



The Columbiette Connection

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Welcome to The Columbiette Connection newsletter

This newsletter is in addition to our Supreme monthly newsletter the Communicator, to any auxiliary newsletter and to the California State Convention which is the best place to connect with other members. Our purpose is to connect all of California States auxiliaries more and to share local California information.

The Columbiette Connection newsletter will be published (early November, March and June) 3 times a year taking the summer off. Anyone can be a reporter for the newsletter sharing your auxiliaries upcoming and past events as well as information on fundraising. Please join us and send your articles, pictures and comments to Maureen Giracello at mgiracello@netscape.net

NAMING CONTEST WINNERS!

The Columbiette Connection newsletter will evolve over time: Hopefully it will always be a connection- for us to welcome, appreciate and enjoy. The Columbiette Connection epitomizes our newsletter ideals. Connecting is our purpose. Sharing with our sisters for information, inspiration, news and getting to know each other.

A Newsletter naming contest was the first step. Thank you to all who participated with great name ideas.

Congratulations to Laura Sperry and Linda Ruiz who won by giving our newsletter its name!



Please remember during the Pandemic to have the **Liability Release Forms signed and kept** for all Columbiettes sponsored meetings and events. Travel Cards are out this week.

The Ceremonial Initiation documents to be sent to the auxiliary presidents are coming soon. State will have a Virtual Ceremonial

Initiation on December 6th at 4:00 PM. Please send candidate names and member number, if any, to: cacolumbiettespresident@gmail.com

A big **Thank you** to all the auxiliaries for sending in your Code of Conduct Page 6 to Supreme.

Please send your auxiliary pictures from Christmas and New Year's outside events or zoom meetings.

Inspirational Corner

Dear Columbiettes,

In these times of so much uncertainty, my heart is over joyed seeing you unceasingly working for the good of our Church and community. I thank you immensely for your ministry to us all. Even though we are still in the middle of this COVID pandemic, you haven't stop!!! Allow me to say that one of the biggest epidemics in Christianity today, is the epidemic of "not enough." Not enough time, not enough to give, not enough faith, not enough prayer, and the list goes on.

The Bible is full of stories of women doing great and mighty things. They were women of faith. Women who were shrewd who knew how to get things done, women who put their lives, families and business on the line for their work for the Lord and His servants. We find women in both the Old and New Testaments in every role from poets to prophets, some example are: The prophet, Anna, widowed at an early age, spent the major part of her life in the temple where she worshipped with fasting and prayer. She gave thanks to God and spoke of Him to all who sought the redemption of Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38).

Another one with a very meaningful message that remind me of all you do and of how we all could respond to the Lord; the poor widow who is better known in history than is the richest man in Jerusalem. Her gift, her offering so small it



Pastor at St. Anthony Parish

would not buy a loaf of bread, was so large, so unselfishly given that through its influence and testimony hospitals have been built and the needy helped, the hungry fed, backpacks given to children, autumn boutiques set in place even in the midst of a pandemic, scholarships offered to the youth and much more (Mark 12:41-44).

They were the women who were friends of Jesus as well as the many women of the early church who worked alongside the Apostles and I see them again here in **blue polo shirts** whose gifts are never small.

I want to remind you please, never think that what you are doing is not enough because any "not enough" is more than enough in Christ. I give thanks to the Lord for the gift of your ministry to us and I pray, may Jesus be your strength and help and the only One who can dispel the "not enoughts" for good. Because with Jesus you are always more than enough. ([2 Corinthians 9:8](#))

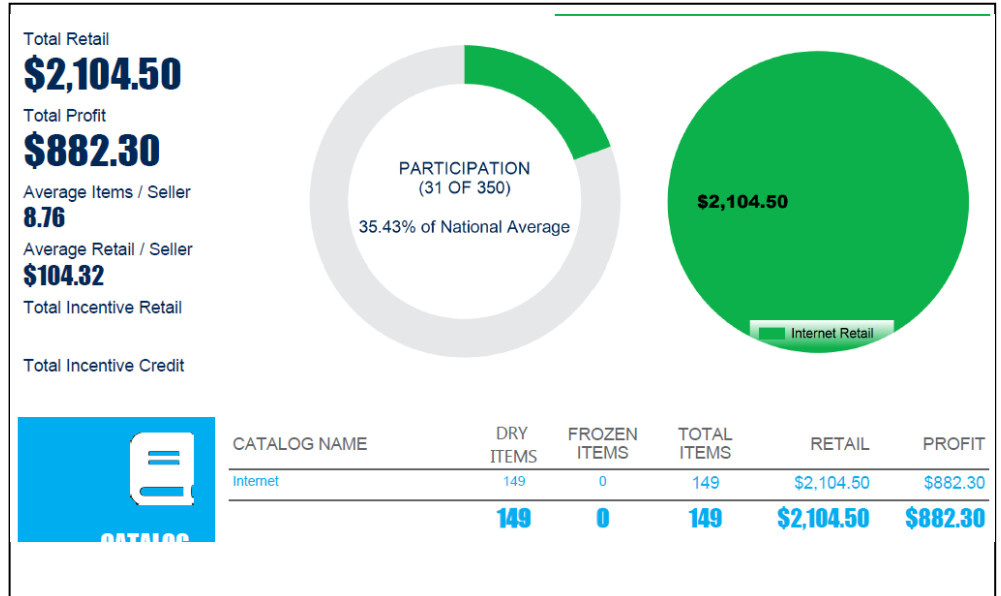
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

California State Columbiettes Believe Kids Fundraiser

The fundraiser started September 28th through October 12th online at <https://www.shopfund.com> Proceeds going to California State Expansion for new auxiliaries and some support to Supreme Convention delegates. Our sales were 2,104.50 giving us a profit of \$882.30.

Items were already made and sent out immediately. For those who just wanted to donate California State Columbiettes received \$630 giving a grand total of \$1512.30. Our top sellers over \$200 were Laura



Sperry from St. Junipero Serra and Librada Davis from St. Anthony. They will receive a Columbiettes apron in the mail. A big thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser. Also, thank you to Nita Cruz who created the flyer for the fundraiser and a special thank you to Fran Kennealy who chaired the event.

Save the DATE! California State Convention 2021



June 18 and 19, 2021
 Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center
 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario CA 91764
 Convention packets should go out sometime in December

HOLY FAMILY OF THE MOUNTAINS

A great big welcome to our newest Auxiliary HOLY FAMILY OF THE MOUNTAINS Lake Arrowhead. It is such a gift - feeling of comradery- to expand our family with such dedicated and caring sisters.



Helen Seagull

When speaking with Kat Kantz, she directed me to Becky Trombley, California State President. MS Trombley was an answer to my longing. She immediately began to communicate with me and helped with brochures and information. I began to put brochures in the Church and the church bulletin and I stood in the hallway of the church with applications. Beth Fiddler, current Auxiliary Vice President, was a big help with applications. We announced in church for women to join. We had the applications and information for women to sign up. That was the beginning of our organization. With Becky's help and her in-person meeting, we continued to grow.

We had setbacks because of the Covid-19 lockdown, but we were determined to overcome them and here we are today 23 charted strong CATHOLIC women on fire ready to make a difference in this world. We are committed to help the Birthing Center and to follow the guidelines of the Sunshine Club-cards to the lonely, the sick, Spiritual Nights, Retreats and of course fun activities, like a Christmas Tea with Santa for children, grandchildren and the Knights along with a craft fair-AND MANY MORE!

Blessings

President, Helen A Seagull Holy family of the Mountains, # 7950

HOLY FAMILY OF THE MOUNTAINS

COMMENTS FROM DENISE BRENNAN - Columbiettes State President -

California State Columbiettes are very excited and honored to have a new auxiliary of strong, positive, faith filled women join the greatest Catholic women's organization called The Columbiettes.

COMMENTS FROM BECKY TROMBLEY - Immediate Past State President-Instrumental in the organization and initiation of the new auxiliary.

Helen and her ladies are amazing and so enthusiastic, they made it very easy to help them. Helen and I spent a lot of time on the phone and sending emails back and forth. Kip and I even went to visit and have a question and answer session with the ladies and some of the Knights. We encouraged Helen, her ladies and her Knights to ask questions, as we didn't want the new auxiliary to struggle, if we had an answer to their questions. As much as we wanted to get California's 10th auxiliary up and

running as soon as possible, it was not meant to be. Covid-19 slowed us all down, made us stop and think about what was going on in the world and send up prayers.

In the meantime, Supreme, being the incredible group of ladies that they are, came up with a Ceremony that would initiate Holy Family of the Mountains and get them rolling. Supreme then went one step further and created the beautiful Ceremony that will move forward, even after we get to be together again, that will allow all who witness it, become an officer, if they so choose to do so. I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful group of Catholic ladies, and I'm thankful to be on this journey with you all.



Auxiliary Corner

Bishop O'Dowd #3473 See's Candy Fundraiser (Diane Noonan)

Our Auxiliary, Bishop O'Dowd Columbiettes, has a virtual fundraiser event going on through See's Candies. Our store is open for candy shopping until December 4, 2020. It's very easy, just click on the link below and start shopping. **Please support this fundraiser.** The link below can even be forwarded to friends and family so they can also candy shop. Thank you for all of your help

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/bishopoc_bishop_odowd_columbiettes_86/candy?h=DiaNoo3958&c=ot4551

St Elizabeth Ann Seton #13619 Ontario, Ca.

This auxiliary collected thank you cards with messages of appreciation for frontline health workers through the month of October. The

cards were delivered to Pomona Valley Medical Center in Pomona and Kaiser Permanente Ontario Medical Center in Ontario. Included in the cards were messages thanking the workers for their service, hard work, and dedication to the community during this pandemic crisis.

St Junipero Serra #9498 (Laura Sperry)

We are happy to report that our Auxiliary voted to sponsored 23 wreaths for the National Wreaths Across America program where wreaths will be laid on the graves of U.S. veterans on December 19, 2020. The mission of the Wreaths Across America program is to: Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans; Honor Those Who Serve; and Teach Your Children the Value of Freedom. To sponsor a wreath, you can go to the following link:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0330P

Our Dear Harriett

Harriet Zych, a charter member of the St. Anthony's Columbiettes, left us August 20, 2020. She is out of pain and in God's hands now. She was buried a week later in Skylawn Cemetery and with the pandemic there was no services. On October 11th several Columbiettes took a road trip to Skylawn Cemetery in San Mateo. We prayed the rosary and then sang Happy Birthday. Harriett would have been 91 years old.



On the morning of October 24th Father Giopre our California State Chaplain live streamed a mass on Facebook from the Philippine's where he was on retreat. Father G's sermon captured Harriett completely. He said she was poor in spirit. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Harriett did have a religious awareness to share things or do things because God wanted her to do them.



At noon on October 24th Father Rafael said a mass for Harriett at St. Anthony's outdoor plaza. Our California Columbiettes Honor Guard and the St. Anthony Columbiettes processed in at the beginning of the mass along with Harriett's son John and his family.



After the mass a garden area near the plaza was blessed and dedicated to Harriett for all that she has done for the Columbiettes and the community. I believe Harriett is up in heaven and she has already begun recruiting Columbiettes.

First Year Anniversary of Queen of All Saints August 23rd



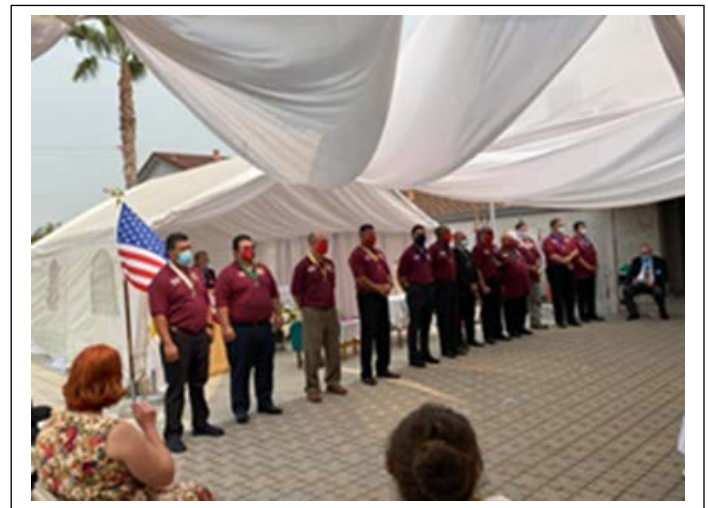
Queen of All Saints #13195 celebrated the first year Anniversary August 30th outdoors and socially distanced

Installations in early September

Bishop Begin #7164 Installation Included the Knights and the Columbiettes →



St. Anthony #10414 Installation Included the Knights, the Columbiettes and the Squirettes



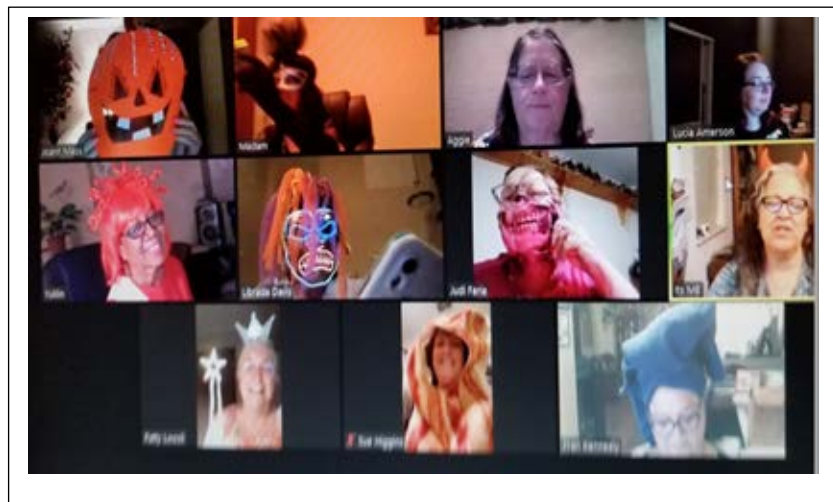
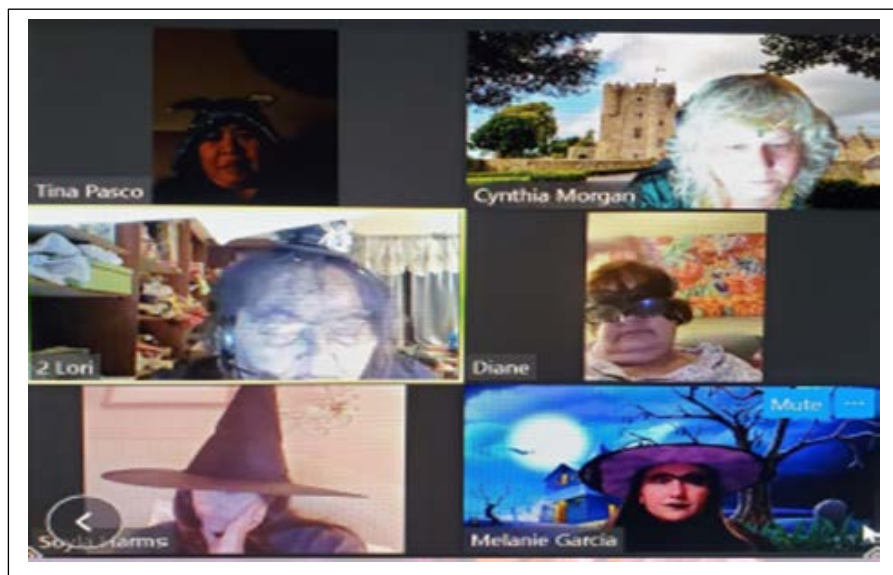
Columbiette Meetings in October



There were costumes at the State Officers Meeting in October 30th. I thought it was interesting that there were 3 members that dressed as DEATH from our old Major Degree, a chef, a scary skeleton and a few masks.

At Queen of All Saints October auxiliary meeting the members came dressed up for Halloween with several great witch costumes.

Thank you,

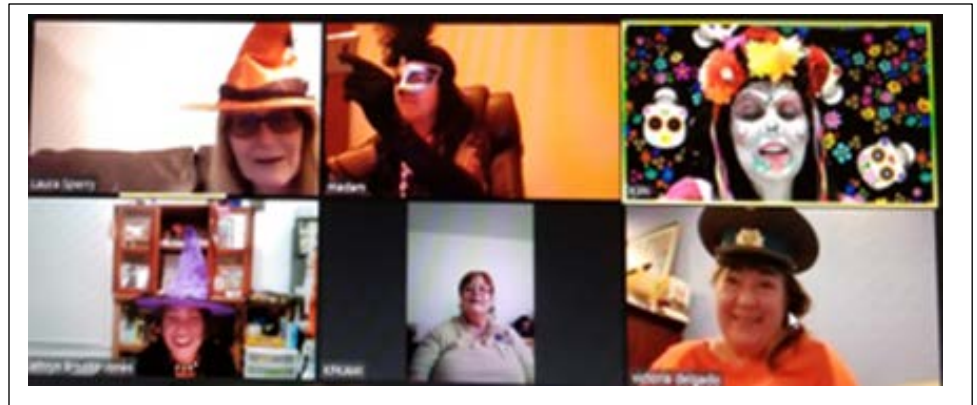


St. Anthony's auxiliary meeting had everything: a pumpkin, a flapper girl, coronavirus, scary masks, a devil, a princess, bacon, and a hair wash.

St. Junipero Serra’s October 21st auxiliary meeting



Standouts for costumes were: Columbiette Kim Palek who came dressed in her Día de Los Muertos attire and Columbiette Ellis who came dressed as Frida Kahlo.



November Trivia

- **Why did the police arrest the turkey?**
They suspected it of fowl play!
- **What kind of music did Pilgrims listen to?**
Plymouth Rock.
- **What do turkeys and teddy bears have in common?**
They both have stuffing.

The California State Officers wish you and your family a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!



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Be a sponsor for our Newsletter at \$20 a year for a square (business card size) here.