



# *The Messenger*

## *Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club*

*Est. 1986*

*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.*

**JUNE 2022 THIRTY-FIRST ISSUE**

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### **A PARTING MESSAGE FROM THE PBOCCWC PRESIDENT!**

As my term as President of the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club comes to end, nostalgia is setting in.....

When I assumed the role of President in June 2020, COVID 19 had already reared its damage on our community and the world. We lost our dear member, Sherry Marnell, due to the complications of COVID in August of 2020. She thought so much of the PBOCCWC that her family designated donations to be made to our Grants Funds in her name. With the help of Sherry's donations and our various plant sales throughout seasons, we were able to make our parish gift of \$5,000 in 2021.

Based on our ingenuity, we held our Board Meetings in the Chapel, our General Meetings in the Church & lunched at various restaurants supporting them in the challenging times in Pawleys. However, due to the vaccines we were able to resume life during COVID. Our 2021 Arts & Crafts Fair was our first fund raiser to kick off after the COVID lockdown. It was a great success. We continued into 2022 with our exciting "Boutique Auction" which is always a fun event. We were back at Pawleys Plantation for our 2022 Mardi Gras Fashion Show in February 2022..... It was a sold-out event!!!!!!!

We continue with many of our worthwhile events like the Hope Ball & The JOY School.

I can't go without a "BIG THANK YOU" to my fantastic Executive Board & Appointed Officers. Y'all made my job so much easier!

A special "Thank You" to Joyce Robertson who was my guardian angel making sure I crossed my t's and dotted my i's according to Robert's rules.

A "shoutout" to Carol Steinis, Nancy Szarowicz, Kathy Morris & Joan Brown for their advice & their past service as President & Treasurer because they were my role models & chief counsel !!!!!!!!!!! I hope I only learned and made our club stronger in difficult times!

And last but surely not to be forgotten, Kathy Brochu & Eloise Temple for kicking off our first fund raiser with the 2021 Arts & Crafts Fair. It was flawless event and generated some tremendous revenues for our club.

To Melanie Bulman, Nancy Szarowicz & Carol Steinis for pulling off another super "Boutique Auction" under difficult circumstances based on COVID apprehension to buy 2nd hand clothing. BUT.... that didn't scare this team, they moved forward & conquered!

And to Nancy Crosbie, Anne Marie Reid & Rita Foster who pulled off a flawless Marti Gras Fashion Show that celebrated Mardi Gras! This team got stalled by COVID in 2021 but 2022 they scored the "Mardi Gras King Cake and found the BABY inside!" If you don't know the "king cake" history in NOLA just Google it!

We topped off our 2021-2022 Membership year with our June General Meeting that included margarita punch, wine and some delicious food offerings from Quigleys, not to mention a sumptuous cake .

Our meeting included our final records for the year and was filled with friendship, laughs and lots of fun.

2022 GRANTS LUNCHEON IT WAS A CULMINATION TO A LOT OF HARD WORK BY ALL... Our Grants Luncheon would not be possible without the many fund raisers that we were able to excel at in 2021/2022! Don't forget our newest member honored at the Grant's Luncheon, our own Father Pat!

And Now..... I want to thank the general membership..... YOU are what makes this Women's Club without YOU there would be no fund raisers, the Chairs are only the General Contractor's on the job..... but you are the workers that make our events happen.....

I want y'all to know that I value all of you. It has been my pleasure to serve our club & really, we kid a lot but if you have computer skills & in your past life you were teacher or in sales/marketing.....Being President isn't that hard.....Jump in and give it a try.....

In September 2022, I will be an regular member, I hope to reunite with old members & get to know our newer members.

I will leave y'all with the words.....  
**"Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire!"**

May God keep you safe, healthy & hopeful!  
God bless!

**Debbie Clatterbuck**  
**PBOCCWC President, 2020-2022**

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### MEMBERSHIP

This year has been a very good year for membership of the PBOCCWC. We welcomed a total of 22 new members, bringing our Active membership to 176. Their presence was celebrated at a Cocktail reception on May 10, at Founders Hall. They are a very enthusiastic group of women who will be an asset to the Women's Club. We look forward to working with them while enjoying their company along with our loyal, longer-time members of this very special group of Catholic women.

**Jeanne Rosol and Camie Delaney**  
**Co-chairs of Membership**

### A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT

I am so looking forward to being the President of the Precious Blood of Christ Women's Club for the 2022-2024 years, What an honor!

Since joining in 2011, I have always been impressed how this club runs like "a well-oiled machine".

No matter what the occasion or endeavor, the members "take hold" and the job gets done. It is so thrilling that we have so many new members getting involved. Many are volunteering to chair various committees and our new Executive Board has three relatively new members.

Many thanks to Debbie Clatterbuck for her leadership during the last 2 years. You and the board kept us moving forward. Thanks also, to all previous presidents who are always there to advise and encourage. I am sure that that I will be calling on your expertise often.

Wishing everyone a blessed summer. Here's to a great year ahead.

**Pat Farkas**  
**PBOCCWC President, 2022-2024**



Our prayers go out to our members who we have lost this year, and have graced our club with their membership:

**Wilma Ervin**  
**Mary Shumpert**  
**Gladys Niemczyk**  
**Marilyn Lecomte**  
**Barbara Fuller**  
**Christine Testa**



## 2022 ARTS AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

The 2022 Arts & Craft Festival will be held on October 28-29 with 64 vendor spaces already reserved. 3 indoor spaces and 6 outside are still available.

The Kitchen Cupboard will offer delicious takeout foods; Kitchen Café will have many delicious choices on the menu. Of course, don't miss the Silent Auction, Book Sale, and Bake Sale. Start saving those books!

Thank you to our committee chairs who have all volunteered to coordinate each area. But, we can't run this event without the help of our members! It takes a village, the committee will meet in August and sign ups begin in September.

*Bake Sale - Patty Chiappetta, Joan Baker, Jessica Dezendorf*

*Book Sale - Michelle Schneider & Joyce Robertson*

*Cashiers – Rose Plesha*

*Decorations (Inside) – Sabina Kowalski*

*Decorations (Outside) – Joanne Gagliano*

*Kitchen Café – Denise Lee & Eileen Birchenough*

*Kitchen Cupboard – Jan Frieden & Kathie Monnich*

*Silent Auction - Shirley Bole & Marie Nadeau*

*Publicity - Nancy Szarowicz & Debbie Cunnane*

Feel free to reach out to Festival Co-Chairs:

**Debbie Allen 803-397-7790**

**Camie Delaney 908-531-7112**

## JOY SCHOOL

JOY School is a wonderful summer program for children and young adults with disabilities. It meets at the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church for ten weeks during the summer. The director, Martha Insignares asks for community organizations to provide lunch for the children for one week. Precious Blood Women's Club has happily agreed to deliver lunch the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who volunteered to take an assigned day to prepare a meal and deliver it to the Church.

**Claire Turner**

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## CLOSET CORNER FROM THE CLOSET ORGANIZERS

"Thank you all for continuing to keep our WC closet well organized this past year.



You have kept us well informed when items were taken and returned. It made our closet easier to monitor and update when we do our inventory. We will continue to send you gentle reminders in the months to come. Have a healthy and happy summer."

**Carole Kaczynski, Peggy DeVivo, Susan Walker  
WC Closet Organizers**

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## MARY'S WALK



Our Women's Club and other women of the Parish spent a lovely morning with Father Paul on a Walk through Brookgreen Gardens. Beginning with a continental breakfast, followed by the recitation of the Rosary, we then strolled through the Gardens, highlighting the new births in the Zoo. A lovely day was had by all. Thank you to Nancy Szarowicz, Carol Steinis and Sue Ann Appel for coordinating this annual outing.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Birthright of Georgetown  
 Barnabas Horses Foundation  
 Encouraging Youth (Carolina Human Investment )  
 Family Justice Center  
 Friendship Place  
 Hugs for Horses  
 Martha's House  
 St. Christopher's Kids  
 Pawleys Island Child Development Center  
 Smith Clinic  
 St. Peter's Backpack Buddies  
 Tideland Hospice  
 Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church

**2022 Scholarship Winner:  
 Zachary Fretz**

## PLANT SALES

Once again our PBOC Women's Club did an outstanding job of supporting our flower sales this past year. Our mums were in glorious fall colors, the amaryllis...showstoppers and the geraniums were on triple steroids. How fortunate we are to offer our members such beautiful and quality plants. Many thanks to Joanne Gagliano who has acted as our liaison with Callas Florist to obtain first quality and beautiful plants in a timely manner. Many thanks to many of our members who have made my job so much easier by volunteering to unload delivery trucks and distribute the flowers to our members. Thank you to Melanie Bulman and Sue Webster who have volunteered to take over this worthwhile endeavor to assist in our club's Ways and Means activities.

Pat Farkas

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Happy Summer from your two, yes two new Happy Horticulturalists - Melanie Bulman and her assistant Susan Webster. Takes two to replace Pat Farkas. She started this fundraiser and has done such a wonderful job.

As you work in your gardens this summer and dream of cooler days, please keep in mind our FALL PLANT SALE. We will be selling 9" pots of Mums starting in August. They will come in a variety of four colors. Pick up date at the PLC will be September 16th. Sign-up sheets will be available the first of August on line. One can always purchase at the meeting also.

Just a friendly reminder for now to let you know we will be selling Mums this Fall. Looking forward to your continued support. Enjoy your summer and relax!

**Melanie Bulman & Susan Webster**

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## PRAYER OF THANKS

Here is part of a prayer poem I would like to share with the women of the Club. It is a thank you to all of the wonderful women who pitched in when I was a Co-chair of the 2022 Fashion Show and, due to illness, could not give full time to the planning and execution of the show.



“I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY,  
I KNOW GOD MUST HAVE HEARD.  
I FELT THE ANSWER IN MY HEART,  
ALTHOUGH HE SPOKE NO WORD.  
I ASKED THAT HE BE NEAR YOU,  
AT THE START OF EACH NEW DAY,  
TO GRANT YOU HEALTH AND BLESSINGS  
AND FRIENDS TO SHARE THE WAY.”

Again, thank you to all!

**Ann Marie Reid**



## “PENNIES” from Heaven



Our “Pennies” fund this year was used to supplement the cost of a new upright freezer in the PLC kitchen. This will allow the Kitchen Cupboard committee to store frozen packaged foods to sell at the upcoming Arts and Crafts Festival in the fall.

Please continue to drop all your spare change into our "Pennies from Heaven" container.

## BOUTIQUE AUCTION

Our 2nd Boutique Auction took place on Sunday, January 23 in the PLC. We offered new and “gently used” racks of clothing, cash and carry jewelry and accessories, fashion vignettes of outfits for the silent auction, and live auction outfits. Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar were available. A fun afternoon was enjoyed, and some awesome deals were made! Watch for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Boutique Auction in 2023 chaired by Yvonne Chadwick and Debbie Clatterbuck.

## 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 (Belk sales, soda bread sales, etc.) This fund covers all of our expenses which include our monthly meeting refreshments. The Refreshment Committee creatively puts together delicious lunches with the help of many volunteers who come up with menus and prepare them for us.

Please consider signing up for one monthly meeting. Signups will be available as our calendar progresses.

If you have suggestions for future fundraisers, reach out to our Board Members with your ideas!

## My Grandchild's Hand

(Submitted by Denise Lee)

In your eyes I see the future  
And a need to save the Earth...  
So that you might walk the field of God  
And know that life has worth.

In your presence I can see now  
That God continues on...  
And he sent you as a glimpse of hope  
When I thought all hope was gone.

When I plant a tree now I will know  
Though the shade won't cover me...  
I have offered you a shelter here  
For the entire world to see.

When I was young I questioned God...  
I had to know the truth  
And he closed his eyes and bowed his head  
And he sent you down as proof.

It was deep inside your laughter  
That I learned what life's about...  
For the miracle of knowing you  
Has left me without doubt.

As time passed by how could I know  
The best was yet to be...  
Through my grandchild's little hand  
God reached out to me.

Jill Grubb Travoss

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## SOCIAL CORNER

Interested in playing golf with no pressure and a great group of ladies? We play on Wednesday afternoons at Litchfield Country Club. Contact:

**Carole Kaczynski** [ck3966@sccoast.net](mailto:ck3966@sccoast.net) or  
**Mary Kinzie** [twoforethebeach@mac.com](mailto:twoforethebeach@mac.com)



Looking forward to resuming our monthly **Reel Time** movie and pizza socials, as well as **Sip 'n Chat** and **Christmas Cookie Exchange!**

Stay tuned.....




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## IMPORTANT DATES:

*August 1 - Plant Sale Kick-off*

*August 28 - Welcome Tea*

*Sept 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting*

*Oct 28-29 - Arts & Craft Festival*

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