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Quarterly Newsletter
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Dear Catholic Daughters,

As I write to you, the last of the State Conventions are winding down and, though the reports are still coming in, I am happy share that so far the news is all positive; everyone had a positively good time filled with positively interesting workshops and interactions with their positively fellow Catholic Daughters! Many of our members gifted themselves –and us - with their attendance at their state convention, making this year's meetings particularly well-attended and, thus, productive. As you know, part of the task of the convention was to elect new state officers. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the outgoing State Officers for their dedicated service, as well as offer congratulations to the incoming State Officers. As an organization, let us all express our gratitude to these women, thanking them for saying yes to the call to service in their state courts, and praying that the Holy Spirit may guide them in Wisdom and Fortitude.

It is meaningful for us, as a group, to unite our voices in prayer and praise despite the fact that we are such a diverse organization in so many ways. As I communicated with my Catholic Daughter sisters across the country throughout the last several months, I noticed several things that distinguished one group from another. Not only do we have different accents and vocabulary based on where we live, but our lifestyles are very diverse as well. Some of our members live in big cities surrounded by high rise buildings and lots of cement. Others live in homes on large tracks of land where the closest neighbor is miles down a two lane road. Then there is the weather. Many mornings, as I sat on my patio enjoying my coffee with the sun shining and the temperatures in the high 60's or low 70's, I would make a call to someone in the Northeast or Midwest and they would tell me about the snow falling and the record-breaking cold weather where they were. Although these are somewhat superficial examples, they indicate an important truth about our organization: we are comprised of people from all parts of the Americas, from all walks of life, from every imaginable background.

This diversity is important to recognize and respect, because it is what makes us a strong group, capable of understanding and serving the needs of all different types of people and communities. For the last nine months, there have been many articles in SHARE magazine as well as every quarterly letter from the National Office regarding the membership contest – a program meant to increase CDA's diversity by growing our ranks. Now that we have all had our State Conventions, it is time for us to prayerfully contemplate the results of the contest thus far. How did your court do? Did you win a prize in the State Membership Contest? How many new members did you receive over the course of the last year? If you are not proud of your answers how are you going to influence change in your court and plan to do better? There is still time to increase your membership before the end of the National Contest and help CDA grow in size and diversity.

STATE OFFICERS FOR 2011-2013

Congratulations to all the State Officers. The National Board looks forward to working with you. If you have not already done so, please send your completed officer list, State Financial Review and Signature Page, State Chairmen List and District Deputies List to the National Office. If you do not have DDs please send a note with the other papers. Please **PRINT** all information so we can properly record it in the data base. Please be sure to add apartment or unit numbers to the address as well as email address (if applicable) and telephone numbers.

Reservation Reminder for the State Regents Conference:

Belleville (literally “Beautiful City”) **Illinois**, home of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows*, and birth place of Buddy Ebsen and Jimmy Connors, will be the site for the **July 2011 State Regents Conference**.



Don't wait until the last minute to make your reservations. It is not too early to make them now! Don't take a chance on missing the opportunity to work with leaders from all parts of our nation, while honoring your own leadership skills. In a fast paced and fun filled environment, you will pray, work and learn together. The **National Board** and many others are currently hard at work to ensure that this will be a memorable and meaningful conference for all who attend. Act now before the opportunity passes you by.



LIABILITY INSURANCE

All Courts received the annual Certificate of Liability Insurance along with their invoice in March. As noted in the past, we now have umbrella coverage for all Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts. Each Court is responsible for their share of this coverage by paying the flat rate charged to them for their membership as of September 30, 2010. Please send your payment to the National Office if you have not already done so. Any court wishing to opt out of this coverage **must send proof of coverage** under another policy with Catholic Daughters **added as an additional insured** on the policy. Please send the proof to the National Office. The coverage is from April 6, 2011 through April 6, 2012. If you have questions about the coverage, please see the enclosed flyer.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

A number of Financial Review Reports are **still outstanding**; these Reports were due in to the National Office by **May 1, 2011**. Please check to be sure your court has submitted its Report - if it has not yet been sent, **PLEASE HAVE IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

DUES - NATIONAL & STATE

Dues statements for the period October 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 were mailed at the beginning of May - payable upon receipt - a vote of the court is not required to Pay National and State dues. Please be certain that both your National and State dues are paid promptly.

ANNUAL CDA LECTURE

The 2011 CDA Annual Lecture was well attended by Catholic Daughters from Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC, as well as the members of the National Board who were in town for their semi-annual board meeting. Also present were several students from Catholic University of America as well as many members of the faculty. Dr. Anne M. Butler gave a riveting presentation about “Catholic Sisters, Work and the American West.” Most of her lecture consisted of direct quotes from her upcoming publication. Therefore my desire to publish the lecture on our CDA website will not be attainable due to copyright laws. Thank you to all of the members who attended the lecture and stayed to visit during the reception afterward.

FIVE NATIONAL PROJECTS AND SEVEN NATIONAL CHARITIES

When I was in high school I would have a slice of pizza and a soda for \$.25. I thought that when I got a job I would put away a quarter a day so that when I retired, I could have a slice and a soda every day. Obviously, my plan did not work. The same meal is about \$5 today. Fifty cents got me into a movie with popcorn and candy. Movie tickets today are about \$4 and the popcorn is close to \$5.

These changes help you to understand why the **National Board** is recommending an increase in the suggested amount donated to each of the five National Projects. **Yesterday's dollars just don't meet today's needs**. We are proposing that the suggested amount be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per project. This will help the Catholic Daughters of the Americas maintain the history of generous donations sent to the worthy causes for our National Projects. Please send **one** check listing the amount for each.

Isn't it wonderful that we can **work together as a team** to make a difference in the lives of

those less fortunate. You have always been so generous in the past and **we thank you** for making a difference. Just think of the change for your court, as one less bag of popcorn. Your hips will thank you!

Any questions please feel free to contact: Helene Shepard, National Projects Chairman.

SHINING LIGHT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Are you aware that our National Membership contest is underway? Have you been a "Shining Light" in your Court and increasing your membership? See the enclosed flyer from National Membership Chairman Letty Calvetti.

****CHECKS**PLEASE GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR TREASURER!!!!**

STATE AND LOCAL COURT TREASURERS – PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS OR CDA. THE BANK WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT CHECKS WRITTEN INCORRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL PROJECTS OR MORALITY IN MEDIA, ETC. YOU CANNOT JUST CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT NAME AND WRITE ON TOP CDA. YOU MUST ALSO BE SURE TO HAVE 2 SIGNATURES ON EACH CHECK. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE. YOU ONLY NEED TO SEND ONE CHECK WITH A LIST OF HOW MUCH IS DESIGNATED TO WHICH PROJECT.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Please discard the old Membership Addition Report #104. Only the completed Membership Application, Renewal Form or Transfer Form is accepted. If you download the form from the website, please be sure to print it out on one page. We cannot accept two pages. Please be sure to review your court roster each year to be sure you have the proper members listed. Do not wait until you have your Financial Review. Call, write or email to cdaroster@aol.com for your updated listing of members.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Our Tools of the Trade Second Edition is full of valuable information to be used by all Officers, District Deputies and Chairmen. There is so much more information now available to help you with your position. The cost is:

Tools of the Trade Second Edition	\$35.00
Tools of the Trade Second Edition and CD	\$50.00
CD only	\$35.00

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 16, 2011. The theme for this year is "With God All Things Are Possible" (Matthew 19:26) as we continue to pray for justice and peace for all God's people. A Sample Proclamation, written by Olga Samaniego, National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, is enclosed.

NEW COURT

Continue to send your congratulatory cards and messages to the following new court and its members

Kathleen Spargo, Regent
Court Our Lady of the Seven Dolores #2645
8408 Chaneyville Rd
Clearville, PA 15537

NATIONAL DIRECTORY

Please update your records for our National Directors Arline Rich's and Julia Dolan's email addresses. Arline's email is arline19@att.net and Julia's email is dolansjj@hotmail.com.

RESOLUTION

Attached is a Pope John Paul II Resolution passed at the February 2011 meeting of the National Board. Please share this with your members.

PRAYERS

Past 2nd Vice National Regent Maria Loeffler and her husband, Willie, were in an automobile accident in March. They are both recovering and would appreciate your prayers. You can send cards to Maria at 139 Benton Place NW Albany, OR 97321

Past National Director, Josephine Ebeling, from PA passed away in February. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Cecilia Doty, 1117 Center St, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

One of the authors of our CDA History Book, Carol Dorr Clement, passed away on May 6, 2011. Donations in her memory may be sent to American Brain Tumor Association, www.abta.org.

Past National Regent, Grace DiCairano's brother, Vincent Fiola, passed away. Condolences may be sent to Grace at 289 Pine Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736

Past National Executive Director, Lorraine McMahon's sister, Marie German passed away. Please keep Lorraine and her family in your prayers.

PRICE INCREASES

Due to increases in printing costs the following items have been increased:

- 118 Financial Secretary Receipt Book \$3.00
- 174 Invitation to Join \$3.00 for a package of 25
- 174sp Invitation to Join in Spanish \$3.00 for a package of 25
- 315s Post It Note Folder and Pad \$4.00
- 316s Post It Note Refill Pad \$2.00

PRICE DECREASE EVANGELIZATION ORNAMENTS

We still have some ornaments left for sale. We have re-priced them for a quicker sale. You can now order any one of the ornaments for only \$20.00 each or purchased any combination of 3 ornaments for \$50.00. The postage and insurance will be added to your invoice when shipped. Please see the enclosed flyer to order these beautiful ornaments. We will accept a Court or Personal check with the order.

WEBSITE STORE!


Continue to pass along the word of our "STORE" on the CDA website www.catholicdaughters.org to all your members. However, only an Officer from the Court is permitted to place an order online with the authorization of the Court Regent.

SAVE THE DATE

When doing your planning for 2012, please mark your calendars for the 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska July 18 – 22, 2012!

I will do my part on this end as well. Although it is summer, there are still many things happening in the world of Catholic Daughters at the national level. In July, the State Officers will be gathering in Belleville at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows along with the National Board and many of the chaplains. We will all work hard to increase our knowledge of Catholic Daughters' policies and hone our leadership skills to help improve our organization. This is the time of year when you can also take some time to refresh and renew and prepare for the coming new CDA year. May you all have a blessed summer and take some time to reflect and pray on the plans for your court for the coming year.

In Unity and Charity,


Joanne Tomassi
National Regent

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