

WHISPERS OF FAITH

SEPTEMBER 2020



Dear Sisters,

Fall 2020

It seems like a long time has passed since our last newsletter. So many changes have taken place with regards to our Auxiliary. We are unable to meet person to person, so State has encouraged its Auxiliary Presidents to learn how to have virtual meetings. I have chosen ZOOM, which is an online meeting room where members see and hear each other. We will have our first ZOOM meeting on Monday, October 5th same date, day as if we would be at the Community Center. We will start at 7:00pm and have our meeting. I have decided to cancel our September meeting and put out the September newsletter with our information. This will allow me to use the whole month, to teach our Sisters, on how to get the ZOOM app on your computer. To get it on your computer go to ZOOM.us and follow directions. We would continue with following our monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month, it just will be virtual meetings. The dates are October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th. If we still have to have virtual meetings, in the new year, the dates are February 1st, March 1st, April 12, (Easter is on the 4th, so I moved the meeting to the following Monday, April 12th.) May 3rd, and June 7 would be our last dates for the 2020-2021 calendar year. A few days before the meeting you will be sent an invite with the passcode and ID number. On the evening of October 5th, you would go to your computer, or IPAD, to join the meeting. I would allow you in and we would wait for all our sisters to join. During September it will be my plan to practice ZOOM meetings with a few sisters 5-7 at a time so that on October 5th we will be up and running.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In May we awarded three scholarships to four deserving young ladies. The Good Citizen Award went to Honorata Lubecka from North Warren Regional. The Mary Ann Stanek Founder's Award went to Isobel Costello who attends Newton High School. The Eighth Grade Awards were presented to Lauren Cordero, and Alison Mszich, who attended the Catholic Academy of Sussex County.

JUNE CONVENTION

The June Convention, was virtual, which Miriam and I attended. We received two awards at the Convention, one for our \$300.00 donation to Pennies for Vocations, and Little Ways of Love Activity Award, which we earned by performing various activities during the year. State is hoping for a real Convention next year, here are the dates, June 25-27, 2021.

In August I delivered our 94 backpacks to Western Chapter, along with 30 packages of toiletries and 52 pounds of can tabs. You should know that Western Chapter that day collected 135 backpacks, of which we donated 94. THANK YOU!

NEW MEMBERS

If you know of any woman who would like to become a Columbiette please contact Pattie Losey at plosey51@gmail.com.

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

This year's campaign has ended, and the final count was 4,172,300. This has been fantastic and there will be a new campaign starting on September 8th our Blessed Mother Mary's birthday. Our focus this year is praying for unborn children, it is called Save Unborn Babies. Check out our website for more information. There is information in the bulletin and below.

THANKS ANNE

I want to thank Anne Kappelmeier for continuing to send to The Troops, cards, pens, and pads for them to use to keep in touch with their family and friends.

MONTHLY DONATIONS

Regarding our monthly donations I have decided that during this virus we would only collect white socks and donate them to the four local nursing homes this December. I will drop them off in mid-December.

A dues coupon appears in this newsletter which you will need to send to Colleen Testa, at 379 A State Route 94S Fredon, NJ 07860 for \$20.00 please make check out to Don Bosco Columbiettes. Paying your dues is especially important this year to add to our treasury. We will not be getting any funds from the Knights this year as you know there was no Fair, so there will be no donation from the Knights.

I hope you and your family are staying well and looking forward to FABULOUS FALL.

God Bless you,

Pam

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Send to Colleen Testa at

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S Fredon, NJ 07860

Name _____

Check number _____

Sending \$20.00 in check made out to Don Bosco Columbiettes

On Saturday September 26th beginning at 10AM at the Newton Green there will be a rally in support for the police. A few of our Knights are in the process of getting permits and wanted to let the Columbiettes know about the rally. The theme of the rally is: WE SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR OUR POLICE.



SUB--SAVE UNBORN BABIES!

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 of Newton, NJ are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession to **Save Unborn Babies**. Please support this endeavor to collectively say **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS** by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have said. This campaign will run from September 8, 2020 (Our Blessed Mother's birthday) to May 31, 2021. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: **hailmarystosub@gmail.com** to receive tallies from anyone at anytime. You may also call 973-943-7930 and leave a message. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. Thank you for your assistance. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at: www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com

