wish you all the best!
You will be missed by many!!**



CLOSET CORNER



Please be sure to log any items removed or added to our storage space in order to keep our WC closet well organized throughout the year. Be sure to look at the inventory sheet (both posted on the website or in the storage room) before purchasing any items for an upcoming event.

Debbie Mendoza and Cathy Schmidt
WC Closet Organizers
