



# Communicator



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## Message from our Supreme President

My Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The holidays, for most, begin on Thanksgiving Day followed by the season of Advent. For the next few weeks, we are preparing ourselves for the celebration of the greatest gift of all, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

***But the Angel said to them: "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior is born to you, he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10:11***

Christmas is also about love: love of family, love of friendships, love of country and community. We are so blessed with all that God has bestowed on us. He sends us his love in the form of a little baby on Christmas Day. We, Columbiettes, show love in all the wonderful acts of kindness, charity and good works we do, not only at Christmas; but, throughout the year.

As you all know, I had surgery for breast cancer. During this time, I found out what family really means. My own family is always there for me no matter what; but, the outpouring of love from my Sister Columbiettes was overwhelming. I thank you for the get-well cards, prayers, spiritual bouquets, flowers, and baked goods. The list goes on. At one time my house looked like a florist. I can't begin to thank you for all you have done. You warmed my heart. I am on the road to recovery and need no further treatment. You know what they say about the power of prayer; it certainly worked. A special thank you to my Officers who were there for me and took care of everything during my recuperation. I am blessed to be in the company of such terrific ladies. **We are indeed Family** and I love you all.

On behalf of the Supreme Board of Officers, Directors, Past Presidents, and Territorial Deputies, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year.

***Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia  
Feliz Navidad  
Frohe Weihnachten  
Bona Natale***

Thank you and God Bless you all,  
*Ronny*  
Ronny Pliszak  
Supreme President



### Message from our Supreme Chaplain

Christmas 2022

Dear Columbiettes:

This holiday season is a powerful opportunity to celebrate the gift of hope-to transcend all the infectious negativity that is polarizing our nation and celebrate the goodness that is all around us. The random acts of kindness in our community are inspirational. I continue to be amazed and inspired by our young people and their creativity to make a difference.

Christmas Magic, a local charity collects thousands of gifts for our children in our homeless shelters throughout Suffolk County. It engages hundreds of high school and college students who donate their time, collect and wrap gifts for poor children.

It was the creative idea of a dad more than 25 years ago who wanted to teach his children the real meaning of Christmas. That desire gave birth to Christmas magic-that father is a man from our community who has done so much for so many never looking for anything in return. His power of example is extraordinary. He not only talks the talk, but he walks the walk.

Christmas is a time for remembering, for reaching out to those who love and to the most vulnerable in our midst. Let your to do list this year be different-instead of giving gifts be the gift, instead of wrapping gifts, wrap someone with a hug and mean it, instead of looking at the lights on your Christmas tree be a light for others.

Let this Christmas season give us the eyes to see in the ears to hear; to build bridges and not walls, to be people of compassion, justice and human rights.

May we all become what we will receive at Christmas Mass-the body of Christ, his hands, his feet his eyes of compassion in the world as we all tried to make the world a better place.

May this Season be a blessing for all of you-thanks for blessing me!

*J. Dennis Prognella, SMH*



### **Who are our Officers and Directors**

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## Message from our Immediate Supreme Past President

Wishing everyone and their families the happiest of Christmases and a blessed, holy, and healthy New Year.  
Micki Magee  
Immediate Past Supreme President



## Message from our Supreme Vice President

As we approach another holiday season, we are reminded of how fortunate we all are. I am truly thankful for my family as well as my Columbiette family. Having joined the Columbiettes in 1991, I could never have imagined all of the good friends and acquaintances I have met along the way. The care, good works, and prayers of our Sister Columbiettes are beautiful reminders of the true meaning of Christmas.

On a personal note, I thank you all for your prayers this past Summer when my Mom, Past South Carolina State President Florence Mucci, went through cancer surgery.

“Christmas is the season of joy, of gift-giving, and of families united.” “Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day.” “He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.” “Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance—each beautiful, unique, and gone too soon.”

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All**

Jeanne Mucci  
Supreme Vice President



## Message from our Supreme Secretary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Advent is upon us! It’s one of my most favorite times as the music of the church for Advent is some of the most beautiful and meaningful. My faith comes to me through the music of the church and some of the most simple hymns can bring me to tears as I see Jesus and feel him in my heart during a beautifully written and sung piece. I am including links to 2 pieces that are especially profound for Advent and Christmas Eve. I hope you all find time to spend with family and friends and take a moment to see and feel Jesus in the quiet moments of the season. God Bless all of you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x--L3TlvYo>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn5ken3RJBo>

Janet Schuler  
Supreme Secretary



**Message from our Supreme Financial Secretary**

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you a wonderful, Blessed Christmas filled with moments you'll always remember and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marlene Korn, Supreme Financial Secretary



**Message from our Supreme Treasurer**

*May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch on your door, and may happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas.*

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, peace filled New Year.

Nollaig shona dhuit!

*Kathy*

Kathleen M. Bacon  
Supreme Treasurer

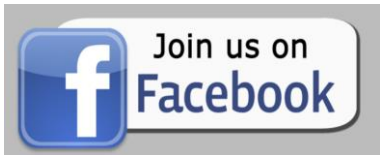


**Message from our Supreme Advocate**

*Dear Sister Columbiettes,*

*Merry Christmas!  
May the Peace and Blessings  
Of Christmas be yours.  
And may the Coming Year  
Be filled with Happiness.*

*Lisa Koenig  
Supreme Advocate*



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Council  
Columbiettes***

**(three separate words)**

***We hit the 700-  
member mark!***

We now have over 700 members, but what a small audience compared to the number of Columbiettes in our Order. If your members do not know about our Facebook group, please tell them about it. All are welcome to join. We even have several Knights who are contributing members! It's a great way to share information about your Auxiliary, Chapter, Territory, or State with your sister Columbiettes across the United States as it happens. Why not post pictures, or a small article, about your events or achievements? Have a prayer request? We're on it! Having a fund raiser? Include that too! That is what this Facebook group is for.

*Kathy Bacon  
Administrator*



NEWSLETTER STAFF



We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings to you  
Wherever you are.  
Good tidings for Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

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**From Our Families to yours,  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year**

Message from our Supreme Sentinel

*My very best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!*

*Pat Vahlsing, Supreme Sentinel*



Message from our Supreme Past Presidents

To All:

As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with joy and peace. May these holiday blessings linger and stay with you throughout the year.

Sandy, Rosemarie, Pam, Barbara Ann, Pat, Ronnie



Message from our Supreme Directors



Sharing with you the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle of this Holy Season. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

*Linda Darling  
Supreme Director*

**Message from our Supreme Territory Directors**

**Merry Christmas**

*From Johanna Anzalone – Territorial Deputy of Alabama*

May we all be blessed with God’s Grace throughout the coming year.

**God’s Grace at Christmas**

“...Peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Luke 2:14

One of the greatest gifts that Christmas brings is the favor of God. There is another word that is more familiar to most of us than “favor.” That word is grace. At Christmas, we are given the two greatest gifts we could ever hope for – peace and grace. We are given peace with God, because of the grace of God.

There is nothing greater than laying your head down at night knowing that you are at peace with God and you are ready to meet Him. There is nothing like knowing you are under the grace of God and that His hand and favor rests on you, not because of what you have done for Him, but because of what He has done for you through that little baby that was born 2,000 years ago.

Have you ever seen one of those car dealership commercials that says, “Anybody can buy a car here!” If you look closely, there is an asterisk next to that statement at the bottom of the screen. That asterisk has three letters beside it, “W.A.C.” Do you know what W.A.C. stands for? With Approved Credit! In other words, you can buy a car if you meet the qualifications, make it through the approval process, and if you have enough money to cover the bill. What those angels told us at Christmas was that anybody could come to God. All you have to do is what the shepherds and wise men did – accept God’s grace that comes through the Prince of Peace, whose name is Jesus.

*Dear Lord, how grateful I am that your favor rests on me. I'm so thankful that you see me as accepted, chosen, and approved because of what Jesus did on the cross. Please help me to find peace and joy in those truths this year. In Jesus' name, amen.*

**The Columbiettes from the State of Maine**

Smile - it's Christmas,  
Let the church bells ring,  
Smile - it's Christmas,  
Peace and joy may it bring,  
Smile - it's Christmas,  
Time for family and friends,  
Smile - it's Christmas,  
May the happiness never end,  
Smile - it's Christmas,  
Let it bring festive cheer,  
To all those we love,  
And those we hold dear.

The Columbiettes from the State of Maine wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Pam Desaulniers  
Territorial Deputy of Maine



A Partridge in a pear tree.

Two turtle doves



Three French hens.

Four calling birds



Five golden rings

Six geese a-laying





*Wishing all of my sister Columbiettes and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

*May the Holy Family bless you and your families.*

*Vicki Bird  
Territorial Deputy MO*



Seven swans  
a-swimming

Eight maids  
a-milking



Nine ladies  
dancing

Ten lords a-  
leaping



Eleven pipers  
piping

Twelve  
drummers  
drumming



*Wishing Rhode Island Auxiliaries  
a Merry Christmas and a Safe and  
Happy New Year!*



*Claudette B. Apple, T D*



**Message from our States**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from California.**

We are all busy with our preparations for the Holidays and the New Year. Most of our auxiliaries are busy sharing with needy families to give everyone a joyous Christmas.

We are recruiting new members and refreshing our present members membership after these past years of covid. Zoom and in present meetings combined seem to be a great answer. We are looking forward to our State Raffle that has a fantastic prize that is valued at \$1000.00. It is a three day stay in a B and B in Sparks, Nevada, just outside of Reno. The drawing will be at our State Convention April 14-15, 2023, at the Embassy Suites in Ontario, California. More information to come soon.

The theme of the convention is Love and the symbol is the Ladybug. The Ladybug represents Mary and her Love for all.

The Ladybug got its name from the farmers and peasants ages ago. As pests were eating the crops in the fields, the people prayed to Mary for help to save the crops. One evening, swarms of little red bugs came, and in the morning, most of the pests were gone. As the people looked to the little red bugs, they saw seven black spots on the bugs' wings. As they had asked Mary for help and remembered the seven Joys and Sorrows of Mary, they knew she had sent the bugs to help. Thus, the name of the bugs came from the Lady which soon became known as Ladybugs. It is said that if a Ladybug comes to you, it is a message of Love from someone dear to you in Heaven. If the Ladybug walks on you, that is a kiss from a loved one. So, remember that Love comes in many shapes and forms as does our Love for Volunteering and Service to all mankind.

Patricia Ann Everman  
California State Columbiettes President



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Family is vitality to us as Columbiettes. We possess enormous potential, are uniquely talented, energetic, and motivated Sisters. Our willingness to put in long hours and hard work brings us joy, showing we love what we do, helping others. As Sisters, we go above and beyond all expectations and reap the satisfaction of our good works – helping and giving and celebrating through kind deeds and special acts. Columbiettes truly exemplify Saint Therese in our actions, making the world a better place. You are all incredibly amazing women with hearts of gold.

Blessings and hugs from the bottom of my heart. Wishing you a joyful Christmas with family and friends and a year of blessings and hope. God bless you as you continue to grow in faith, hope, and love in 2023!

With humility,

Jacqueline Ryan, President  
CT State Council Columbiettes



**A COLUMBIETTE'S PRAYER**

Dearest Lord;  
In the lonely quietness of my own heart,  
I sought Your healing.  
I asked You to lead me into your service.  
In Your infinite wisdom,  
You sent me a friend, who lead me To the Columbiettes.  
Now, I have not just friends, but Sisters in You.  
You ask us to be Your hands, Your Feet, Your heart, and Your Voice.  
I ask You now for Your help.  
When my hands are chapped  
From washing so many dishes,  
When my feet are tired  
From standing in so many serving lines,  
When my back hurts from  
The many things that need doing,  
And when I'm tempted to smile, when I should be serious,  
Lord, remind me that I do this all For Your glory.  
Let my voice sing Your praises and lift up  
My sisters when they need me,  
Let my heart be warm and open and my Shoulders broad for them to lean on.  
Thank You Lord, for my sisters.  
I am grateful to be a Columbiette.  
Amen

This beautiful prayer was written by Maria Shepherd, President of St. Michael the Archangel #11768 in Woodstock, GA. Maria made this prayer into bookmarks and included them in the goody bags that were distributed when St. Michael's served as hostesses at their State Convention a few years ago. The line about smiling was in reference to working as part of the Honor Guard. When they started the Honor Guard, they were all a bit nervous, and it was hard not to self-consciously smile standing across from one another during such a solemn occasion. We are all so very proud of Maria and appreciate her sharing her tremendous talent and heart-felt gift of words with us.



# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**



## **Message from our Supreme Treasurer**

All checks drawn from your treasury (checking account) require two (2) signatures. In most instances, the Treasurer and the President. This applies to all levels of our Order and provides for a “checks and balances” measure. Please be mindful of this when issuing checks. *Thank you!*

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## **Message from our Supreme Directory Committee**

### **Supreme Sentinel Contact Information Update**

This is Supreme Sentinel Patricia Vahlsing’s new contact information. Please update your records.

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Thanksgiving is behind us. Christmas and the New Year is just ahead. What have you done in 2022 to contact your members who are not attending meetings? What have you done to encourage non-active members to become actively involved in your Auxiliary? Have you just left them in the dust of 2022?

Retention is NOT the same as Expansion.

Retention is holding on to the members you have, getting these members to come back to meetings and participate in events. Have you looked at your membership rosters which were just sent out with your Travel Cards? Did you note the members with a G, HL or LM status?

- G=Members in Good Standing
- HL= Honorary Life – Members who have continuous service to our order for 25 years plus
- L= Life Members – Members who have continuous service to our order for 50 years plus

Do you know how many of your members are CHARTER MEMBERS? Charter Members are your members who helped START your Auxiliary. Are they attending meetings or just events? You need to draw from all your members as they pay dues and encourage them to step up to be officers. You need to water your Garden to make it GROW.

Remember: RETENTION is NOT *getting* new members – It is *keeping* your current membership. It is keeping all members engaged and involved in activities to assist your Auxiliary to Grow and Prosper.

Regards,

Micki Magee PSP  
Supreme Retention Chair



We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. For Auxiliaries, Chapters and States, as well as individual members who are considering donating to the people of Ukraine, we ask that you work with your church, your affiliated Knights of Columbus, or another reputable organization in your area.





- ✓ Travel cards were mailed to all Financial Secretaries in November including the invoice. Please be sure the 2023 cards are distributed to all dues paying members. Travel cards are to be signed by the Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Financial Secretary, and the member.
- ✓ Supreme Per Capita invoices will soon be mailed to all Financial Secretaries and are to be paid by March 31, 2023. The total sum due is based on the number of members an auxiliary has listed on the Supreme website. It is very important to keep membership lists updated. Check to be sure member status and current address are correct.
- ✓ Invoices from Supreme do not require a vote by the membership for payment. They should be paid immediately to avoid late fees.
- ✓ Be sure IRS filing of 990-N forms are current. For all auxiliaries with their year ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, the e-postcard is for be filed after January 2023.
- ✓ Be sure your Auxiliary is up to date on financial audits. An audit should be called for in January once December bank statements are available. The Immediate Past President serves as Chair of the Committee. Audits are to be done twice a year and a full reporting is to be submitted to the membership at the Auxiliary business meeting following the audit.
- ✓ A-100 forms are to be completely filled out and appropriately signed for by each new member. Be sure the writing is legible. They are to be mailed to the Supreme Secretary with the \$5.00 fee per new member within 10 days of the Initiation Ceremony. Be timely to avoid late charges. Remember, the signed Code of Conduct page is not to be sent to the Supreme Office. By checking the box and signing the A-100, the member attests to reading and accepting the terms of the Code. The signed page is to be maintained by the Auxiliary.
- ✓ Meeting minutes are the official record of the organization. Minutes are to be approved by the membership at the next meeting and minutes are to be retained indefinitely.
- ✓ The Administration Manual is your go-to-resource for information. Check to be sure your Manual is up to date. The Manual is available for sale at [shop.columbiettes.com](http://shop.columbiettes.com).

The complete Manual with black binder and pages is \$40 each, the black binder only is \$10 each and pages only is \$30 per packet.



During this joyous season of faith, goodwill, hope, and gratitude, we thank you for your support and contributions to the Supreme Newsletter.

With love and peace,

## The Communicator Staff

*Gloria Kinney*

*Jaclyn Carney*

*Carol Bohinski*

*Manuela Graells*

*Maria Cruz*

*Maggie Muelker*

**WE WISH YOU  
AND  
YOUR FAMILY**

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!



### Newsletter Information

#### Supreme Committee

**Chairs:** Send information on your committees.

#### States:

Send in information on your activities, i.e. raffles, etc.

#### Auxiliaries:

Send information on recruitment ideas, retention, fundraising ideas, helpful hints, etc.

Send in helpful hints.

What would you like to see covered?

All information should be sent in **Word format and please include your STATE!**

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO  
[SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM](mailto:SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM)



## Catholic Action

Christmas Greetings from the Catholic Action Committee! Here is a Christmas Prayer for you to share with your family and friends along with a list of days for you to remember in the coming year!

Wishing each of you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas!

*Mary Galiardi, Chair and members Johanna Anzalone, Linda Darling, Edie VanDemark, and Crystal Vlieg*

### Blessed Christmas Prayer

O God, you once lit up the sky with the heavenly host of angels singing your praises, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Open our ears to hear their good tidings of great joy, join our voices with them in praise, and move our hearts to constant prayer, that in the course of our daily lives we may see your light shining in the darkness, and that we also may shine like the stars in the universe, reflecting the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### MARIAN FEAST DAYS - PATRON SAINTS FOR THE COLUMBIETTES **January 1– Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God\***

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

March 25 – Feast of the Annunciation

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

May 31 (in some locations July 2) –The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

August 5 – Saint Mary of the Snows

**August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary\***

August 22 – Queenship of Mary

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12 – Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

November 21 – The Presentation of Mary

**December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary\***

December 10 – Our Lady of Loreda

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### **\*Holy Days of Obligation**

St. Joan of Arc – May 30

St. Therese Lisieux, the Little Flower – October 1

Source: The General Roman Calendar



### The Legend of the Poinsettia

A legend is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Mass. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy. Pedro said consolingly, "I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes".

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "...even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season and thus, the Legend of the Poinsettia was born.

### The History of the Poinsettia

The plant we know today as the *poinsettia* has a long and interesting history. Native to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes; but, also put the plant to practical use. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts and the milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fevers.

The poinsettia may have remained a regional plant had it not been for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett. Poinsett was appointed as the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829) by President Madison. Poinsett had attended medical school, but his real love was the scientific field of botany. Poinsett maintained his own hothouses on his Greenville, South Carolina, plantations, and, while visiting the Taxco area in 1828, he became enchanted by the brilliant red blooms he saw there. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began propagating the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens.

Among the recipients of Poinsett's work was John Bartram of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who in turn gave the plant over to another friend, Robert Buist, a nurseryman. Mr. Buist is thought to be the first person to sell the plant under its botanical name, *Euphorbia Pulcherrima*. It is thought to have become known by its more popular name of *poinsettia* around 1836, the origin of the name recognizing the man who first brought the plant to the United States. Congress honored Joel Poinsett by declaring Dec. 12 as National Poinsettia Day which commemorates the date of his death in 1851. The day was meant to honor Poinsett and encourage people to enjoy the beauty of the popular holiday plant. (Joel Roberts Poinsett also founded the Smithsonian Institute.)



## LET'S LEARN

### *Did you know . . .*

A **motion** is a proposal made by a member which describes an action or decision for the organization to approve and implement. *A member raises her hand to be recognized by the presiding officer, is recognized, stands, states her name, and addresses the officer: "I move we show our gratitude to our Parish Altar Servers for their service by giving each a \$5 gift card."*

A motion must be **seconded** (meaning supported) to move forward for consideration, vote, and implementation. *Another member is recognized, stands, states her name, and addresses the officer. She may simply state: "I second the motion" or repeat the motion.* If no member makes a second, the motion failed to move forward or "died on the floor".

After the second is made, the presiding officer repeats the motion in its entirety and asks for **discussion**. All members are permitted to offer their opinions or ask questions. Each wishing to speak should be given a time limit of two minutes should the matter become a lively debate. It is the presiding officer's duty to keep the discussion orderly and allow all to speak.

If no one stands to speak or after all members wishing to speak have spoken, the presiding officer asks for a **vote** on the motion. The method of voting is to be decided by the presiding officer. It may be a voice vote (YES, NO, or ABSTAIN). It may be a show of hands. It may be by secret ballot. (A voter may abstain from voting for a reason such as she does not think she knows enough about the issue at hand to make an informed decision, she believes voting on a particular issue represents a conflict of interest for her, or she is withholding her vote in protest.)

After all votes are cast and counted, the presiding officer announces the motion passed or failed. She **raps the gavel** *once* signifying the action taken.

Please note: Per the Columbiette meeting agenda, please note the following:

**Reading of the Minutes:** After the Secretary presents the minutes from the previous meeting, the President asks if there are any needed changes. She then announces, "The minutes are approved as read" or "The minutes are approved as corrected". **A motion, a second, and a call to vote are necessary ONLY if the minutes were corrected.**

**Reading of the Bills:** The Secretary reads the bills received advising payable to and reason. The President asks for **a motion, second, and a vote** to pay the bills.

**Treasurer's Report:** When the Treasurer's finishes her report, the Presiding Officer says, "The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit." **No vote is necessary.**

**Monies owed to the State Council or Supreme Council should be automatically paid and do not need the approval/vote from the membership.**

Other motions may or may not arise during the business meeting.

Only one motion can be discussed at a time.

During the discussion, the motion may be amended or altered before voting on it. *"I wish to amend the motion and move to increase the gift cards to \$10.00 each."* The amended motion must be seconded and a vote taken.

There may be instances when members want more information before making a decision. In this case, the motion is to be tabled and sent to a committee who will gather the information and report back to the membership.

# Congratulations

## 25 Years

### December

Jean Breyer, NY  
Sharyn Casey, TX

Maria Frey, NJ  
Rachel Grazioso, NY

Elizabeth Ryan, SC  
Marilyn Sobel, NY

### January

MaryAnn Cummings, NY  
Frances Nico, FL

Laura Fabiano, FL

RoseMary Mero, NY

### February

Norine Arnett-George, FL  
Nancy Miller, CT

Sarah Owens, PA  
Nancy Alice Valente, NY

Jane Wills, PA

## 50 Years

### December

Mary Speziale, NJ

### January

Catherine Thomas, NY

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Store

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from the Corner Store!



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# Congratulations!

**ANNIVERSARIES FOR 2022/2023**

<b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Institution Date</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
John A Hill	Florida	1/8/2022	1
Col. Jerry W. Marvel	North Carolina	1/30/2021	2
St. Ann's	New Jersey	1/5/2020	3
Prince of Peace	New Jersey	1/12/2020	3
Bishop O'Sullivan	Alabama	2/2/2019	4
St. Margaret Mary	California	2/2/2019	4
St. Agnes	Florida	2/16/2019	4
Light of Christ	Pennsylvania	1/13/2018	5
St. Junipero Serra	California	1/13/2018	5
Prince of Peace	Georgia	1/27/2018	5
San Antonio	Florida	2/3/2018	5
St. Patrick's	Wisconsin	2/24/2018	5
St Paul VI	Connecticut	1/14/2017	6
New Hyde Park	New York	2/8/2015	8
Father William A. Daly	New York	1/4/2014	9
Our Lady of Queenship	Pennsylvania	1/4/2014	9
Holy Child	Pennsylvania	1/5/2014	9
St. Frances de Chantal	New York	2/8/2014	9
Very Rev. Michael McCabe	Connecticut	12/2/2012	10
Father John T Butler	Pennsylvania	1/27/2013	10
St. Joan of Arc	Florida	1/27/2013	10
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Georgia	2/5/2012	11
Father Philip de Carriere	Florida	1/30/2010	13
Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen	Florida	2/6/2010	13
St. Stephen	Florida	2/20/2010	13
Union	New Jersey	2/8/2009	14
St. Leo's	New York	2/15/2009	14
Our Lady of the Rosary	North Carolina	2/28/2009	14
Mario Chick Alberghini	Florida	1/29/2005	18
Millstone Valley	New Jersey	1/4/2004	19
Rev. David J.Schiller	South Carolina	1/11/2003	20
Michael O'Connor	South Carolina	1/6/2002	21
St. Peter the Apostle	Florida	1/16/2000	23
St. Bartholomew	New Jersey	1/10/1999	24
St. Anthony's	Florida	1/24/1998	25
Our Lady of Peace	New Jersey	1/14/1996	27
Right Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney	New York	1/6/1995	28
St. Mary's	New York	2/26/1995	28
St. Sylvester	New York	2/28/1994	29
Immaculate Conception	New Jersey	2/3/1985	38
General Philip Sheridan	Connecticut	1/27/1980	43
Father Hussion	Connecticut	2/20/1979	44
Dr. Lawrence O'Rourke	Florida	2/24/1979	44
St. Columba	New York	1/20/1974	49
Holy Mother Mary	New York	2/15/1966	57
James V. Kavanaugh	New York	1/27/1964	59
Our Lady of Victory	New Jersey	2/19/1961	62
Bishop Curley	New York	2/25/1960	63
Parsippany	New Jersey	1/27/1955	68
Memorare	New York	2/10/1953	70

**SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES**



**2022 RAFFLE WINNERS**

Dear Sister Columbiettes:

The committee would like to Thank all those who participated in this year's 12 days of Christmas Raffle. A BIG Congratulations to the below winners of this year's Raffle.

<u>Winner Name</u>	<u>Winner's Auxiliary</u>
Geraldine Jacobs	St. Cecilia, NJ
Sylvia Carrizales	Castro Silva Sacred Heart, TX
Linda Wodnick	Martin C Murphy, SC
Ann Taggart	St. Anthony, NJ
Rose Martino	OLPH, NJ
Pat Rizzo	Don Bosco, NY
Doris Zayacz	Don Bosco, NJ
Anne Harkins	Joseph Barry, NY
Beverly Butler	St. Joan of Arc, GA
Jennifer Hickey	St. Stephen, FL
Claire Horyn	St. David the King NJ
Maureen Rosko	Manresa, NY

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

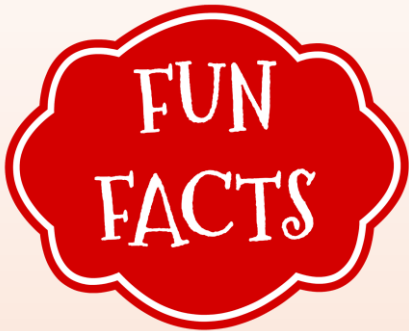
MaryAnne Alessio, Chair and Supreme Director  
 Cathy Bischoff, Co-Chair and Supreme Director  
 Jeanne Mucci, Co-Chair and Supreme Vice President  
 Edie Van DeMark, Co-Chair and Supreme Director





In the spirit of the season, we wish to share some holiday facts. We hope you find them interesting, and some bring you a smile.

- Canadians do have the Christmas spirit. When writing to Santa, be sure to use his correct address and official zip code:  
Santa Claus  
North Pole HOH OHO  
Canada
- The movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” (1946) is ranked #1 as the most inspirational film of all time by the American Film Institute. (Atta boy, Clarence!)
- The biggest and largest Christmas present ever was a gift to the United State by France in 1886. It was the Statue of Liberty.
- A favorite menu for Christmas dinner in Japan is KFC. Take heed, orders need to be placed 2 months in advance.
- All know Santa has a big job to do every Christmas Eve; but few know how fast he can move. In order to visit every household in the world, he must travel at 3,000 times the speed of sound and stop at 800 homes every second. (Whew!)
- The classic song “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” was first recorded in 1958 by 13-year-old Brenda Lee.
- The first song ever heard on earth from outer space was “Jingle Bells”. On Dec. 16, 1965, the crew of NASA’s Gemini 6, Thomas P. Stafford, and Walter (Wally) Schirra, Jr., were about to prepare for reentry to the earth’s atmosphere when they reported sighting some sort of UFO. “We have an object, looks like a satellite going from north to south, probably in polar orbit.... I see a command module and eight smaller modules in front. The pilot of the larger module is wearing a red suit.” Ground Control then heard strains of “Jingle Bells” being played on a harmonica backed by sounds of sleigh bells.
- The first known New Year’s celebration took place in Ancient Babylon in 2000 BC. (That’s over 4,000 years ago! Wonder what they ate?)
- In 46 BC, Julius Caesar announced January 1 as a national holiday in the Roman Empire to honor of the god Janus who has 2 faces, one looking back and one looking forward; thus, signifying the end of a year and the start of a new.
- First in the world to ring in 2023 will be the people in Kiribati in the Central Pacific and those in American Samoa will be the last.
- The song “Auld Lang Syne” originally was a Scottish folk song. In the late 1920’s, Guy Lombardo made it famous and contributed to it becoming the New Year’s tradition it is today.
- Times Square in New York City will host one million celebrants on New Year’s Eve to count down the year as they watch the drop of the crystal ball and cheer in the new. About 175 million people in the United States will view the event on television or the internet and internationally over 1 billion will tune in for live coverage. (If watching, remember you are 1 in 1,176,000,000 merrymakers!)
- About 25% of Americans will fall asleep before the clock strikes midnight in their time zone.
- New Year’s Eve is the oldest and most publicly celebrated holiday in the world.
- Most important fact – sincere wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you!



**MESSAGE FROM OUR AUXILIARIES**

**CALIFORNIA**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Under Sister Carol’s leadership, the Columbiettes contributed fifty creative baskets to the Parish Festival Silent Auction. We worked in a wide variety of festival booths as well as sponsored one of them. Later that month, the weather was perfect for our Mexican-themed dinner under the stars.



Sister Amber lead a “Meditation and Movement” session at our meeting.



Sister Jayne led our annual Holiday Bunco Night where we ate together before rolling the dice! Under Sister Judy’s guidance, we also collected newborn baby items for the diocese layette ministry.

**St. Junipero Serra 9498**



**CONNECTICUT**

**Fr. Coleman and St. Frances X. Cabrini Auxiliaries**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Fr. Coleman and St. Frances X. Cabrini auxiliaries from CT held a joint Initiation Ceremony and welcomed in a total of six new sister Columbiettes.

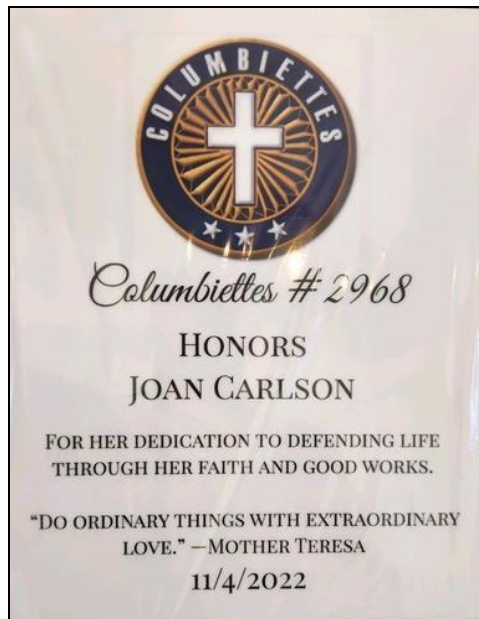


**Congratulations and Welcome to all!**

**Fr. Hussion- CT**

Recently, Fr. Hussion collected many layette items and donated them to CareNet in New London. CareNet is a pro-life pregnancy center. The Fr. Hussion Knights spearheaded the donation of an ultrasound machine to CareNet. When women see their baby on ultrasound, they are much more likely to keep them. Additionally, they give disadvantaged families a crib, car seat, blankets, diapers, and layette items. They pray over each item they give out to offer additional blessings. This is really a great organization. They have counseling for moms and also dads. I am sure that many lives are saved and improved by the work of CareNet. Fr. Hussion President, Mary Lou Zinser, brought this idea to the group and gathered many items from knitting friends in Florida.

- Maryann Stradczuk, CT Columbiettes



**Fr. Myron Miller Auxiliary #5833**

The Columbiettes Auxiliary #5833, Fr. Myron Miller Council of the Knights of Columbus of Stamford, CT, are sponsoring a Christmas/Holiday Cookie Fundraiser to benefit some of our local non-profits and the Relief Fund for the Ukrainian People and Victims of Hurricane Ian. Our auxiliary is small in numbers and the needs are ever increasing. What to do? How can we make this event successful? We reached out to our parish members and friends for their help. It is so gratifying to hear their responses. People like to be asked to join in doing something for a cause or offer to assist in other ways. Our fundraiser will take place after this newsletter goes to press, but we are assured that with the help of the Lord, it will be very successful.

Our Knights are involved along with our Confirmation Candidates looking to do some Community Service before receiving the sacrament. Parish members and friends of parishioners, male and female, our youngsters learning about charitable causes, will be joining together to make this event a success. It is truly the Christmas Spirit at work.

On behalf of all our membership, wishing all a happy, healthy, safe, Christmas season, and a bright and blessed New Year.

Dolores Grossman  
Publicity Chairperson  
The Women's Auxiliary #5833  
Fr. Myron Miller Council of the Knights of Columbus  
Stamford, CT

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To All Our Sister Columbiettes and their Families,

May the Columbiette works we all do in the coming months be successful and helpful to many people! Our auxiliary welcomed in some new members and we are hoping more women will join us in the future. Our collection efforts for "New Covenant Center" and "Project From The Heart" (supplies for deployed troops) along with other charities have been an ongoing effort to help throughout the entire year (even through the summer and winter breaks). We are grateful for all who contribute to these great causes on a weekly basis. On behalf of the Fr. Myron V. Miller Council 5833 Auxiliary we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Peace, Love and Prayers,  
Anna Mastrolillo, President  
Fr. Myron V. Miller Council 5833 Auxiliary

**Saint Paul VI Columbiettes Auxiliary #14664 in Hamden, Connecticut**

Our members have been busy the past few months doing outreach in the community and our Parish in a number of ways. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored a Baby Shower to support "In Our Blessed Mother's Arms" Pregnancy Resource Center in New Haven. Members and guests donated baby and toddler clothing, toys, furniture, and daily necessities needed to care for children.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, our Auxiliary hosted our Annual Communion Breakfast for our membership. We remembered in prayer our recently deceased member, Carol Smith, who was devoted to the Columbiettes for many years. May God bless her always.

Our newly merged Parish and over 700 parishioners and friends attended our Parish Picnic on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Many of our Sister Columbiettes were involved in the planning of the picnic. The day of the event, our members were so helpful volunteering anywhere they were needed to make the picnic enjoyable for all.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, our Auxiliary offered "Prayer and Hymns" Living Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Parishioners, family, and friends were invited to join us for the beautiful evening to honor Mary, Our Mother. All were welcome to a reception after the service.

Our Auxiliary sponsored a Drive-By Food Collection on October 29<sup>th</sup> to support the Saint Rita Food Pantry through the Holidays and winter months. The generosity of our Sisters and parishioners warmed our hearts.

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Paul VI Knights of Columbus hosted a Pasta Dinner at our Parish. Our Sisters assisted the Knights by providing table centerpieces, serving the meals, and helping with clean up. It is always a wonderful experience to partner with the Knights in service to our Parish and community.

Our Auxiliary is busy planning for the upcoming year.  
We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.



## DELAWARE

### Old Bohemia



Barbara Zasowski, St. Thomas District Deputy and Treasurer of Old Bohemia Aux. along with Betty Mousley, Financial Secretary of Old Bohemia Aux. are working their table at the Boscovs Friends Helping Friends Sale in October. Submitted by Theresa Collurafici, IPP.

### Msgr. Francis Desmond Columbiettes - #13348 - Lewes, Delaware



Our annual Memorial Mass was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. This poignant mass was followed by a delicious lunch and some fellowship to lift the spirit.

A beautiful exhibition of Pelicans bearing the names of deceased members of Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus was on display in front of our altar. *The Pelican Prayer*, which is recited prior to the Mass, was composed by Auxiliary Chaplain, Fr. Tom Flowers. He was inspired by the mosaic on the altar in St. Jude the Apostle Church.



**FLORIDA****Mario “Chick” Alberghini Columbiettes #13277, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563**

The Mario “Chick” Alberghini Auxiliary 13277 of St. Sylvester received the Washington Honor Medal by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. The award was presented to representatives from the Auxiliary at a dinner Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Pensacola Yacht Club.



This is a National Award for Community Service. Auxiliary work focuses on benefiting their church, local charities and the community at large. Examples of their outreach include Covenant Care Hospice Sewing Workshop (CCHSW) which works with Covenant Care to enhance the comfort of hospice and nursing home patients by providing blankets, walker bags, knot caps, prayer shawls, booties, neck pillows, Veteran quilts, and other items. Other good works include Caring & Sharing of South Santa Rosa County, the donations of funds, diapers, baby wipes and volunteers to the Pregnancy Resource Center, the collection of clothing for homeless women at the Washburn Center, and many others. They support their parish with events such as their Ice Cream Social, Hot Dog Social, and Soup Supper for parishioners.

The Columbiettes' work is funded by donations and charitable events such as the Annual 5K Walk/Run which benefited Healing Paws for Warriors and Majella House in 2022, and this year's Fall Fundraiser, Purse-A-Palooza, which funds the CCHSW, Senior Bingo, and the parish Youth Group.

**Fr. M F Monahan Auxiliary**

Tonight, we had a very informative talk by the Broward County Sheriff Dept. about security and scams and how to avoid them. Also, our Property Appraiser for the county spoke on Deed Fraud and all the property tax exemptions for which we can apply. Very eye opening! They provided goody bags for all of us and we signed up to be notified immediately if someone is trying to steal our property deed with false docs.

I would suggest other auxiliaries take advantage of their local authorities to speak at a meeting. Submitted by Johanna Anzalone.

### St. Claude de la Colombiere Auxiliary in Pinellas Park, FL

Greetings from St. Claude de la Colombiere #16929. We are enjoying the start of a very busy year and cooler weather that finally came to Florida! We are highlighting two of our recent activities. The first being our annual Bingo Marathon. Who does not like a game or in this case, many games of Bingo!! Our community always looks forward to this event and this year was no exception. We had 72 enthusiastic bingo players come out to support our efforts.

Another highlight was our Advent Wreath Sale. This is our second year where we made wreaths, provided the base, candles and prayers so families can participate at home during Advent Season. It was wonderful to come together as a group to make the wreaths. In addition, we offered two chance drawings for someone to win a beautifully made larger wreath or Advent Candle holder. Photos attached will show our creative work. It has been a productive year so far and we are thankful for our committed members. Wishing all of you a Beautiful, Blessed, and Joyful Holiday Season! Merry Christmas!



### IOWA

#### Marion Columbiettes #4108

The Marion Columbiettes #4108 helped the Faith Formation Program to organize a Fatima Day Rosary in the Park at St. Mary Catholic Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Before the event started, the Columbiettes set up a table in the back of the church to give out Rosaries, Miraculous Medals, and pamphlets on Mary and the Rosary. The event started in the church. The Director of Religious Education talked about Fatima and the importance of Mary and the Rosary in our church. Following his talk, three Columbiettes lead the procession to the town square, which is two blocks from our church. They carried a statue of Mary and some flowers. Once everyone was at the town square, the Columbiettes help lead the singing of "Immaculate Mary." Then, the Director of Religious Education lead the Rosary, and we finished with the song, "Sing of Mary." The event concluded with the Columbiettes leading the procession back to the church.

It was a beautiful event with multiple generations praying the Rosary together. It was heartwarming to see parents and grandparents guiding children on how to pray the Rosary while we witnessed our faith in public.



**NORTH CAROLINA****Holy Cross Columbiettes #8509**

Holy Cross Auxiliary (Kernersville, NC) hosted “Day of Reflection” on November 19, 2022. The activity was attended by more than 50 women from three different parishes. In addition to the Holy Cross Auxiliary in attendance were ladies from the Bishop Greco (Clemmons) and Santa Maria (Winston Salem) auxiliaries. Our keynote speaker was Fr. Canino from the Franciscan Center in Greensboro, who led the group reflection on the virtues of humility, generosity, and hope. It was a wonderful way to start the Advent Season.



Auxiliary President Sandra Kempka, Fr. Louis Canino & Chairperson of activity and Auxiliary VP Adrienne King

**NEW JERSEY****Central Chapter -New Jersey**

*Hello Sister Columbiettes!*

Since the last Supreme Newsletter, all of Central Chapter Auxiliaries are now meeting in person and holding their activities, both spiritual & as fundraisers. From “Booby Bingo” to “A Night with Elvis” to a “Pop-up Shop “ to a “Sneaker Drive” & “Scarfs for Hope drive” to an “After Mass Coffee Meet & Greet” and even a “Sunday Sauce competition” and more. Our Auxiliaries have been working hard to make up time lost, while enjoying our sisterhood. It has been wonderful to see the Auxiliaries continue to support each other’s activities.

Central Chapter sponsored a summer bus trip to “Sights & Sounds” theater in PA to see a stage presentation of the story of “DAVID”, complete with live animals and amazing animatronics. The SOLD-OUT trip was loads of fun, and the production was breathtaking. We even held an energized horse race (Lillian Holmes’ famous horses) on our return bus trip to NJ. We are planning another trip to “Sights & Sounds” just after Easter to see a living production of MOSES.



November is the month where Central Chapter honors our Past Presidents with our annual Mother Mary Service. Upon roll call, each Past President in attendance is honored with a flower as a ‘Thank You’ presented by Joan Winant, our current President.



Each deceased Past President will be honored by having a flower placed before the statue of Mary by a delegate from her home Auxiliary. This beautiful service ends with prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There is a lot more exciting news to come, but I will save that for the Spring Echo.

But for right now, all of us at Central Chapter, Officers, Delegates & Alternates, wish all our Sister Columbiettes nationwide, a wonderful & blessed Christmas filled with love & joy & family & Happy New Year 2023!

**Joan**

Joan M. Winant

President, Central Chapter



**Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784**

The Don Bosco Columbiettes will be 30 years young on June 25, 2023! We invite you to visit our website ([www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com)) which has links for prayer requests, picture galleries, newsletters, recruitment materials and other pertinent information. We also sponsor the Squirettes of Mary, Circle of Mary's Angels which was established on March 13, 2013. Their website is [www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com).

We meet on the first Monday of every month and have voluntary donations at each meeting which are shared with local food pantries, nursing homes, children's hospitals, etc. Our members are always quite generous. We meet both in person and via Zoom to accommodate those who have a difficult time getting out during the evening.

Some new events we sponsored this year are a community Halloween Party for families and a Photoshoot with Santa & Mrs. Claus for families and pets.

We host an annual Hail Mary Campaign to solicit prayers from Columbiettes around the state and encourage you to help us grow our prayer tally. Each year the petition to our Blessed Mother changes. This year it is for the Peace of Christ. The number of Hail Marys prayed can be sent to [hailmarysforthepec@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforthepec@gmail.com).

Wishing everyone joy and peace for the upcoming Christmas season. God bless you all.



**Hopewell Council Columbiettes 7103****VICTORIAN TEA PARTY IN HOPEWELL, NJ**

Nestled in the bucolic Hopewell Valley of central New Jersey, the Hopewell Auxiliary, which began at St. Alphonsus in 1979, is flourishing under the energetic and inspiring leadership and guidance of President Kim McAlinden. In her third year at the helm, Kim has increased active membership by 25%, bolstered parish and community support for fundraising staples and new initiatives alike, and fostered a renewed sense of sisterhood among the Columbiettes.

One of our favorite perennial events is our scholarship program. Each year, young ladies who are graduating high school seniors submit essays explaining what being Catholic means to them, while eighth graders pick one community service project completed for their Confirmation preparation, and describe how and why it was meaningful for them. Collectively, their personal views of Catholicism are an insightful and refreshing catechism at a time when the Church is struggling to attract young adult parishioners and spark the interest of its youth.

In addition to the scholarship program, spring, fall, and Christmas flower sales, a diaper drive for young mothers, U.S. flag sales, our War Dog support program, and fundraising for Joining in Sibling Unity (JISU), a program that brings siblings separated by the foster care system together, Kim spearheaded a new event that took place on October 23rd. We hosted a Ladies Victorian Tea Party, whose goal was so much more than a caffeinated Sunday afternoon filled with cucumber sandwiches and period costumes. It was an effort to bring together not just women from our own parish, but women from the entire Hopewell Valley community, to foster new relationships in the Christian spirit. A nominal fee was charged to cover our expenses, which allowed us to break even financially. Given the rave reviews we received, and the fact that our start-up expenses for big-ticket items such as several sets of china and table linens have been covered, we have decided to make this an annual fundraising event that will support, among other endeavors, our scholarship program. Kim saw more than a need for another fundraiser. She saw an avenue through which our organization could increase our presence in the community by the simple act of socializing over a cup of tea.

As Columbiettes, we strive to promote the spiritual, social, and charitable welfare of our members, and to safeguard the religious, civil, and economic rights of all Catholics. In Hopewell, we are proud to recognize that sometimes, on a smaller scale, we may begin to achieve our lofty goals one cup at a time. Merry Christmas and may God bless the Columbiettes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris M. Galuchie  
Secretary, Hopewell Council Columbiettes

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**Sacred Heart Rochelle Park NJ #2842**

As the weather cools down, the Sacred Heart Columbiettes are doing anything but cooling down. We ended the summer celebrating our First Anniversary. Thank you to everyone who supported us along this journey. We held our first baby shower for our Spiritual Adoption journey. We made a donation to the Birthright Organization in Maywood, NJ that supports mothers.

In June, we also had a blast attending the State Convention. We can't wait to see more of you there next year. In October, we had our Second Annual Boobie Bingo Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness. We held our Open House with the fellow Nights this past November. We continue to co-host family nights with our Brother Knights each month. Some upcoming events we are planning are Trivia Night in February and a Spring Bingo in April.

Warm wishes for a great holiday season.



**St. Ann's #2853 from Fair Lawn, NJ**

We wrapped up October celebrating our Brother Knights "80th Anniversary." We presented them with a plaque honoring this milestone as we assisted them in their annual Italian Night Fundraiser.

We also participated in a "Trunk or Treat" with St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church Faith Formation. Then, on November 3rd, we hosted our very first Pop Up Shop fundraiser and engaged in a new Charity "Teddy Bears with Love". This Charity is near and dear to the heart of one of our members and is in conjunction with her Alma Mater. To date, our members have donated a total of 28 Teddy Bears with more to come. The Teddy Bears will be donated to Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ.

November 18th, we hosted our 2nd Paint and Sip fundraiser. We attended Thanksgiving Mass at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Elmwood Park, NJ, alongside our Brother Knights.

As December is quickly approaching, we will be busy with St. Ann's annual Children's Christmas party. We will be hosting a Baby shower two days later for New Hope and ending this busy week by meeting the Operation Toy Train "Toys for Tots" on December 10th. We will also be hosting a Christmas social for our Council #2853 on December 16th. We will be ending "2022" with a bus trip to see the Radio City Rockettes Show.

*St. Ann's #2853 would like to wish all our Sister Columbiettes a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."*



**NEW YORK**

**Hudson Valley Chapter- New York**



At the New York Hudson Valley Chapter Meeting on October 15th the new 2022-2023 officers were installed. Back row left to right: guide Kathy Rivera, Dee Wych, Jean Bryer, guide Linda Silva

Front row left to right: Sentinel Alice Cantalupo, Treasurer Mary Ann Casamento, Financial Secretary Betty DuBois, Secretary Annamaria Badenchini, Vice President Maria Ronda, President Laurie Hess.

Congratulations to the new officers.  
(Submitted by Mary Ann Casamento)

**Archbishop John Hughes Columbiettes #481**

Archbishop John Hughes Columbiettes #481 in Brooklyn, NY are proud to announce that they were honored at the Guild for Exceptional Children Autumn Luncheon on November 13, 2022. The Master of Ceremonies for the Luncheon was Ken Rosato of ABC (Channel 7) Eyewitness News anchor in New York. The GEC is very close to his heart and he has MC'd this event for many, many years. The GEC was established in 1958 and is dedicated to providing exceptional support and services that will enable children and adults to lead respected and fulfilling lives in their community. We are pleased to be associated with a distinguished organization and we will continue to stand with them.



**Don Bosco**

This Thanksgiving the Don Bosco Columbiettes once again adopted four families. Our Chairlady Janet Schnorr worked in coordination with our family liaison to assist these families. We were notified that one family just suffered the loss of their mother – a second family just suffered the loss of their grandmother. The Columbiettes filled the entire trunk of Janet’s car with non-perishable food items to give to them as well as a Supermarket gift certificate. We do not know who these families are but they know who the Columbiettes are and that we care about them!

On November 16<sup>th</sup> our TPFTB Chairlady Annie Fagan hosted a workshop at Don Bosco Auxiliary with the TPFTB Board Officers. Our “work a bees” used their hands to lovingly cut, paste, and assemble anything that was needed for these absolutely wonderful books that help so many! Truly what a wonderful night it was for us to get together to work hard and have so much fun, share so many laughs and make great memories!



## St Regis Columbiettes

St. Regis Columbiettes does lots of fundraising events. Here are 4 events that are our favorites:

1. The Ronkonkoma St Patrick Day Parade March 27, 2022. It's a mile and a half march together with our fellow brother knights from Holbrook Patchogue Road ending at Church Street in front of St. Joseph Church.



2. Victorian Tea Party was on April 24, 2022. A day for the ladies to gather in fascinating conversations, wear their best hat, drink tea with their fancy teacup and yummy deserts and, of course, the best hat contest at the end of the day. It was a successful fundraising event that enabled us to donate to some of our charities such as Long Island Breast, Long Island against Domestic Violence, Nickels for Nuns, Pet Shelter, and St Joseph Parish Outreach.



3. St Regis Columbiettes Communion Breakfast March 20, 2022. This was a spiritual event. Our speaker was from the Pennsylvania Coalition for Life. The speaker was very inspirational. He talked about how his life experiences connected with his faith and works of mercy. Fr Vitus, our council Pastor was able to take time out of his busy schedule to attend.



4. Tunnel to Towers Foundation Fundraising raffle. Supporting first responders and military families. We run this raffle from June ending with the drawing at the October meeting. We sold over 2000 tickets. This fundraiser is dear to my heart because of my husband service to our country as a Retired Air Force veteran.



**PENNSYLVANIA****Fr James E. Walters**

Although the Auxiliary does not meet during the summer, the Auxiliary was active. In July, with the loosening of Covid restrictions, we resumed our monthly service project of cooking meals at Ashley House, a transition residence facility for Veterans. The Audit Committee met in July, finding our financial records in proper order. In August, two Auxiliary members attended the Supreme Convention in Piscataway, NJ: Teresa Laraia (North Carolina State Council President) and Terri Lerosé (an NC State delegate).

The Auxiliary baked up a storm of delicious homemade desserts to support our Knights of Columbus Council's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. Also in October, we held an Initiation Ceremony and welcomed two new members. The Catholic Action Committee kicked off its first Fraternal Outing of the 2022-2023 year: a tour of Catholic Charities and lunch at a local restaurant.

Auxiliary members provided an abundance of beautiful home-baked cakes, breads, pies, and cookies, which were sold before and after the parish's weekend Masses, resulting in a successful, annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale fundraiser. With monetary contributions from members and a generous anonymous donor, the Auxiliary purchased food, assembled, and distributed Thanksgiving baskets for parishioners in need.

Plans are in place for December's annual Christmas Cookie Sale and Wreaths Across America fundraisers. We will also lay wreaths at graves at Wilmington National Cemetery, donate Shoeboxes for Seniors, Senior Toiletries, and Christmas Dinner Baskets, and join the Knights in Caroling at assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. As our December member meeting, the Auxiliary will join with the Knights for a Christmas Gala dinner dance at a local Country Club.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Terri Lerosé, President  
11-28-2022

**Light of Christ**

The St. Ignatius Light of Christ Auxiliary began the 2022-23 year with a very successful fundraiser for the Tuition Angel School Fund. A spaghetti dinner was held which brought in over 200 very happy customers. The event included raffle baskets filled with designer bags, lottery tickets, wonderful bath products, Nativity sets, and wine. Baked goods were also sold. This event was fun-filled and profitable. A check was given to Mrs. Carolyn Woods, the principal of St. Ignatius school, for \$2258.00. Mrs. Kots, auxiliary president, stated, "What could be more important than the continuance of Catholic school for our future?"

**The St. Ignatius Light of Christ Auxiliary Bible Study**

The Ignatius Light of Christ Auxiliary continued their Bible Study Sessions this September under the leadership of Marie Calderoni. This session's concentration was on the Women of the New Testament. Can there be a more wonderful way to bring woman closer to God and to one another than by sharing their knowledge and love of God? This is a perfect example of evangelization.

### **Our Lady of Queenship Auxiliary #4068**

The Columbiettes of Our Lady of Queenship Auxiliary #4068 have been very busy this fall. In October, we participated along with the Knights of Columbus members in a Living Rosary. This live version took place in the parking lot of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church. Everyone agreed that this prayerful gathering should be celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

In October, the Columbiettes collected new and gently used coats for kids and adults. Over 500 coats were donated by parishioners and others. These coats were sent to 10 different agencies in our area. What a wonderful and necessary gift to those in need!

Later in October, the Columbiettes helped to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Prayer and Care at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. More than 20 caretakers were able to be pampered for a few hours to remind them how special they are to their loved ones. We were so excited to be a part of this worthwhile celebration.

In November, the Columbiettes hosted the annual Veteran's Brunch honoring our active and retired service members and families. Each year, we treat the service members and families to a delicious brunch and some donated vendor surprises. They look forward to it every year and were able to be in person this year!

This year, the Columbiettes did some holiday fudge baking just in time for Thanksgiving. Our first attempt at selling Peanut Butter, Chocolate, and Chocolate Peanut Butter fudge. Wow! We were overwhelmed by all the preorders and then got busy homemaking the different types of fudge. In the end, we sold 100 containers of fudge. This fundraiser will help fund our monthly luncheons to the Lourdes house and our scholarship fund in the spring. Many, many, thanks to everyone who made this a very successful event!

Prior to the beginning of Advent, the Columbiettes are very busy getting the Advent Giving Tree organized and ready for the many needs of our local agencies. Many hours behind the scenes are needed to keep this major event running smoothly. Several Columbiettes volunteer their time and talents to be sure all the kids and some adults receive a nice gift for Christmas. This year, the number of requests increased, and again, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners stepped up and fulfilled over 400 gift requests. We are so blessed to have such giving members of the church.

Even after such a busy Fall season, the Columbiettes will continue to provide assistance and promote a journey of Faith, Hope, and Love to our communities.

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### **St. Maximilian Kolbe Columbiettes #10889**



St. Maximilian Kolbe Columbiettes #10889 extends to all our Sister Columbiettes and their families a very Blessed Christmas and holiday season.

We wound down 2022 with our annual Christmas luncheon and pajama gifting to the local Children's Specialized Hospital. It was a busy Fall season starting with our Spiritual Adoption program in September (which will culminate in June with a baby shower). Our membership drive brought in eleven new members, and we supplied Thanksgiving meals to five families. To honor our fallen heroes, we participated in Wreaths Across America and joined our Knights in supporting the program to bring a service person home for Christmas.

With great enthusiasm, we look forward to 2023 to continue our spiritual and charitable works.



**SOUTH CAROLINA****Fr. William G. Kinney, Jr. Columbiettes #14892**

Our ladies have been busy this fall helping with activities that included our Parish Halloween Party, Trunk or Treat, contributing to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and helping our Brother Knights with Columbus Operation Hope. During December, we are excited to be helping with the Parish Christmas Dinner and Breakfast with Santa.

“He is where the magic of Christmas lies, not in expensive and glittering gifts. This Christmas, may you receive the gift of faith, love, and loyalty, and may the New Year be filled with many blessings. Merry Christmas!”

Kat Knowles, President

**OUR LADY OF GRACE AUXILIARY #14765**

(Indian Land, SC, November 17, 2022) The Columbiettes Auxiliary, which is associated with the Indian Land Knights of Columbus Council #14765, has continued with its charitable outreach in Lancaster County. With the cold weather approaching, the group decided to purchase warm winter blankets. They were able to raise enough funds to buy over 35 high-quality blankets and deliver them to the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Lancaster, SC. The church’s pastor, Father Javier Heredia, was grateful to receive this donation and will have the blankets distributed to his parishioners who are most in need. In addition, the Columbiettes, through the initiative of Pam Michaud, took up a collection to raise funds to purchase and deliver eight hams to the Lancaster Children’s Home.



*Columbiettes blanket drop-off, from left, Judy Gustafarro, Judy Koch (president), and Gail Zaremba (vice president); and at right, Andrea Miller (St. Catherine’s Office Manager).*



*Ham delivery, from left, Columbiette Pam Michaud and LCH director April Joplin.*

### Rev. David J. Schiller 11910 – Summerville, SC

In lieu of a regular Advent calendar the Columbiettes used the Reverse Advent calendar and contributed each item on the list. It was done ahead of time in order to get to the local food pantry at St. Theresa the Little Flower for Christmas dinners.



### Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713 ~ Blythewood, SC

#### Fall Initiation



This season, we have been blessed to have nine new members join our auxiliary in Blythewood. Due to the interest in our group, we held two ceremonies: one in September and one in October. We are excited to have these new members with us as we promote and grow in our spirituality and foster the social and charitable welfare of our members. Please help us welcome them!



Top, left to right: Natalie Weathers-Hotel, Raquel Martinez, Michele Ludlow, Lydia Curley, and Josephine Sandor Below, left to right: Pam Husson, Celeste Smith, Rene Soler, and Audrey LaVecchia

#### Memorial Mass on the Feast of St. Therese



On October 1st, the Columbiettes honored our sister Columbiettes who have gone before us: Sabra Mazyck and Teresa Jeanmougin. They are always in our hearts and prayers.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. - Matthew 5:4*

#### Fall Fundraisers

We have been busy so far this fall. We have been blessed to have been able to do three fundraisers to support Transfiguration Catholic Church and the Blythewood community. Our ladies raised over \$1,400 parking cars twice at the University of South Carolina football games. Our second annual mum sale was a huge success. We raised over \$1,400 for charities in our community. Our most recent fundraiser was our annual casserole sale.

This fundraiser brought in over \$2,400 which we give back to our church and two ministries (Religious Education and Welcome Committee).

**WASHINGTON**  
**Puyallup**



*At Christmas especially, may we be guided  
by Christ's perfect light and love,  
to serve one another, and to truly strive for  
peace on earth.*

*May all of our sister Columbiettes have a  
Blessed Christmas and New Year!*

*Auxiliary 1629, Puyallup, Washington*



***Christmas Scattergories***

*Choose a letter, Start the Timer. Race to think of words that fit the  
Categories Below and begin with your letter.*

1. *Something you put on the Christmas Tree*\_\_\_\_\_
2. *Things you'd serve with Christmas Dinner*\_\_\_\_\_
3. *A Christmas Movie*\_\_\_\_\_
4. *Things you'd find in Santa's Sleigh*\_\_\_\_\_
5. *Something you wear during the holidays*\_\_\_\_\_
6. *A Christmas Song*\_\_\_\_\_
7. *Something you want for Christmas*\_\_\_\_\_
8. *Something you'd regift*\_\_\_\_\_
9. *The best thing about Christmas*\_\_\_\_\_
10. *A Christmas Tradition*\_\_\_\_\_
11. *Something Red*\_\_\_\_\_
12. *A Christmassy Place*\_\_\_\_\_
13. *The worst thing about Christmas*\_\_\_\_\_
14. *A Stocking filler*\_\_\_\_\_



# Who Said What?

## — Movie Edition —

Match each of the following movie lines to the character who said them.

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| ___ 1. George Bailey    | a. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."                     |
| ___ 2. Buddy the Elf    | b. "Can you give me any reason why I shouldn't marry your brother?"                      |
| ___ 3. Betty Haynes     | c. "Oh, Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind."                               |
| ___ 4. Kris Kringle     | d. "This old thing? Why, I only wear it when I don't care how I look."                   |
| ___ 5. Doris Walker     | e. "First I knocked them out of their nest with a rock... then I saved them."            |
| ___ 6. Joe Fusco, Jr.   | f. "Dear Santa Claus, How have you been? Did you have a nice summer? How's your wife?"   |
| ___ 7. Bob Wallace      | g. "You shouldn't mix fairytales with liverwurst and buttermilk."                        |
| ___ 8. Charlie Brown    | h. "Are you afraid of responsibility? If you are, then you have hypengyophobia."         |
| ___ 9. Clarence         | i. "Merry Christmas, you wonderful old Building and Loan!"                               |
| ___ 10. Phil Davis      | j. "If that's love, somebody goofed."  |
| ___ 11. Judy Haynes     | k. "Hey, Luce! Is this guy bothering you?... Because it looks like he's LEANING."        |
| ___ 12. Mr. Potter      | l. "It's just nice to meet another human who shares my affinity for elf culture."        |
| ___ 13. Jovie           | m. "Begging your pardon, sir, but there's really a lot to be said for leisure."          |
| ___ 14. Peter Callaghan | n. "I speak French, but that doesn't make me Joan of Arc."                               |
| ___ 15. Fred Gailey     | o. "And Happy New Year to you... in jail!"   |
| ___ 16. ZuZu Bailey     | p. "She drives you so nuts you don't know whether to hug her or, or... arm wrestle her." |
| ___ 17. Susan Walker    | q. "You're not exactly Superman, but you're awfully available."                          |
| ___ 18. Violet Bick     | r. "Sometimes people grow very large, but that's abnormal."                              |
| ___ 19. Lucy Maderatz   | s. "You should read the new book Mark Twain's writing now."                              |
| ___ 20. Jack Callaghan  | t. "What were you doing in the women's locker room this morning?"                        |
| ___ 21. Sally Brown     | u. "We intend to prove that Mr. Kringle IS Santa Claus."                                 |
| ___ 22. Lucy Van Pelt   | v. "I've killed it. Oh! Everyting I touch gets ruined."                                  |

**SOLVE THE MESSAGE**

We have a message for you to solve! Each letter corresponds to a number, in order to figure out what's what answer the below questions

<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	
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1. What is the first name of Scrooge in the novel A Christmas Carol?

<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
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2. What color are the berries on the mistletoe?

<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
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3. Name the sweet bread loaf which is traditionally eaten during Christmas time in Italy?

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4. What color Christmas did Elvis sing about?

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5. How many candles should go on an advent wreath?

<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>
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6. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>22</u>
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7. In which country are children visited by 13 Yule Lads instead of the one Santa Clause?

6 17 5 11 12 1 18

8. What type of play beginning with the letter 'N' is performed by children at Christmastime?

1 12 8 6 19 6 8 22

9. Which plant beginning with 'P' is associated with Christmas?

9 10 6 1 20 5 8 8 6 12

10. In which modern day county was St. Nicholas born in?

8 13 2 21 5 22

**ANSWER KEY**

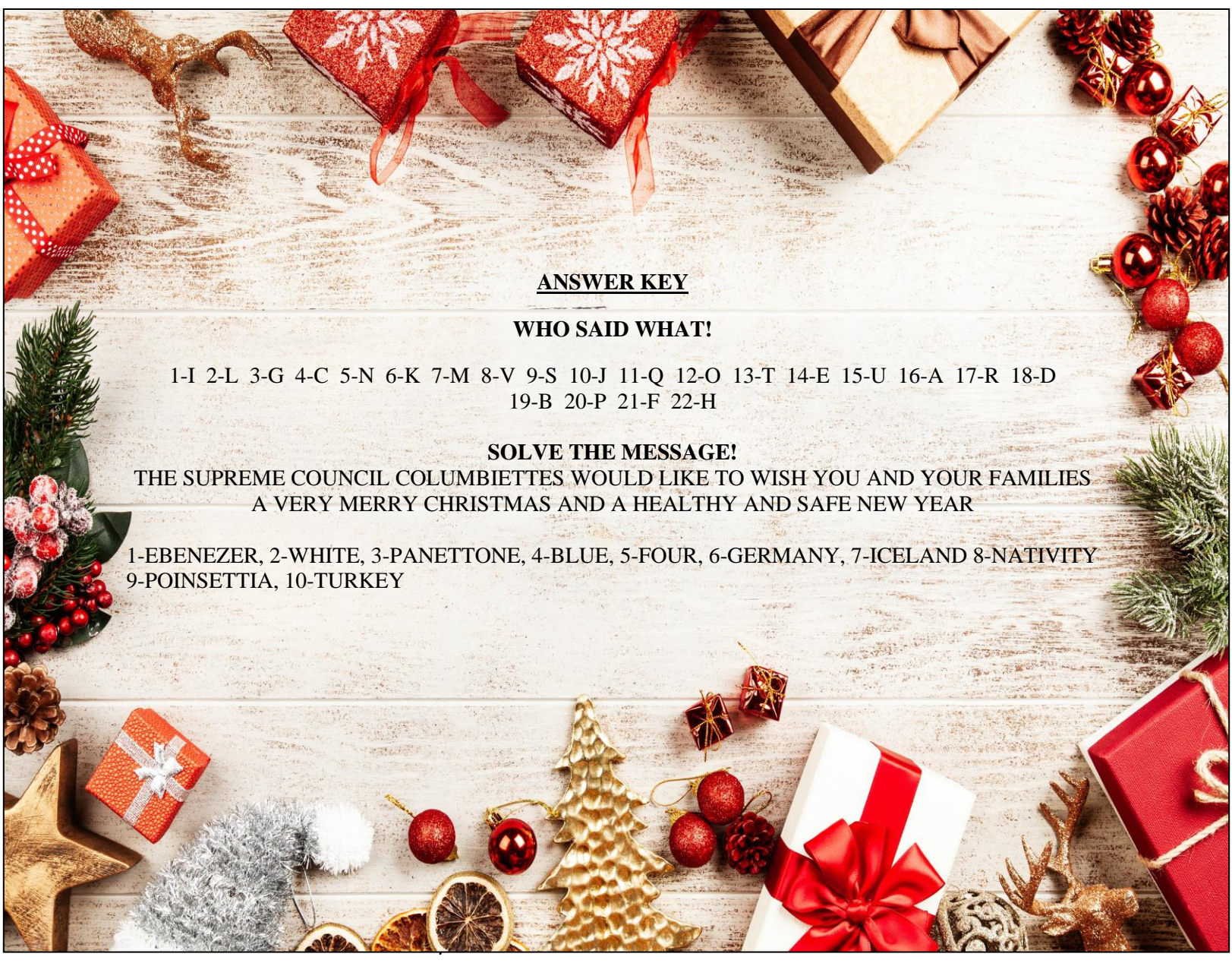
**WHO SAID WHAT!**

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19-B 20-P 21-F 22-H

**SOLVE THE MESSAGE!**

THE SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR

1-EBENEZER, 2-WHITE, 3-PANETTONE, 4-BLUE, 5-FOUR, 6-GERMANY, 7-ICELAND 8-NATIVITY  
9-POINSETTIA, 10-TURKEY



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