



Our Lady's Guild

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The OLG News – April 2017

“Our Lady of Joy, watch over our Guild.”

Guild Calendar*

APRIL 2017

- 1 Welcome Coffee
- 1-2 Parish Easter project collections
- 4 OLG board meeting
- 8-9 Parish Easter project collections
- 9 Palm Sunday
- 10 Book Club
Parish Easter project sorting Rm 1
- 11 Parish Easter project deliveries
- 13 Theater Group: *Ring of Fire*
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 18 OLG General meeting



MAY 2017

- 2 OLG board meeting
- 8 Book Club
- 14 Mother's Day
- 16 Installation of New Officers/Appreciation Brunch



**Read the newsletter for details submitted by each interest group.*

NEXT GUILD GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – April 18, 2017

8:30 social 9:00 meeting



The April 18th Guild meeting will begin with a social at 8:30 am followed by a short business meeting at 9 am. We have decided to forgo the Aquarium trip and instead will “stay home” and play Bingo! For those of you that have the time and energy, please bring a finger food to share. Could be drinks, nuts, chips, cheese, cracker, veggies, appetizer, or a dessert. Whatever is easy and can be eaten without a mess, so we can snack while we mark those Bingo cards.



Kathy Busto is organizing an impromptu raffle. Have something you would like to donate? It should be NEW...something you may have gotten for a gift but really never needed or wanted...let Kathy know what it is and then bring it to the meeting. All proceeds from the raffle will go to a charity to be determined at the March meeting. If you have a friend that is a parishioner that may be interested in joining the Guild, invite her. This will be a fun way for her to get to know us! Hope to see you on the 18th with dollars in hand and snacks to share.

EVENING Our Lady's Guild Meetings

Thank you to those that attended the March 21st evening meeting! The Lady's Guild evening meeting is going strong. March was the final meeting before our summer break.

We will meet again in September. ☺

Thanks again! Tyra Moore

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUILD PRESIDENT Lena Beale

I had the opportunity to visit three missions in San Antonio in March. These sites, built in the eighteenth century, are such a lovely tribute to the enduring spirit of the Catholic faith. All are still established churches with weekly mass. Mission Concepción stands as one of the country's oldest original stone churches. The atmosphere inside the church was so peaceful.

I arrived back in town to enjoy the 20th St. Joseph Table on Sunday and our Guild meeting on Tuesday. Both were wonderful gatherings. Our Guild speaker, Lin Sue Cooney, was a great success and had us tearful, laughing and captivated during her talk. Lin Sue was overwhelmed with the unexpected Guild contribution of \$500 to Hospice of the Valley.

April will keep us busy finishing up the business of the Guild year 2016-17. By-law revisions will be available at the April meeting as well as emailed to you prior to the meeting. We hope to approve the revisions in April. These revisions were necessary to recognize our new financial structure. They will be procedural revisions and will not change the nature of our funds (i.e. The Guild will maintain control of how our money is spent).

New membership forms will also be available at the April meeting as well as in the May newsletter. We do ask that each Guild member fill out a membership form. The database showing your interests and committee participation is created new for each Guild season. We do not assume that you will join the exact same activities each year. We do sincerely hope that you will consider each opportunity Our Lady's Guild has to offer our members and choose to be involved as your circumstances allow.

As the Lenten season comes to an end in a few weeks, I wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Lena

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
— St. Francis of Assisi

A Note of Thanks!

We received a hand written note from Father Jess on our recent Outreach contribution to Our Lady of Joy. The content is typed below:

3/20/17

Dear Our Lady's Guild Officers & Members,

With gratitude, I want to thank you for your generous donation to our faith community.

Thank you for your support to our church and to me your pastor. I ask you to pray for me as I continue also to pray for all of you.

God Bless you all always.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Jess Ty



We were delighted to have Lin Sue Cooney as our guest speaker at our **March Guild General Meeting**. Lin Sue is a former TV newscaster and currently

Director of Community Engagement for Hospice of the Valley here in Phoenix. She was thrilled with the donation presented to her from Our Lady's Guild.

Thank you Judie Melillo for your heartfelt introduction of Lin Sue.



Guild Welcome Coffee Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 am

Hostess: Toni DiJorio, 30249 N. 49th Place, Cave Creek

If there's someone you know who has expressed an interest in the Guild, this is the perfect opportunity to have them find out more about Our Lady's Guild and meet members in a personal setting. All the women of the parish are invited. We hope to see you there!

Please rsvp by March 29, if possible: Call Toni at 480-502-4991 or email tonidj6@yahoo.com.

FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS



On March 22nd Claire Myones and Elizabeth Venezia delivered our donation of \$2,000 to the Foothills Caring Corps (FCC). The FCC is a non-profit located in Carefree, Arizona. Since 2000, they have served the communities of Carefree, Cave Creek, North Scottsdale, and North Phoenix.

On a daily basis, their professional staff and over 555 volunteers provide, at no cost to their Neighbors, services that add to their enjoyment of life and sense of self worth.

In the past 12 months, they have helped over 400 Neighbors by delivering 9,604 meals, providing 5,775 van trips, making 1,096 social visits, and lending 425 medical items. 40,000 hours were volunteered by our wonderful caring corps.

Their Vision: *We are dedicated to promoting independence and enhancing the quality of life of older residents throughout the community.* If you would like to

learn more about the FCC, visit their website at <http://foothillscaringcorps.com/>.

Let's Kick Off Summer at the Appreciation Brunch!!!



This year's Appreciation Brunch will be held on Tuesday, May 16 after a brief business meeting. The Appreciation Brunch has become one of the highlights of the year, and this will be no exception. This year's theme will be Summer Vacation. The Appreciation Brunch Committee will make all the plans, your job is to dress up for your favorite summer getaway... whether its' a trip to Europe, going to cooler country up north, kicking up sand at the beach or just staying home and lounging by the pool. Come to the Brunch like you're already on vacation.

We'll have fun, food and, of course, prizes for the best costumes. See you all there!



CRAFT ANGELS – Everyone is Welcome

"Craft Angels" and Our Lady Guild Members, We had 13 Guild members filling the bag to go to Umom. We took down 151 fully filled toiletry bags last week to UMOM. Dave Hepburn, the Chief Housing officer was thrilled and overwhelmed with our generosity. These bags will go directly to the women moving into the new Women's center across from UMOM. These are women who are now sleeping in 1 big room at the UMOM shelter in Phoenix. There is no privacy or dignity. According to Dave, these women never receive anything. Blessings to you ladies, who have been so generous!

We have been invited down to UMOM for a tour and lunch. We are planning on going after our April Board meeting. Our Board meeting is April 4, 2017. Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:15am. We can then set up car pools and go down. If you are interested, please email Connie, n_spisak@yahoo.com or Barbara, bmarton1943@gmail.com.

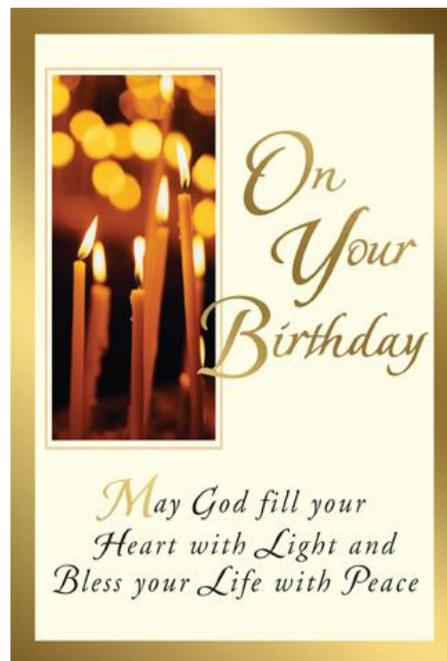
If you have any ideas for a craft or a charity, please contact Connie Spisak at n-spisak@yahoo.com or 480-575-3149. God Bless you for all you do, Connie and Barbara



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

April

- 4/8 Nancy Roach
- 4/9 Pam DiPietro
- 4/15 Kathy Walker
Jude Hickey
- 4/16 Jan Johnston
- 4/20 Linda Renfro
- 4/22 Jan Hunderfund
- 4/24 Maura Casey
- 4/25 Karen Kunz
- 4/26 Pauline Hillins
Sandra McCullough
Connie Spisak
- 4/28 Amy Dale
Nena Ingermanson



May

- 5/6 Gladys Wilke
- 5/12 Rose Hernandez
- 5/14 Susan Willer
- 5/16 Patricia Phee
- 5/19 Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lawrence
- 5/19 Elsa Solorzano
- 5/22 Gertie Craig
- 5/22 Barbara Gowan
- 5/25 Mary Ann Shelton
- 5/28 Loretta Fox



OUR LADY'S GUILD CONTINUES TO FACILITATE THE ANNUAL PARISH EASTER PROJECT 2017 will benefit two worthy groups

The Guild has been the driving force behind this parish project for years, happily. How can you not feel joyous helping Aid to Women and First Way Center which provide services for pregnant women and infants? Through your efforts our parish individuals and families have an avenue to help these potentially vulnerable women and babies. And let's not forget how much fun it is to "ooh" and "aahh" through the infant department.

The donations of items and money are appreciated, but none of this can happen without your support. There are many ways you can help. Think about it and mark your calendars now. Further information will be forthcoming.

March 25-26 Promote and encourage parish participation (Completed)

April 1-2 and **April 8-9** Collect baby items and donations (courtyard before and after Masses)

April 10 Sort and pack donations (parish hall room 1)

April 11 Deliver to Aid to Women and First Way Pregnancy Center (drivers and helpers needed)



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April 2017 Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Beginning in 2017, the Pope will present one prepared prayer intention per month, rather than two. Should an urgent need arise, an additional intention may be added.



HELP WANTED!

We are in need a database person and someone to do the Guild Directory for the 2017-2018 year. These are vital to our organization. You will have guidance and support. Both the database and directory are updated each year but do not need to be started from scratch. Our organization is stronger with each helping hand. Contact Lena if you have any questions, Cell - 908-310-4699, Email, lab952@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important volunteer opportunity!

INTEREST GROUPS AND LEADERS

If you would like to join or get more information on any of our interest groups,
the group leader would be happy to hear from you.



BOOK CLUB
Johanna Covert
jc2cove@cox.net:

The OLG Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 12:45 at the fire house in Cave Creek on Tom Darlington. We will be reading:

- April 10th – *Big Little Lies*
by Lianne Moriarty
- May 8th – *Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead
- June 12th – *Hillbilly Elegy*
by J.D. Vance
- July 10th – *Brit-Marie was Here*
by Frederik Backman



PRAYER CHAIN

Maureen

Lukowiak lukowiak@cox.net Please e-mail your prayer requests to Maureen who will send them out on Tuesday or Wednesday, unless there is an immediate crisis for which she will probably forward the request as she receives it. Questions and suggestions are always welcome. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain please contact Maureen.



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I am proud to announce, Barbara Marton is now my Co-coordinator of "Craft Angels". Thank you so much Barb for stepping up and helping me.

New activities are being planned. Keep a look out for e-mailed information.



GARDEN GALS **Bev Bryson**

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New activities are being planned. Keep a look out for e-mailed information.



FINER DINERS

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New activities are being planned. Keep a look out for e-mailed information.



THEATER GROUP **Carol Byrne**

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Our next Herberger Theater play, *Ring of Fire, The Music of Johnny Cash*, will be on Thursday, April 13 at 2 PM. The group will meet for lunch prior to the show. Please e-mail Carol Byrne at carolbyrneaz@netscape.net or call 602-531-9107 or if you would like to be included in the lunch reservation. There are **extra tickets** available if you would like to attend the **April show**. Contact Carol Loignon, (480) 488-5052.

If you are not a member, but would like to attend this show with the group you can still purchase tickets at www.arizonatheater.org or by calling 602-256-6995. It is always good to check with Carol to see if there are any tickets available from members who can't attend the show.

If you would like to join the group for the 2016/2017 season, there is only one Thursday, 2 PM performance for each show. Dates and descriptions of the shows are available on the website above or by calling the box office at 602-256-6995. The group tickets are 430-438 DD, and you can ask to be seated nearby. Please let Carol know if you are joining the group for 2016-2017, or attending any of the shows so that you can be included in the lunch reservation.

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