

# St Robert's Guild Gazette

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The Anniversary Brunch started off the year with a stroll down Memory Lane – we had wonderful food from Wheatfield's and enjoyed a slide show commemorating 50 years of friendship and volunteerism for the good of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. It was great to see 150 Guild members gather to celebrate the Guild, rekindle old friendships and create new ones. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked over the summer and early fall to make the event fun, beautiful and memorable. It was a great way to start off the 51st year!!

Speaking of the future, we are excited to announce several upcoming events that will give a nod to the Guild of yesteryear. In December, Circle 2 will be hosting a good old fashioned bake sale with the proceeds going to the Regina Minton Scholarship Fund.

In January, Circle 1 will host a Murder Mystery with a 60's theme complete with costumed players, Manhattans and Martinis, and some Beatle's music, too!

Look for a special spring luncheon and card party being planned by Rita Hermsen and Jan Brannen. Takes us back to the old days doesn't it??

In January a newly formed Focus Group will begin meeting to make changes to the by-laws to ensure they are commensurate with the lifestyle changes that women have made since the start of the Guild. We want the women of St. Robert's to know that the Guild considers their time important, but equally important is the original spirit of the Guild.

I find this to be an exciting time for the Guild and feel privileged to be part of it.

Thank you, **Veronica Wright, Guild President.**

## EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR - 2017/2018

December 1	*	Guild Board Meeting 9:00 AM
December 2/3	*	Golden Anniversary Bake Sale
December 3	*	Donut Sunday
December 11	*	Blood Drive
January 4	*	Christmas Party
January 7	*	Donut Sunday
January 19	*	Murder Mystery
February 2	*	Guild Board Meeting 9:00 AM
February 3	*	Vegas Night
February 4	*	Donut Sunday
February 28	*	Lenten Morning of Reflection
March 1	*	Guild Board Meeting 7:00 PM
March 4	*	Donut Sunday
March 29	*	Seder Service
March 31	*	RCIA Reception
April 1	*	Easter Sunday
April 6	*	Guild Board Meeting 9:00 AM
April 8	*	Donut Sunday
April 24	*	Fr. Stillmunk's Birthday
TBD	*	EPS Circle #3 Brunch
TBD	*	Spring Luncheon
TBD	*	May Crowning
TBD	*	Mother/Daughter Event

*Lord, Bless us as we celebrate our  
Thanks and Gratitude to You! Amen  
Happy Thanksgiving!*

### **Congratulations to Our Ladies Guild For Fifty Years of Leadership, Friendship and Service.**

**A celebratory luncheon was held on September 17 (coincidentally the feast of St. Robert), for all Guild members past and present. A video history was presented, stories shared and friendships rekindled.**

**Twenty-five past presidents were in attendance and yes, they still look the same!!.**

**We thank all these ladies who said yes to the leadership of our Guild.**

**Each one brought a different flavor to their year while never losing sight of our goal...to foster friendships.**

1967-68 ~ Regina Minton\*

1968-69 ~ Bev Frock\*

1969-70 ~ Ginny Godkin\*

1970-71 ~ Betty Egr\*

1971-72 ~ Lynn Pfeffer

1972-73 ~ Jean Skinner\*

1973-74 ~ Marilyn Schweitz\*

1974-75 ~ Mary Walzak\*

1975-76 ~ Mary J. Calabro

1976-77 ~ Dolores Mainelli

1977-78 ~ Ann Daley-Will

1978-79 ~ Dorene Finocchiaro

1979-80 ~ Kathryn Grieb

1980-81 ~ Bette Naughton-Kathol

1981-82 ~ Rita Circo-Skinner

1982-83 ~ Mary Anne Hoover

1983-84 ~ Rose Wilson

1984-85 ~ Rose Kuhry

1985-86 ~ JoAnn Gerstner

1986-87 ~ Mary Ann Kellogg

1987-88 ~ Mary McFadden

1988-89 ~ Mary Rankin

1989-90 ~ Mary Ann Horkan

1990-91 ~ Sandie Harding

1991-92 ~ Rita Staab

1992-93 ~ Brenda Clark

1993-94 ~ Cynthia Walz

1994-95 ~ Jane Sibilia

1995-96 ~ Colleen Finocchiaro

1996-97 ~ Jan Brannen

1997-98 ~ Susie Price

1998-99 ~ Cindy Shimerda

1999-2000 ~ Carm Johnson

2000-01 ~ Ruth Sullivan

2001-02 ~ Marianne McCandless

2002-03 ~ Karen Fitzgibbons

2003-04 ~ Karen Fitzgibbons

2004-05 ~ Beth Jareske

2005-06 ~ Rita Hermsen

2006-07 ~ Julie Mainelli

2007-08 ~ Christina Navis

2008-09 ~ Anne Mahoney

2009-10 ~ Nancy Kuhl

2010-11 ~ Mary Beth Winner

2011-12 ~ Dolly DeWald

2012-13 ~ Dolly DeWald

2013-14 ~ Abby Blair

2014-15 ~ Julie Kaminiski

2015-16 ~ Kelly Vazquez

2016-17 ~ Diane Mohatt

2017-18 ~ Veronica Wright

\* Known deceased

## CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

### CIRCLE # 1 ~ "Celebrate and Serve"

'The Spirit of Giving' is very much on the minds of these ladies. They are collecting children's winter coats for the needy. Please donate by November 28<sup>th</sup>. Santa will make an appearance at Donut Sunday in December to delight the hearts of all children. This group also provides 6 hot meals to mothers/families of newborns. In the meantime, plans for the January Murder Mystery are up and running...sure to be another thriller!!!

### CIRCLE # 2 ~ "On a Wing & a Prayer"

Household items were collected for St. Margaret of Cortona at their October meeting. Replacing the Nativity Display this year will be a 'Golden Bake Sale', commemorating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Baked donations are most welcome for this December 2/3 event. They will also have a raffle for a Nativity arrangement.

### CIRCLE # 3 ~ "Been There Done That"

These ladies have been entertained at their monthly meetings by a variety of speakers. In September a very informative presentation by Johnny Dineen from Sol's jewelry decried the stereotype of pawn shops. They work closely with the Omaha Police Department in their documentation and reporting of possible thefts.

In October, Karen Van Dyke spoke of her passion and her mission. She has been involved in 'Educate Uganda' for a number of years and has seen a major growth of education in that area. This organization serves orphaned children by providing classrooms, school supplies, uniforms, and food while promoting life skills. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause contact [Karen@educateuganda.org](mailto:Karen@educateuganda.org).

Tim Brennan, PhD, from 'Holy Family School of Faith' enlightened us regarding the goals of this organization. 'School of Faith' provides Catechetical programs throughout the Archdiocese which equip people to evangelize and disciple others. Contact [tim@schooloffaith.com](mailto:tim@schooloffaith.com) for more information about their programs.

A Christmas celebration will be **December 14<sup>th</sup>** at Happy Hollow Country Club at 9:00 AM.

Contact Kathryn at 402-333-2871 to make your reservation.

## COMMITTEES

### BLOOD DRIVE

A successful drive was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The next drive is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Mainelli Center. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (search sponsor code STROBERT) or contact Marie Kozel via text or phone call to schedule at 402-680-0182.

### BRIDGE

Several groups are a part of the bridge system and meet monthly for some serious card games.

### GUILD SOCIALS

Tidy up your gambling attire and polish your dice...be ready for Las Vegas night which is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's sure to be another fun night for all attendees.

### MARGARET OF CORTONA

They have been successful in collecting a number of household items. However always on their list are: NEW pillows,

laundry baskets, pots & pans, towels, sheets (all sizes) and general kitchen items. Corded electric items are not acceptable. Items they receive are also shared with other charitable organizations.

### MARTHAS

The Marthas continue to serve funeral meals and are grateful for all the wonderful foods contributed by parish members in time of need. However, don't forget to pick up your bowls and pans from the Mainelli Center. Families are most grateful during this time of grief.

### MEMBERSHIP

Guild registration is accepted throughout the year. We invite all ladies of the parish to join our outstanding organization. We foster friendships through our leadership and fun events. Register online through the St. Robert's website or call Joan at 402-680-0137 or Veronica at 402-490-7217.

### MORNING OF REFLECTION

During Lent, parishioners will be provided the opportunity to attend a timely and inspirational presentation by a noted speaker. Mark your calendar for February 28<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend this event.

### MOTHER/DAUGHTER

This event will be held in the spring of 2018. Details and date are yet to be determined, but for sure, participants will find this occasion most enjoyable.

### PAST PRESIDENTS

Thanks to these ladies for all their efforts in planning our Golden Anniversary Brunch. It was a great time for all.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Every Tuesday a flurry of hands and clicking of needles transform balls and strands of yarn into Prayer Shawls. Prayers are said, shawls are blessed and sent to our servicemen/women as well as those in the community who are suffering from physical or emotional pain.

### PRO LIFE

October is observed as Respect Life month. Once again Parishioners had a good show at the Life Chain on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A community based movement is the '40 days for Life' campaign. Participants joined together in prayer at a peaceful vigil on October 4<sup>th</sup> and/or October 24<sup>th</sup>. This 24 hour prayer service is held at Planned Parenthood or an abortion facility and focuses on the tragic reality of abortion. You may continue to support this effort through your daily prayers. Contact: [annmbauer@gmail.com](mailto:annmbauer@gmail.com) for more information about the activities of this committee. Watch for news in the bulletin about a collection of items for EPS during Advent.

### SOS (Spirit of Sharing)

November 5<sup>th</sup> was sign up Sunday for this program. Needy families/individuals are adopted and Christmas gifts are provided by parishioners. Donut Sunday provided the venue and the 25 families were quickly adopted. Our very generous parishioners also donated enough money to provide grocery certificates for each family. This 'giving spirit' is a wonderful way to bring the joy of Christmas to families who are less fortunate.

Collected gifts will be distributed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity.