

# DON BOSCO COLUMBIETTES—DID YOU KNOW???



- † The Blue Circle in our emblem represents the World.
- † The White Cross represents Christ's love for us—by His Crucifixion He redeemed the world.
- † The Rays represent our zeal to serve God through the mediums of faith, hope and charity, symbolized by the three White Stars.

- ✦ This organization was founded in 1939 by the Honorable Margaret Mary J. Mangan (a judge) who later became the first Supreme President.
- ✦ The ideals of the Columbiettes are:
  - To promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of its members.
  - To instill a steadfast conviction relating to the proper place and function of Catholic women in society safeguarding the religious, civil and economic rights of all Catholics.
  - To rely upon the intercession of Mary, our Mother and Model, for guidance in guarding the common good, and to work through her, in loving and aiding all members of the human family.
  - To give assistance to the Knights of Columbus in all their activities upon request.
- ✦ The Columbiette organizational hierarchy is: 1) Supreme; 2) State; 3) Chapter; 4) Auxiliary.
- ✦ The Don Bosco Auxiliary belongs to the Western Chapter in the State of New Jersey which is under the rule of the Supreme Council.
- ✦ The Don Bosco Auxiliary #7784 was instituted on June 25, 1993.
- ✦ Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. No meetings are held during January, July or August.
- ✦ At the present time, Don Bosco Auxiliary membership dues are \$20 per annum—this includes automatic entry into two raffles a year along with Supreme and State fees.
- ✦ Our Auxiliary issues a newsletter nine times a year containing information regarding the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus. Make sure that your e-mail is on file so that you receive this publication as well as minutes and other important messages. Those without e-mail will be mailed a copy.
- ✦ Nominations and elections for office are held each year (if necessary).
- ✦ Officers wear “jewels” on colored ribbons which are indicative of their respective office: President, Light Blue; Past President, White; Vice President, Red; Secretary/Financial Secretary/Treasurer/Sentinel, Tri-Color (red/white/blue); Chaplain, Purple.
- ✦ Each Columbiette is issued a membership (travel) card which should be brought to all meetings to show she is a current member in good standing.
- ✦ During a meeting, three raps of the President's gavel indicate that you are to stand; one rap means to sit.
- ✦ Everyone should stand to have their travel cards checked when the President raps the gavel three times at the beginning of a meeting. After each member's travel card is checked, member is seated.
- ✦ Honorary Life Membership cards will be issued automatically when a member has obtained twenty-five (25) consecutive years. Life Membership cards will be issued when a member has obtained fifty (50) years of consecutive service. Fifty-year members will be exempt from all dues and assessments.

- ✦ Our Auxiliary maintains a petition book in which you can request prayers. Prayers for these and other petitions will be said at each meeting.
- ✦ Don Bosco Auxiliary sponsors scholarships, awards for various honorees, and donations to different charities throughout the year.
- ✦ Our website address is: [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com). Our Facebook page is: Don Bosco Columbiettes
- ✦ The State website address is: [www.njcolumbiettes.com](http://www.njcolumbiettes.com) where you can find links for the State Directory, logo wear, ECHO publication and other items of interest.
- ✦ The Don Bosco Columbiettes sponsor a Catholic girls' group (ages 8-17) known as the Squirettes of Mary, Circlette of Mary's Angels. Please visit [www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com) to obtain more information. Meetings are temporarily suspended at the moment due to Covid-19; however, they are normally held eight times a year on the second Sunday of each month (no meetings in January, June, July or August) from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Community Center.
- ✦ The next State Council Annual Weekend Retreat is scheduled for April, 2023 (exact dates TBD) at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ. The cost will be \$(TBD) for the full weekend which includes accommodations, sessions and six meals. A one-day Saturday attendance (with meals) will cost \$(TBD).
- ✦ There is a Memorial Service for deceased Columbiettes and immediate family members which, upon request, will be held at a funeral parlor.
- ✦ Complementary Baptism Remembrance Certificates are available to present to others.
- ✦ Gratis First Communion Remembrance Certificates are also available—a letter of congratulations, a certificate, and book mark will be sent to each communicant by the State Columbiettes.
- ✦ Graveside Markers are available for purchase to honor deceased members.
- ✦ Memorial Fund cards are available for the deceased, get well wishes, thinking of you, thank you, birthdays, anniversaries, congratulations and any occasion. The money from this project supports our seminarians and postulants.
- ✦ The sale of angel pins and “Pennies from Heaven” also helps the Vocation Program. Seminarians and postulants receive money to help in their education at the State Convention each year.
- ✦ The tab top collection helps those who are staying in Ronald McDonald Houses.
- ✦ The backpack ministry aids children who cannot afford school supplies. Backpacks filled with school items are distributed to the five Catholic Dioceses in the State of New Jersey: Camden, Metuchen, Newark, Paterson and Trenton at the State Convention each June.
- ✦ The shoe box ministry (now self-closure plastic bags) helps individuals in shelters throughout the Dioceses in the State of New Jersey. These are also distributed at the State Convention.
- ✦ Your name will be placed in a drawing at State Convention to win \$100 if you sign up three or more new members who take their Initiation prior to the State Convention.
- ✦ The next annual State Convention is June 23-25, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Piscataway/Somerset..
- ✦ If you move, you can be reassigned to a different auxiliary. If you wish to withdraw, you should apply for a Withdrawal Card—Form A-100.