



The Messenger

Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club

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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PBOCCWC PRESIDENT

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

What an amazing year this has been. When I look back on all that this wonderful group of women has accomplished during the last 9 months, I am speechless, well almost. We started with the Welcome Tea, a lovely way to meet and greet new and recurring members. Our fund-raisers, the Arts & Crafts Festival, the Boutique Auction, and the Fashion Eggstravaganza Show were all enormous successes and raised a record amount of money for our Grants Program. Our spiritual events, the Mass of Remembrance, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day, the Day of Prayer, the Simple Supper and Mary's Walk were beautiful, prayerful days. It boggles the mind how much planning, meetings, set-up and clean-up tasks are required to put on these events. None of this would have been accomplished without your unending enthusiasm and volunteering spirit. Thank you to all of you. Please give yourselves a big round of applause.

We also went on some field trips to the Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival – a beautiful assortment of creches from around the world and the Darla Moore Arboretum which I heard was beautiful. I'm sorry I missed it, although I was seeing some beautiful gardens in Italy at the time!

Thanks to Pat Farkas's vision, we reinstated the monthly Sip N' Chats which have been a rousing success and Reel Time in which we

saw some wonderful movies like Julie and Julia and P.S. I Love You.

I never expected to be President this year. I had no idea what I was getting into, but I wanted to make Pat proud. Pat Farkas was a wonderful, devout, selfless, amazing woman – generous with her time wherever she was needed and a fearless leader. I knew I had big shoes to fill, and I couldn't have done it without this wonderful group of women who make up the Executive board: Jeanne Rosol, Claire Turner, Kathy Brochu and Rita Foster. I have learned so much from these women and relied on their experience and expertise. I also need to thank the Appointed Officers on the Board. First, let me thank Debbie Clatterbuck and Carol Steinis, Past Presidents who provided so much history and let me know if there was something I needed to address; Joyce Robertson and Marianne Anderson who made sure I was following the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures; Peggy DeVivo and Carole Kaczynski, the Membership Wizards, who have found ways to streamline our membership forms and meeting attendance records; Denise Lee and Yvonne Chadwick who managed Ways and Means seamlessly; Mary Anne Fox who beautifully planned so many Spiritual days for us; and Nancy Szarowicz who did an amazing job with Publicity for our major events, such as The Arts & Crafts Festival and the Fashion Show. I would be very remiss if I didn't mention all of the Chairs of our Fund-raising events: Arts & Crafts Festival - Camie Delaney & Debbie Allen; Boutique Auction – Debbie Clatterbuck & Yvonne Chadwick; Fashion Eggstravaganza – Denise Lee & Eileen Birchenough. All expertly ran successful events

which greatly enriched our Grants Fund. Quietly, in the background there is one woman who continually helps me navigate our webpage and also updates this Messenger throughout the year, Kathy Morris. I want to thank all of you for your support and generosity in helping to make this a successful year!

Hope to see you all at the Welcome Tea on Sunday, August 27th !

Nancy Crosbie
PBOCCWC President, 2022-2023

MEMBERSHIP

We had a wonderful year - and want to thank all our members for keeping us informed of any changes they may have had during this past year 2022/23. We have 190 active members which includes 24 new members. We will be having our Women's Club Annual Welcome Tea, Sunday, August 27th, to welcome any new prospective members and familiarize them with the activities of our Women's Club. At the Tea and our General Meetings, Renewal Forms and dues are also collected from our existing members and new members.

We will always be available for you to contact if you should have any questions. Have a safe and blessed summer!

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MARY'S WALK WITH FATHER PAUL



50 women signed up for May 18th Mary's Walk in Brookgreen Gardens. We were prepared for a sunny day with bagels and the fixings, mini pastries, water, and fruit. Rain the day before and the morning of moved our traditional Rosary and Walk to the PLC Gym. Despite this disappointing change, 32 women came and prayed the Rosary led by Fr Paul and had breakfast. Rocky (at Ellen's suggestion) even made coffee. Several of us stayed and did enough laps around the gym and halls to walk a mile!!

Thank you, Mary Anne Fox, for coordinating this event.

OUT AND ABOUT

Our Women's Club Fall outing was to Mepkin Abbey on November 19th to tour the "Nativity in Nature" Crèche Festival. A lively group of Twenty-two carpooled for the outing and enjoyed lunch at Gilligan's on the River after the tour.

Our spring outing was to the Darla Moore Arboretum on April 14th. Twenty-three ladies carpooled to Lake City and enjoyed the incredible artworks and gardens. Lunch was at the Green Frog restaurant and again was a lively affair.

Claire Turner
Second Vice President



THANK YOU, THANK YOU

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

Kathy Knittel and Rose Lanci.

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

Rose works behind the scenes sending out the beautiful E-Cards we receive on our birthdays.

You are both very special Angels



JOY School

Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last

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 community organizations to provide lunch for the participants for one week. Precious Blood Women's Club has happily agreed to deliver lunch the week of June 19th. Thank you to all who volunteered to take an assigned day to prepare a meal and deliver it to the Church.

Claire Turner

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Birthright of Georgetown
Camp Rise Above
Classy Smiles Inc. (SC Smiles Dental)
Community Garden/Carolina Human Investment)
Family Justice Center
Hugs for Horses
JOY University
Martha's House
Smith Medical Clinic
St. Christopher's Children
St. Peter's Backpack Buddies
Teach My People
Tidelands Hospice
Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church

2023 Scholarship Winner:

On May 17th, Nancy Crosbie, on behalf of the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club, presented a Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to **Jaret Yonker** at the Waccamaw High School Senior Awards Program. Jaret was selected from an excellent group of nominees. Our Parish is blessed to have so many outstanding young Catholics.

The Nominees were asked to complete an essay on "What Being a Catholic Means to Me and How I Live My Faith." Jaret's honesty and confidence in his response made him an ideal recipient of the award.

Jaret plans on attending a private Benedictine College, St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He will be attending as an athlete pursuing a degree in Economics, Finance and Business. Jaret says, "I will continue to live my faith there and beyond college as a believer and leader."

2023 BOUTIQUE AUCTION

The "2023 Boutique Auction" was a roaring success! We were able to double our profits. Thanks to many of our ladies who helped with taking in clothes, displaying our vignettes, organizing & selling our jewelry & accessories, cashiers and especially our food & beverage team. The "Boutique Buzz" was our signature cocktail for the show and was great success. Thanks especially to the co-chairs, Shirley Bole, Yvonne Chadwick and Trudy Wood who took the reins in my absence due to COVID. In my absence, a debt of gratitude goes to Michelle Schneider for stepping up as our emcee for the live auction. Again, thanks to all the ladies who helped with the "Boutique Auction", it is too many to name separately, but your participation was invaluable.

SAVE THE DATE: Our 2024 "Boutique Auction" will be Sunday, January 21st in the PLC. Doors will open at 1pm. Looking forward to seeing all of our patrons in 2024, without your support all of our hard work would be useless.



2022 ARTS AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

The Arts & Crafts Festival was held the last weekend of October and was a great success! It looks like the 2023 Festival is off to a great start as the committees are already at work. As of today, we have only 3 outdoor vendor spots left for next year – October 27 & 28th. If you know of an artist or crafter who wants to participate, please have them contact Debbie Allen at (803)397-7790 or DLA11211@aol.com.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

Once again, we "stuffed the bus" with baby clothes, necessities, and diapers in support of Birthright of Georgetown. Terry Triani gave us a heartwarming talk about the wonderful accomplishments at Birthright, and gave her heartfelt thanks to all who contributed.

Thank you, Trudy Wood, for coordinating this event!



From Kathy Brochu and the Treasurer's desk...

A huge congratulations to everyone in the Women's Club and to all who chaired, worked or attended our fund raising events this year. Because of your support we are able to grant \$30,800 to our 2023 Grant Fund recipients! That is over \$7000 more than we were able to donate in 2022. We are also able to donate a \$2000 scholarship to a PBOC graduating student, as well as provide a \$5000 donation to the PBOC parish. In addition, we have been honored to donate and support the Fresh Xpress, the PBOC parish picnic, the US Army Chorus, the PBOC Golf Tournament, the PBOC Gala, the K of C Military Golf Tournament, the Hope Ball, and The JOY School.

Total Operating Expenses for the 2022-2023 year have been under budget, resulting in a surplus balance which is above the maximum \$2500 we are allotted to carryover. Therefore, this will enable the Board to purchase some items that will benefit the Women's Club for the 2023-2024 year.

Thank you for allowing me to represent the Women's Club as your Treasurer for 2022-2023 and for the upcoming year 2023-2024. Your support has made the job so much easier for me, and I appreciate all of you very much!

\$\$ Reminder \$\$

If you have any budget requests for a specific function for the upcoming year (July '23 – June '24), please submit them to Kathy Brochu right away so they may be considered when the Board meets this summer.

CLOSET CORNER



Our Closet Organizers continue to keep our WC closet well organized throughout the year. Remember to keep them informed when items are taken or returned so they can update the inventory. Please also 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.

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

SIP 'N CHAT 2022–2023

Sip 'n Chat was very well attended by club members this year, perhaps we all needed to get out and socialize after COVID! Each month, from October through May, monthly gatherings were always so much fun, and many new friendships were made! At one of our monthly gatherings, each member introduced themselves and said a little bit about themselves—it was an excellent way to learn more about what wonderful members we have!

I thoroughly enjoyed leading the monthly gatherings with the help of both Anna Dudas and Virginia Paccadolmi. They assisted each host by greeting guests, helping to display the appetizers and drinks, and serving as parking guides. The host for the month was able to pick the day and time of her Sip and Chat, allowing a little flexibility in the scheduling.

I am happy to report that Michelle Schneider will be leading Sip and Chat for the coming year; she is excited to be our event leader and will do an excellent job!

Marcia Olenchock

SPIRITUAL CORNER



As I reflect back on my year as Spiritual Facilitator I recall all the prayerful opportunities that the members are invited to participate in.

We are blessed to be able to gather for several special masses. The Deceased Members mass was on November 29th, and we heard the names of the women who have gone before us. We think of the gifts they were to the club and how blessed we are to have such a large number of deceased members praying for our continued success. On January 4th we gathered to honor our Patron St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Such a model of prayer and service and motherhood! We can honor her each day by praying the Prayer to St Elizabeth Ann Seton. Our April Day of Prayer began with Rosary and Mass. Andre again gifted us with music and a cantor to lead us in song. As with our previous masses, the prayer of the faithful and homily were especially pertinent to us.

Where would Lent be without the delicious simple supper and the prayerful Mary's Stations of the Cross? A selection of soups: Tortellini, Tomato, Corn Chowder, Celery and New England Clam Chowder complimented by homemade bread, tuna sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches and pimento sandwiches filled the bellies of about 60 parishioners. A simple evening to gather and pray and reflect on the Lord's passion and death. We have such talented cooks, bakers and sandwich makers. Thanks to all who made this Friday of Lent so special.

Our Day of Prayer was moved from Lent to the Easter season due to conflict with the Parish Mission. Although we did not have the numbers attending as in the past, the 40 women who gathered were led by Sister Pam Smith to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist. Members participated in praying petitions and reflected on questions and then shared their thoughts with their table's teams. Many then shared with the whole group. After lunch and writing individual prayer petitions we walked over to Church for a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. One takeaway was the guide "An Honor of Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament".

The Women's Club continues to lead the 3pm first Friday Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On average about 7 members attending. We also gather to pray the Chaplet at 3pm during the Fridays of Lent and Advent. This is a simple prayer and speaks to the mercy of God. Join us for 10-20 minutes to pray the Chaplet and stay longer for some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament.

The last fruitful activity is the prayer partner program. Each month members write heartfelt petitions (anonymously or signed) and drop them in the basket. As members leave, they take one and pray for that person and their need every day until the next meeting. It was a slow start but has caught on. Holding each other up in prayer only makes us stronger as Catholic Christian women.

Each of these opportunities rely on member volunteers to assist in planning and implementation. As usual, many members step up to help. My thanks to each and every one of you whether you pitched in at the last moment or helped me from day one of an event. There are too many generous and helpful members to name. But I especially thank Christine Schwartz and Jessica Senese for all their help.

Mary Anne Fox
Spiritual Facilitator

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.

New members bring fresh ideas....
If you have suggestions for future fundraisers, reach out to our Board Members with your ideas!

GOLF ANYONE?

Our Precious Blood Lady Niners group is going strong. We have had excellent participation this year with some new members joining us. We are a patient, friendly group and we socialize at the club house after playing. Please consider joining us; all skill levels are welcome. We play early Wednesday afternoons at Litchfield Country Club.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

June 14 - Grants Luncheon

August 27 - Welcome Tea

Sept 7 - 1st General Meeting

Oct 27-28 - Arts & Craft Festival

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Anyone who attended the HOPE BALL in May, would agree we make a difference!

Each year, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Special Needs dance for a group of very special people. Our wonderful Women's Club supports this effort with decorations, greeters, servers, dancers, and SMILES. The happiness and smiles on the faces of our guests is unforgettable!

In addition, our Women's Club provides lunch, prepared by various "teams" to JOY School for a week each year. Once again, our lunches are received by the beautiful smiles of these very "SPECIAL PEOPLE".

Thank you to all who have participated and provided SMILES!

Kathy Morris

THOSE WHO WAIT...

If each of us knew how much time we had allocated, perhaps we could play around with it.

But we don't.

Believing tomorrow to be a guarantee, is the biggest mistake we make.

Not seizing every day like the gift that it is, is the biggest risk we take.

Waste time wisely, my friend.

Time spent in rest, joy, company and kindness, is never wasted.
As for the rest, just do it.

You won't regret the things you tried and failed at, but you will regret a life spent waiting.

Waiting for anything is a dangerous game because there is no guarantee the conditions will ever be just right.

Those who wait, wait..
but you, you have a life to live.

Right here, right now.

Donna Ashworth



*Prayers go out to the members we have lost
this year,
and have graced our club with their
membership:*

*Pat Farkas
Camie Scalera
Terry Furfaro
Ann MacDonald
Dorothy MacDonnell
Gloria Davitt*

As many of you know, our sister, Jessica Dezendorf and her husband, Ladd, are relocating back to North Carolina after 19 years in North Litchfield. Here are a few parting chuckles from Jessica.....

Saint Joseph or Coincidence, You Decide....

Selling a house can be nerve racking, and exhausting. It starts with getting a realtor, agreeing to everything, and signing a bunch of papers. How it begins. I hope you're a good housekeeper, cause from here on in you'll be cleaning, straightening up, clearing off, and clearing out.

You wait for the phone calls telling you people are coming to see the house. You jump into action, and clear off every counter, hide the laundry, make sure the bedrooms and bathrooms are neat as a pin, tuck the dog stuff under something, finally the house is pristine. Now you have to get out. Luckily we had a camper beside the house to hide out in with the dog. One time we forgot the dog, another story. We have a ring doorbell so we huddle together spying on everyone coming in, and how long they stayed. Sometimes we even heard a comment or two. You wait for the realtor to give you feedback, and then you wish he hadn't: the price is too high, not open enough, needs updating, etc., etc. We started moving furniture around to make everything more appealing. A bunch of showings and no dice.

Here's where we get some excellent advice from Ellen Vignone, (former realtor). She asks me if I have buried St. Joseph, I say no. She offers to look to see if she has one for me, she doesn't. So after mass that Sunday I went to our store and got one. I take St. Joseph home, I read the instructions, and also check on line to make sure I don't leave anything out. I wrap St. Joseph in a cloth, my husband Ladd and I bring St. Joseph to the front of the house, next to the realtor sign, and bury him upside down facing the street. I go back in the house to say

the prayer that comes with the little statue. It says to say this prayer every day for nine days before noon, which of course I do.

Wait for it, wait for it, on the ninth day a man comes to see the house, and makes an offer the next day. We also got another offer the same day. The second offer helped us get an additional 25k more from the first offer.

Now one more thing... We had already bought another house, so we decided to move out everything before the closing. The day they were moving us out, the elevator stopped working. Now we had to go with the movers to get moved into our new house. I was truly sick to my stomach. How were we going to be able to get this fixed before closing. Ladd made a call to the company we use and was waiting for a call back. He had to put something in his truck and went outside, and what to his wondering eyes should appear.....an elevator repair truck at our neighbors. The rest is history.

Saint Joseph or coincidence, what do you think?



We will miss your sense of humor and kindness, Jessica 😊

If you'd like to keep in touch with her, here is Jessica's new address:

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