

# Beads of Wisdom



June  
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## Catholic Daughters Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

### Our Lady of the Rosary Court

#2511



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Court Our Lady of the Rosary meets the first Tuesday of every month except for July and August. The meetings are at St. Robert's in Meeting Room 3 at 7p.m. unless otherwise advised.

#### **Websites**

**State** [www.cdanebraska.org](http://www.cdanebraska.org)  
**National** [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

### From Our Regent

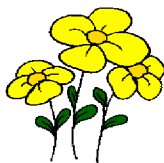
For many of us, summer is a time of transition. We attend graduations, weddings, family reunions, spend time in our gardens and just take a break from “everyday life” with vacations. As you make your own transition this Summer, take time to reflect on what it means to be part of CDA—a national organization of Catholic Women, over 95,000 strong in 1,250 courts across the country.

As our court goes on its 2-month vacation it is a good time to look back on our activities of the past 10 months. It was a productive 10 months and a very enjoyable journey as we learned and worked together as a team. I was truly honored to serve as your regent this past year. The key word is “serve”—I’m here to listen to your thoughts and how you’d like to see our Court grow. (We all have unique abilities that are essential to the dynamics of our Court so let me know your ideas.)

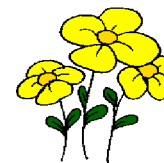
Enjoy your summer hiatus, stay safe and keep all of our members in your prayers.

Blessings to each of you,

Jan



**June Meeting**  
(note date and time change)



The June meeting will be held on June 15 (**second Tuesday in June instead of the first**) in the Community Room at **6:30 PM**. This will be a potluck-yummy. Since members in the first half of the alphabet provided food at the Christmas potluck we will turn to the last half this time. Letters **Mc-Se** will bring salads; letters **Sh-W** will bring desserts. We need to know what you are bringing to have a nice variety so please call *Kathleen Menzies* at 402-333-2087 or *Bernie Renken* at 402-333-6765 with your contribution. (Important so we know we have enough food for everyone.)

At this meeting, we will take a look at what you did and didn’t like this past year and what you’d like the Court to do next year. Put on your thinking cap and jot down your favorites, non-favorites and new ideas. This is your Court so your input is necessary and important. After that there will be plenty of time left for fun and friendship.

## Summer Project

Some of our members said they would like to make the fleece blankets for Project Linus again. So if you have some spare time this summer, it takes 1 and 1/2 yards of fleece. Make as many as you'd like and we'll collect them at the September meeting. Remember, they must be new and handmade. If you need instructions, call Jan and she will get you a copy.

## State News

*Helen Claire Mueller, Jan Ohlinger and Bernie Renken* attended the State Convention in Grand Island on April 30-May 1. They found that spending time with the other Catholic Daughters from all over NE was a great experience. They learned more about the organization, elected state officers for the next two years, elected members of the nominating committee, and helped with decisions affecting the State. Oh yes, they had a good time and not much sleep.

It was decided that the State project for all the courts will be to distribute rosaries to local assisted living facilities and nursing homes. We'll have someone give us instruction on making rosaries and then coordinate with the other Omaha courts so that all places will be covered.

With the National Convention due in Omaha next July, all the courts in the state will need to help. We know for sure we are going to help with preparing packets for the 1000 delegates that are expected and also help with registration. Other things may come up as plans are finalized.



## National News

Did everyone see our Court highlighted in the last Share Magazine on page 27? (Our donation to the Sacred Heart Ministry made the news.)

National officers will be in Omaha next month, to meet with the State officers, look over the properties that will be used and decide on some of the logistics. For sure, the Convention will be held at the Qwest Center and the Hilton Hotel.

*Letty Calvetti*, National Membership Chair, encourages all courts to Light Our Candles for Membership and look for ideas to attract busy moms as well as other Catholic women. If there is a potential member who does not drive, offer to pick her up on meeting night. Above all be creative, positive, well-informed and open to new people and new ideas. "Be not afraid to share your light, it will not dim, it will only become brighter."

## Court Meetings in Review

**March meeting**—Father Michael was our guest and he left us with warm and fuzzy feelings. After listening to the story of his journey to the priesthood and hearing his inspiring music, we were fully aware of how much he loves his vocation.

**April meeting**—We hosted the Education Contest winners (over 50 students and parents in attendance). The winners were so enthusiastic and the parents very proud. This rewarding project was sponsored by our Court.

**May meeting**—Mary was honored with a May Crowning Ceremony in the prayer garden. We sang, prayed and processed through the garden to Mary's statue. *Dee Studt* was chosen to do the honor of placing the flower crown on Mary. Thanks to *Cindy Fletcher* for getting us permission to use the garden. Members brought bars of bath soap to the meeting and they were donated to the Sacred Heart Ministry Center for their clients.

**Dues Due**—It is time for active and inactive members to pay their \$25 yearly dues. You can give it to our financial secretary, *Nellie Distefano*, at the June meeting or send it to her at 1905 S 122 Ave, Omaha, NE 68144. Part of this money goes to the following: National dues-\$10; State dues \$3.00; and \$.50 to the North American College. (The American College of Louvain is being closed so we will no longer be sending them \$.50 of your dues.) The rest of the \$11.50 goes for money to our national charities, monthly Mass stipends for our members, printing, postage, liability insurance, education contest and charity support on the local level.

## Scholarships

*Jan Ohlinger* and Scholarship Chair *Dee Studt* presented one of the \$500 scholarships at the Religious Education's pizza supper for the students and parents. It went to *Bailey Pfeifer* who will attend Skutt High School in the fall. They presented the other one at the eighth grade breakfast to *Taylor Anderson* who will be attending Duschene Academy.

Thanks to the judging committee *Rita Daeges*, *Marg Hawk* and *Marian Lester* for doing the difficult task of finding the two winners as all the essays were excellent. Everyone who helped with the Soup Supper can feel very proud of your efforts and what we were able to do with the proceeds.



## Congratulations, Ladies!

*Alice Baker* received her second college degree, a Masters in Art Education on May 15 from the College of St. Mary. Now she will be able to teach.

*Helen Claire Mueller* was named Omaha Women of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi, a national organization with more than a dozen chapters in Omaha. Helen Claire is president of Laureate Lambda chapter.

*Kim Spicka* was elected to the CDA State nominating committee to help choose a slate of officers to be elected at the State Convention in 2013.

## Priest Appreciation

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has designated June 5, 2011 as Priest Appreciation Day. Our court will give each of our priests a mass card and a check for \$25.00. The mass cards mean our priests will be remembered at Masses offered at the Catholic University of America monthly.



## Important Dates

June 5	Priest Appreciation Day
June 14	Flag Day
<b>June 15</b>	<b>CDA Court Meeting</b>
June 19	Father's Day
June 21	Summer Begins
July 4	Independence Day
July 5	Father Shane's Birthday
August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 5	Labor Day
<b>September 6</b>	<b>CDA Court Meeting</b>



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