



# Communicator

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### Message from Our Supreme President

My dear sister Columbiettes,  
  
Here we are in February 2021, there is a new horizon in front of us. As we prepare for our Lenten Season, try to incorporate some religious activities into your monthly meetings.

Across the 19 states where we are Columbiettes, our meetings look different. We are either meeting in person, socially distanced, in states, cities, or counties where it is permitted, or we are meeting virtually also due to COVID regulations.

Either way, *STAY CONNECTED* with your members. Staying connected is very *IMPORTANT* for our wellbeing. I hear that there are

auxiliaries who are not meeting at all! This is not a good solution to this pandemic, we all need something to do, we all need to look forward to something even if we have "no business" to discuss, discuss something, recipes, or knitting, or crafts, or say a rosary, or just to "check in with each other", or play Bingo for fun, just do something. Our members are not just "members" they are all our **FRIENDS**. You are our leaders and leaders lead even more so now.

We are aware that many states have begun to roll out the vaccines and we pray that this will help eliminate this dreadful pandemic and greatly assist in getting us back on track as a

country and an organization. Whatever your thoughts are on getting or not getting this vaccine, we pray for YOU. Please pray for us all.

Also, please remember at 8:00 PM every evening, to say a Hail Mary for the eradication of this pandemic and for Peace in our Hearts and our Country.

Stay Safe Be Well

Wishing You Peace Always,  
*Micki*

Micki Magee  
Supreme President

### Message from Our Supreme Chaplain



TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN  
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK  
Season of Advent  
Year of St. Joseph

Dear Supreme President Magee,

Your good wishes and generous gift help make these holy days even happier. Thanks!

Hearing from friends like you is for me one of the real presents of this season!

A blessed New Year,

Faithfully in Christ,

*† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*

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Archbishop of New York

### Message from the Supreme Past President:

Have you ever led people who didn't trust each another? If you have, you know how challenging and draining it can be. A team without trust isn't really a team. It's just a group of individuals working together and often making disappointing progress. They may not share information; they battle over rights and responsibilities; and they may not cooperate with one another. It doesn't matter how capable or talented your team members are, they may never reach their full potential if trust isn't present. Whether it's business or personal relationships, all bonds are built on trust; without it, you have nothing. However, when trust is in place, each individual on the team becomes stronger because each is part of an effective, cohesive group. When people trust one another, the group can achieve truly meaningful goals. Trust is a glue in life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the fundamental principle that holds all relationships together.

So, how can you as a team leader help your team build the trust that it needs to flourish? One definition describes trust as a "reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone of something." Think about that. Trust means that you rely on someone else to do the right thing. You believe in a person's integrity and strength to the extent you are able to put yourself on the line at some risk to yourself. Trust is essential to an effective team because it provides a sense of safety. When your team members feel safe with each other, they feel comfortable to open up, take appropriate risks and expose vulnerabilities. Without trust

there is less innovation, collaboration, creative thinking, and productivity. Without trust, people spend their time protecting themselves and their interests instead of spending time helping the group attain its goals. Trust is essential for knowledge sharing. It is a key element in a team's knowledge acquisition. Simply, if your team members trust each other, they are more likely to share knowledge and communicate openly.

As leader, what can you do to create a culture of trust within your team?

First, lead by example. Show your group that you trust others. The process of building trust is an interesting one. It begins with yourself, with what should be called "self-trust" and your own credibility, your own trustworthiness. If you think about it, it's hard to establish trust with others if you can't trust yourself. Trust yourself, create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Never forget that you are always being observed, take the opportunity to show them what real trust looks like. It's important to follow through on promises or commitments you make. Positive achievement builds trust quickly. You can raise the entire group's tone and expectations by the example you set.

Open communication is essential to build trust. Everyone on the team needs to be talking to each other in an honest, meaningful way. To accomplish this, first create a purpose for the team and assign roles. Encourage discussion with the members for any questions, concerns and expectations. Remind

your team that everyone's approaches and opinions are valued, even when they have quite different ideas. Meet regularly so that team members have a chance to talk about their progress and discuss problems they may encounter. Getting to know each other is important to establishing trust and creating the opportunity to help and support one another. Make sure you "walk the talk". Demonstrate open communication by sharing information. The more you share, the more you prove that you have no hidden agenda and the more comfortable your team will feel trusting you and each other.

Encourage your members to see their colleagues as individuals. Help them share personal stories to encourage bonding. Do this by genuinely asking about their families and interests. We already have a basis with the common values we share as Columbiettes; build on that foundation. Encourage socialization after business. If your group is meeting virtually, schedule online chat time for members picking a topic or interest to promote an exchange of ideas or information.

Honest mistakes and disappointments happen; do NOT place blame on any one person. This lowers morale, undermines trust and is ultimately unproductive. Instead, encourage constructive solutions about the mistake. Ask what can be done to fix it, how can we prevent this from happening again and how can we move forward together.

Sometimes cliques can form within the team, especially between team members who share common interests or outside friendships. These

### Who are our Officers and Directors

#### President

Micki Magee - (NY)

#### Past President

Ronnie Albert - (FL)

#### Vice President

Ronny Pliszak - (NY)

#### Secretary

Jean Breyer - (NY)

#### Financial Secretary

Jeanne Mucci - (NY)

#### Treasurer

Carole Samperton - (NC)

#### Advocate

Janet Schuler - (GA)

#### Sentinel

Marlene Korn - (NC)

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Fran Corcione	NJ
Joellen Dodson	PA
Lisa Koenig	NY
Barbara Maier	NY
Crystal Vliek	GA

#### **Two Year**

Carol Bohinski	NJ
Kathy LoFrese	NY
Vicky Porcelli	NY
Jackie Ryan	CT
Pat Vahlsing	DE

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CERTIFIED MAIL TO  
SUPREME OFFICE**

## Message from the Supreme Past President con't:

groups, even inadvertently, make others feel isolated. Start an open discussion about this with your members and see what their perspective is. Only by addressing the issue openly can you discourage this damaging behavior.

Discuss trust issues. If you inherited a membership that has trust issues, it is essential to find the origin of the

problem so that you can come up with a strategy to overcome it. You may consider handing out an anonymous questionnaire. Ask them about the trust level in the group and why they think there is a lack of trust. Once you get a base line, you can get together to talk about the issues.

Always remember to respect

the anonymity of the survey.

In leadership, there is no belief more important than trust. In an organization, trust must be developed in every member of the team for success to be achieved. Trust isn't about liking your team, it's about being able to count on your team.

Ronnie Albert  
Supreme Past President

## Message from the Supreme Secretary:

Auxiliary Financial Secretaries:

I hope you all are staying well. Just a note - when you have a new member, please remember to complete the section on the new A100 that says Initiation Ceremony Date.

Also, when sending the information in for a new member who is a Nun, please make sure to identify this. It is always easier to make changes when they are highlighted to identify them.

## Message from the Supreme Financial Secretary:

Make every effort to pay your outstanding bills for supplies on time to avoid a late charge. Double check your briefcases and folders for outstanding bills. You do not need a motion to pay these bills from Supreme.



**Why is St.  
Valentine the patron  
Saint of Love?**

Before St. Valentine was killed for refusing to renounce his faith, he sent a loving note to a child he had been helping to teach, the daughter of his jailer, and that note eventually led to the tradition of sending Valentine's cards.

## Message from the Supreme Advocate:

Happy New Year to Everyone!

First, I'd like to say a very big and heartfelt THANK YOU to all of my sisters across the country for the incredible outpouring of condolences for the loss of my dad. My family and I are so overwhelmed by how many masses, prayer cards, prayer gifts and condolence cards we received from so many. It is a great reminder of how wonderful this organization is and how we care for each other in our time of need. Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers

and am so thankful for your kindness.

Second, just a reminder as I'm starting to see By-law changes, to use the correct format for these changes, that being to show how your current By-laws read and then showing how you would like the change to read. Examples and further instruction are in the instruction letter sent with the new Sample By-Laws sent by the Supreme President last month. If

you would like anything resent to you, please send an email to [supremeadvocate@columbiettes.com](mailto:supremeadvocate@columbiettes.com) and I'll be happy to send to you. Also remember to look through the new Sample carefully, as there are several spots that need to be changed to remove the reference to "Major Degree". As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!  
Janet Schuler  
Supreme Advocate



*My dear Sister Columbiettes,*

*Being a Columbiette has always given me a great sense of belonging to an organization that cares for one another. During the past few weeks, I have been blessed to have received so much of that love and support. The many Mass and Sympathy cards, as well as the kind words, have at times brought me to tears. The death of my brother came as quite a shock, but to learn that my cousin had also passed away on the same day was quite devastating for my family.*

*While a simple Thank You doesn't seem quite adequate, please know that it comes from my heart and I shall always be grateful to each of you for all your kindness.*

*With gratitude and love,*

*Pat Vahlsing*



February 17, 2021



*“GOLD CARD”*

*After receiving her Gold Card for 50 years of service, Patricia Gaffney wrote she was “delighted to place the card in my wallet and proudly carry it”. She stated “it was an honor and privilege” for her.*

*Pat joined Vera Cruz Columbiettes with her mother Evelyn Gaffney and Eileen Sciacca. Pat now belongs to Don Bosco 4960 Columbiettes in New York.*

# 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Winners

Dear Sister Columbiettes

On behalf of Supreme Council Columbiettes, we want to congratulate and thank everyone for supporting the "12 Days of Christmas" raffle. This year it was so exciting to have so many winners, and also to be able to help the auxiliaries financially. Everyone was generous and supportive. Thank you for all you do all the time.

The winners are as follows: \$250.00 to the winner and \$50.00 to the Auxiliary:



### I Desire Mercy

Putting up with annoying people: This too is a work of mercy, and we do not always recognize it as such.

Living side by side, we Christians certainly try to love one another according to Jesus' example and commandment. But despite everyone's good will, occasionally people with very different personalities end up living together. Thus, it is comforting to know that to put up with others is a work of mercy: to endure their behavior, their awkward manner, their nagging; basically, to lovingly disregard what are really minor shortcomings. Similar to feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, this is one of the works that will be asked of us at our final examination.

Servant of God Chiara Lubich  
 Founder and President of the  
 Focolare Movement

1.	Ginny Grant	NC	Our Lady of the Rosary
2.	Linda LaCugna	NJ	Prince of Peace
3.	Ann Vollmer	PA	Very Rev. Michael McCabe
4.	Judy Ferrazzano	NJ	OLP-Fords
5.	Elaine Addie	NY	Patchogue
6.	Janice Pappas	CT	Fr. Myron Miller
7.	Mary Gerlach	NY	Patchogue
8.	Mary Sloner	PA	St. Joseph's
9.	Pat Whitty	NJ	St. Anthony
10.	Patricia Yurasits	NY	Delaney
11.	Diane Coleman	NY	St. Frances de Chantal
12.	Roberta Esposito	NJ	St. Anne's

Have a HAPPY, SAFE, and HEALTHY New Year!! Wear your mask, social distance and hand sanitize. We will be together in person again, but for now stay in touch with each other by telephone, text, Zoom, whatever works. Supreme is here for you if you need anything or have any questions.

Thank you again!

God Bless you and your families always,  
 The "Fundraiser Committee" and Supreme Council Columbiettes





## IRS COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all.

As many of you know it is now time for the majority of you to file your 990N (e-Postcard) with the IRS in order to maintain your Auxiliary's tax-exempt status. This should be a pretty simple task.

If by some chance you are having difficulties and the site does not cooperate try going in as a new account but use the old username and password. If that doesn't work and you are forced to change username and password, please note changes for future use.

Answer your questions and add the current President's contact information. (Do NOT add DBA name. Do NOT use church/council address). Most important is printing the last page for your records even if the status says "Pending". It has the date of filing, so you have a written verification. You can always go back later and see if an update has posted as "Accepted".

The website has been a bit unpredictable during this pandemic so you may have to attempt filing more than one time. The IRS number is 1-877-829-5500 if you need to contact them for specific questions concerning the Auxiliary's account. We are here also for general questions or concerns at [SupremeIRSQA@columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeIRSQA@columbiettes.com). Please do not allow your Auxiliary to be revoked. The fee is up to \$600 to get reinstated along with the extra paperwork required by Form 1024.

The Supreme IRS committee sends its best wishes for success to all our Auxiliaries and Chapters as you begin your 2021 year.

Ronnie Albert Ronny Pliszak  
Supreme IRS Committee



## Computer Help Desk

Happy New Year!

Our computer system continues to give us challenges, but just a reminder that when you send in an issue to the help email, please be very specific with the details:

- Make sure you identify yourself and what Auxiliary or Chapter you are from including the State.
- A detailed description of the issue you are having. For example, if you are getting an error message, what does that error message say? If you can provide a screen shot, that is always helpful.
- If you can describe what you were doing when the error happened, that can also be helpful in finding a fix to a problem.

Please be sure to send your email to [supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com](mailto:supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com)

Thanks!  
Janet Schuler



You are all welcome to join our Facebook Group! Find us under:

**Supreme Council Columbiettes**  
(three separate words)

Many of you have already joined and we are happy to have you! IF you have been invited to join by a group member please accept the invitation. You can also become a member by clicking on *Join Group* button. Invite your Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights to join us as well!

Kathy Bacon  
Administrator

### **Pope Francis Proclaims, “Year of St. Joseph” and Plenary Indulgence:**

On December 8 the Holy Father proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph.” In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.

Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

At the conclusion of his Letter, the Pope added a prayer to St. Joseph that he encourages us to pray:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.**

**Amen.**



### **Prayer for Inauguration Day**

Please note: This prayer was written by Franklin Graham for the Inauguration of George W. Bush in 2001. I have changed it so that it can be used for the inauguration in 2021. I think it says what needs to be said for the place our country is right now.

**We pray, O Lord, for President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, to whom You have entrusted leadership of this nation at this moment in history. We pray that you will help them bring our country together so that we may rise above partisan politics and seek the larger vision of Your will for our nation.**

**Use them to bring reconciliation between the races, healing to political wounds, that we may truly become one nation under God. Give our new president, and all who advise him, calmness in the face of storms, encouragement in the face of frustration, and humility in the face of success. Give them the wisdom to know and to do what is right, and the courage to say no to all that is contrary to Your statutes of holy law.**



### The Life of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

“Elizabeth Ann Seton is a saint. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is an American. All of us say this with special joy, and with the intention of honoring the land and the nation from which she sprang forth as the first flower in the calendar of the saints. Elizabeth Ann Seton was wholly American! Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage.” –Pope Paul VI

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “Saint.” Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

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**work hard.**  
 ↳ **have fun.**  
 ↓  
**make a difference.**



**President's Day:**

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Presidents' Day 2021 will occur on Monday, February 15.

Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

Let's also take the time to celebrate the presidents in our Columbiette Order. Thank all our presidents for their leadership and the time they devote to the Columbiettes!



The Supreme Council Columbiettes recommends the amount of time States, Chapters, and Auxiliaries are to keep certain records and documents. Please note: The suggested retention periods listed are not offered as final authority; but, as guidelines for you to meet your Auxiliary's needs. There may be several situations which necessitate longer periods than are legally required: for example, historical or reference purposes.

Here are **some** examples:

**Internal Revenue Service:** All correspondence with the IRS should be kept permanently. This

includes your EIN number as well as a record of your filings of the 990-N postcard. This information should be given to and retained by the current President.

**Audit Reports:** Should be kept seven years.

**Minute Books:** Should be kept permanently.

**Financial Records:** These records should be kept seven years:

- Canceled checks for important transactions, i.e., taxes, special contracts, etc.,

should be filed with the papers pertaining to the transaction.

- End of the year financial statements.

*Note: Please keep in mind "documentation" may include all electronic files and memos. It can include, but is not limited to, such items as emails, tax software files, general ledger files, "pdf" files or any other form of information that is created and/or stored electronically."*

**LET'S LEARN**

**DID YOU KNOW. . .**

The more you know...

A District Deputy (DD) is a special representative of the State President. DD's are appointed each year and serve at the pleasure of the State President. The DDs have general supervision of the Auxiliaries in their assigned district and are responsible for the enforcement of the laws and rules of the Order. They are your "go to" person.

If an Auxiliary is having a problem or issue, contact your DD who will be able to advise and assist you in solving the problem/issue. If you have a question, need clarification or

want to change your By-laws, contact your DD. She will be able to assist you. Invite your DD to your Auxiliary meeting so your members can meet her.

**If you are a DD,** notify the Auxiliary President when you would like to attend a meeting. Do not just show up! Speak during the Good of the Order, keep your assigned Auxiliary up to date on programs, as well as changes, on both the State and Supreme level and be available to the Auxiliary President.

District Deputies are invaluable to our Order, please do not hesitate to utilize their

knowledge.

The more you know.



# Congratulations

## Congratulations: 50 years- January

Alice M. Striffler

Patchogue

New York

## Congratulations: 25 years- January

Jacqueline E. Brennan  
 Frances A. Brown  
 Lorraine Casabianca  
 Lorraine P. Clark  
 Jeanne S. Delaney  
 Nora B. Devane  
 Joan C. Deyak  
 Kathleen A. Donovan  
 Maria A. Faria-Pinhal  
 Susan C. Ferlicchi  
 Judith A. Ferrazzano  
 Linda Fink  
 Frances C. Gagliano

Marie M. Gironda  
 Josephine B. Gonyo  
 Kathleen J. Gonyo-Reek  
 Agnes Gorzka  
 Barbara J. Halek  
 Sarah T. Huha  
 Patricia I. Kahl  
 Barbara Ann E. Lissi  
 Bernadette E. Lukacs  
 Lee McAna  
 Camille D. McDonald  
 Jane E. McGann  
 Patricia A. Novak

Catherine Paone  
 Elizabeth A. Pater  
 Christine M. Piatkowski  
 Rosalie Picone  
 Jeanne P. Potts  
 Nancy A. Sofield  
 Marilyn M. Stevens  
 Margaret B. Whalen  
 Sharon T. Whitman  
 Judith A. Wiuff  
 Patricia Zellner



As we celebrate President's Day this month, did you know.....

Presidents' Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives- George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Roald Reagan-were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

## Congratulations: 25 years- February

Amelia Ammirati  
 Rosa Angiull  
 Kathryn E. Arnold  
 Maria Carpinelli  
 Louise J. Chimenti

Alice T. Gatt  
 Phyllis Grimaldi  
 Ann Marie M. Jessen  
 Maddalena Labellarte  
 Ellen LaFrantz

Rachel T. Merola  
 Patricia A. Moreton  
 Marion Pensabene  
 Santa S. Ragusa  
 Rosemary Tricarichi



# Happy Anniversary!

## January

State	Auxiliary	Number	Institution date	Years
NJ	Parsippany	3680	1/27/1955	66
NY	James V. Kavanaugh	5293	1/27/1964	57
NY	St. Columba	1119	1/20/1974	47
NY	Columbus	126	1/1/1980	41
CT	General Philip Sheridan	24	1/27/1980	41
NY	Right Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney	5983	1/6/1995	26
NJ	Our Lady of Peace	9199	1/14/1996	25
FL	St. Anthony's	6800	1/24/1998	23
NJ	St. Bartholomew	11873	1/10/1999	22
FL	St. Peter the Apostle	12178	1/16/2000	21
SC	Michael O'Connor	5026	1/6/2002	19
SC	Rev David J.Schiller	11910	1/11/2003	18
FL	Little Flower	13097	1/3/2004	17
NJ	Millstone Valley	11415	1/4/2004	17
FL	St Sylvester	13277	1/29/2005	16
FL	Father Philip de Carriere	10484	1/30/2010	11
FL	St. Joan of Arc	13051	1/27/2013	8
PA	Father John T Butler	4084	1/27/2013	8
NY	Father William A. Daly	2122	1/4/2014	7
PA	Our Lady of Queenship	4068	1/4/2014	7
PA	Holy Child	12043	1/5/2014	7
CT	Divine Mercy	14664	1/14/2017	4
FL	San Antonio	1768	1/21/2017	4
CA	St. Junipero Serra	9498	1/13/2018	3
GA	Prince of Peace	13457	1/27/2018	3
NJ	St Ann's	2853	1/5/2020	1
NJ	Prince of Peace	5903	1/12/2020	1

### 48th March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The national March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Jan. 29, 2021. For more information on the 2021 March for Life visit the official website: [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org).

Can't make it to D.C.? Check with your Diocese to see what events are being held in your area.

## February

State	Auxiliary	Number	Institution date	Years
NY	Memorare	3476	2/10/1953	68
NY	Bishop Curley	3717	2/25/1960	61
NJ	Our Lady of Victory	2061	2/19/1961	60
NY	Holy Mother Mary	3958	2/15/1966	55
CT	Father Hussion	2968	2/20/1979	42
FL	Dr. Lawrence O'Rourke	4726	2/24/1979	42
NJ	Immaculate Conception	4907	2/3/1985	36
NY	St. Sylvester	6844	2/28/1994	27
NY	St. Mary's	4065	2/26/1995	26
NJ	Union	4504	2/8/2009	13
NY	St. Leo's	9461	2/15/2009	12
NC	Our Lady of the Rosary	9039	2/28/2009	12
FL	Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen	12956	2/6/2010	11
FL	St. Stephen	14084	2/20/2010	11
GA	Sacred Heart of Jesus	9915	2/5/2012	9
NY	St. Frances de Chantal	6526	2/8/2014	7
NY	New Hyde Park	2852	2/8/2015	6
PA	Light of Christ	8726	1/13/2018	3
FL	San Antonio	12456	2/3/2018	3
WI	St. Patrick's	3464	2/24/2018	3
AL	Bishop OSullivan	2736	2/2/2019	2
CA	St. Margaret Mary	15339	2/2/2019	2
FL	St. Agnes	14202	2/16/2019	2

## The Columbiëtte Store

Do you have a Columbiëtte in your Auxiliary who is celebrating a milestone? A member who went above and beyond? Perhaps you've lost a member and a card to their family just doesn't seem like enough?



Certificates can be ordered on the Supreme website for Achievement, Merit and for Condolence. The certificates can be ordered with or without a folder. The cost is \$5.00 each without the folder and \$10.00 each with a folder.



**Beautiful new Baldrics in size small, medium and large!**

To give you an idea on the Length

Large is 39 inches long

Price is \$15.00

To Order Baldrics or Columbiëtte Face Masks

Send an email to [office@columbiettes.com](mailto:office@columbiettes.com) along with your name, mailing address, contact phone number, Auxiliary name and quantity wanted.

Columbiettes Logo face masks. Masks are 3 ply, soft, washable 5 ½ inches high by 7 inches wide. Each mask comes individually wrapped.

\$8.50 plus postage (handling charges are waived)





## Reminders:

- ✓ **Presidents** share the newsletter and correspondence from Supreme with your members.
- ✓ **Presidents** of Auxiliaries, Chapters and States should keep their members updated regularly regarding meetings and other important information as we all go through social distancing.
- ✓ **Presidents** should check to see when their auxiliary is due to file the 990-N form with the IRS.
- ✓ **Presidents** are asked to let us know if you have any suggestions on how Supreme can help you meet your auxiliary's needs. Send responses to: [Office@Columbiettes.com](mailto:Office@Columbiettes.com).
- ✓ **Presidents** if you can safely do so, call for an audit in January of the financial books. The Immediate Past President serves as Chair. Audits are done twice a year and a full reporting is to be submitted to the membership at the meeting following the audit.
- ✓ **Presidents** new sample By-laws for State, Chapter and Auxiliary have been sent out.
- ✓ **Presidents** your respective State By-laws should be reviewed to see if your auxiliary has any changes they would like to see made. Any changes are to be sent to the State Advocate for a vote at the State convention.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** Supreme per capita invoices have been sent to the Financial Secretaries. These bills do not require a vote by the membership and should be paid before March 31, 2021. The invoices are based on the auxiliary membership lists on the Supreme website.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to notify the Supreme Council Office of any changes to the information of their Officers, Delegates and Alternates. Changes can be made on the Supreme website. This information is to be kept up to date including email addresses.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to include any appropriate fee when sending in an A-100 form. Always make sure the auxiliary information is filled in completely including Initiation Ceremony date. Make sure all the information on the form is legible.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** a new A100 form has been approved and is available for your use on the Supreme website. Please delete all previous A100 forms.

## In Need Of Prayer...

Prayers for those with COVID:  
Vincent P. Tavormina-NJ State  
Deputy

Maxie Clark, her husband Barry,  
her son and granddaughter

Anna Richmond and her husband  
Mark

Diane (Dee) Waugh

Margaret Wayman's son

Colleen Sanchez

Rosemary Gomes

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

Robert "Bob" V. Herrick

Fr. Trent Watts, Pastor of St.  
Therese Parish, Wrghtsville Beach

Jesse Gonzalez

Dennis Gerber

Woody Nollette

Marvin Norton

Ginger Clare

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anne Jaworski's Step mother-in-  
law

Pete Beckage, Kathy Thomas's  
father

**MESSAGE FROM THE TERRITORIES****Washington State**

The ladies of Puyallup, Washington – All Saints Columbiettes are thriving during this challenging time. The ladies have continued to maintain a connection with their members, parish and community. During the Advent season they handmade and delivered care packages and Christmas Greetings to all their members that have been shut in during the pandemic. What a wonderful way to keep in touch and show how much they care and bring some Christmas Blessings and kindness to those who feel so alone. Each meeting the ladies join together in the recitation of the rosary. With pray being top of mind, body and soul, these ladies embrace the power of Our Blessed Mother's prayer ritual to hope for safety, health and

well-being for all in the world.

Inspired by the words of Mother Teresa who said: "We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love", All Saints Columbiettes have chosen to engage in a campaign of "SMALL ACTS" of kindness, caring, support and love in our parishes and communities. They hope to brighten someone's day, comfort another who is grieving, welcome a stranger who looks lost or alone, let someone go ahead of us in line, smile and say hello to someone who is generally shunned, pray for the forgotten, and any other act or gesture that will, in some way, be an "amazing grace" and inspire others to seek and honor what is common to us all -- our humanity and dignity given to us by our creator God.

During mass on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the members and families were celebrated by the parish to celebrate their 5-year anniversary. Not the way they would have celebrated this milestone, but in the current times, any more social event would not be safe and sound. There will be time to celebrate soon as we come to the other side of this pandemic. I wish them well in all endeavors and hope for growth and prosperity in the new year.

Wishing all Columbiettes, their families and friends a Happy New Year, stay safe and healthy. Always remember to count your blessings and know that when I count my blessings, I count each of you twice.

*Editor's Note*

**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!!

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO

[SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM](mailto:SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM)

NO LATER THEN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH!

**MESSAGE FROM THE STATES****Delaware State****DELAWARE STATE CHINESE AUCTION**

The Delaware State Columbiettes will be sponsoring a virtual Chinese Auction on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. There will be dozens of baskets with a minium value of \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check to Debbie Petka, 30 Freedom Drive, Dover, DE 19904 ([Dpetka1@verizon.net](mailto:Dpetka1@verizon.net)). Please include your name, email and phone number when sending your check so we can contact you with the Zooming information and let you know if you win! Tickets will be priced at \$25.00 for a single sheet (20 chances to win) or \$15.00 for a half sheet (10 chances to win)! Please RSVP by February 15<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to having you join us.



**February 2, 2021**

Groundhog Day or Candlemas?

If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another  
flight.

If Candlemas bring clouds and  
rain, Go Winter, and come not  
again.



The Presentation of the Lord.

On February 2, a quaint tradition unfolds. The fate of spring hangs in the balance as a burrowing animal looks for his shadow.

For centuries, February 2 has been celebrated as Candlemas, a Christian Feast Day. Candlemas is also called the Feast of the Presentation because it honors the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple. The date of Candlemas is always February 2 because it is exactly 40 days after Christmas.

Candlemas became linked to weather predictions about the end of winter because of the old English poem above. February 2 marks the midpoint between Winter and Spring.

**Florida State**

## *Florida State Columbiettes*

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

It's **300 CLUB** time again! This is the major fundraiser for the FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES.

The 300 Club and the Florida State Council are asking your support for this important project. By participating in the raffle, you are helping the Florida State Council in their operation of the Columbiettes.

Beginning February 27th, 2021, the 300 Club will give away **three cash prizes each week**, one for \$25.00, one for \$20.00 and one for \$15.00. Each winning ticket is then **resubmitted** for subsequent weekly and grand prize drawings! *The sooner you enter the more opportunities you have to win!*

The grand drawing will be held on Saturday May 1st, 2021 at the State Convention.

The prizes for this will be \$300.00, \$200.00 and \$100.00.

Donations for the tickets are:

\$10.00 for one (1) ticket,

\$15.00 for two (2) tickets,

\$25.00 for five (5) tickets and

\$50.00 for twelve (12) tickets.

Please put your name, address, telephone #, and Auxiliary name & Council #, on your check.

Make checks payable to the **Florida State Columbiettes** and return to the address below.

Tickets will be filled out for you based on amount of your check.

We thank you in advance for all your support.

Fraternally,

Dahlia Perez

300 Club Chairperson

Florida State Council Columbiettes

dahlia.perez@hotmail.com

**Mail to:**

**Dahlia Perez**

**336 Bayside Rd**

**Palm Springs, FL 33461**

**New York State**



New York State President Jaclyn Carney at the Mass for Life celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. President Jaclyn Carney had the honor of reading the first reading during the Mass.

## Auxiliary Exchange

### Manresa, New York

On December 6, Manresa Council joined the Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics. Six ladies signed up and we raised \$1050. The team raised \$16,000. Connie De Francesco was the only Manresa Columbiette who jumped in.



Connie De Francesco, President  
Manresa Council #2147 with her husband  
Grand Knight James De Francesco



Let us pray for a swift end to the corona virus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

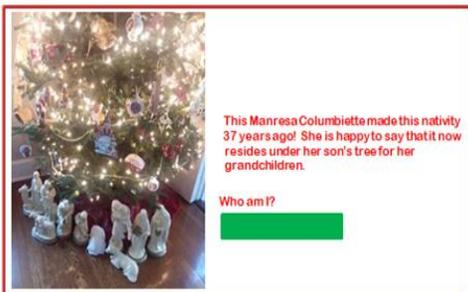
Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Manresa Columbiettes celebrated their annual Christmas Party in the 2020 fashion via Zoom! The Columbiettes engaged in interactive holiday trivia and games that even allowed for some prizes to be won. The highlight of the night came when members were able to experience a virtual “From My House to Your House” Christmas celebration with the creation of the Inaugural Manresa Columbiette Christmas Album.

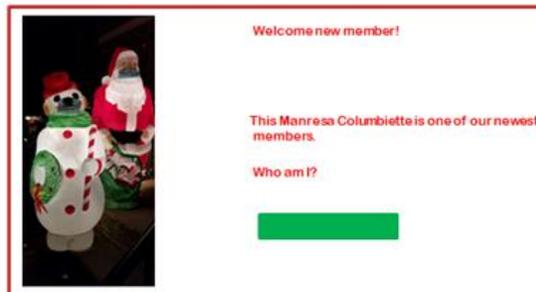


Ahead of the meeting members were asked to send in a Christmas photo with a clue identifying them. As we shared the album virtually, we participated in guessing “who am I?”

Manresa Columbiettes  
Merry Christmas from My Home to Your Home 2020



Manresa Columbiettes  
Merry Christmas from My Home to Your Home 2020



It was a joyous celebration in which we were able to share the celebration of Christmas together, even though we were not in person. It was inspiring to see how others celebrate Christmas as well as to learn of some of their traditions.

A fun night was had by all, but most importantly, we were united as an auxiliary in the spirit of the Christmas Season.

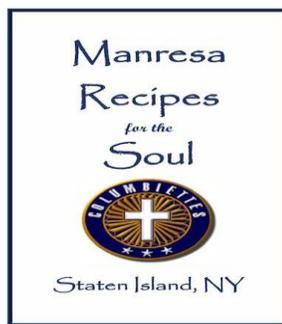
Merry Christmas!



By Fr. Alfonso Cely  
Pastor St. Ann's Catholic  
Church, Haines City  
Florida

Manresa Columbiettes in Staten Island NY has put together a cookbook. All the recipes are submitted from their Columbiettes and Knights. Below is the order form to order yours.

Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many copies would you like: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of the cookbook is \$15.00, plus \$5.00 for shipping

**Order Contact: Connie DeFrancesco 718-317-8093**

**Payment by Cash, Checks, or Venmo**

**Venmo: @RecordingSecretary-AQ**

**Checks made out to Manresa Columbiettes-- mail to**

Connie DeFrancesco

23 Robinson Ave, SI, NY 10312

Out of Staten Island orders are subjected to postage.

Please contact Connie at [siconnie123@gmail.com](mailto:siconnie123@gmail.com)



**Our Lady of the Rosary-North Carolina**



**Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes # 9039, Shallotte, NC held their annual Soup-to-Go**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes** held their annual **Soup-to-Go program** after the 5pm Mass on all Saturdays in January. A variety of homemade soups were available in St. Brendan's kitchen each week along

with the Knights' Heavenly Bread for \$5 per container. Masks were worn and social distancing was in place. Proceeds will enable the Columbiettes to continue their support of church and community. Delicious soup and heavenly bread made a wonderful dinner on a cold January night.

## Michael O'Connor Auxiliary-South Carolina

HAPPY NEW YEAR from your sisters in Beaufort, SC. God's peace to all our sisters across the country and to those with whom you share your lives!

Even with the pandemic growing across the nation, Michael O'Connor Columbiettes managed to provide some most needed services to our community. Following guidelines set by the CDC, our Diocese and our wonderful and holy Priest, Father Andrew Trapp, we were able to bring to fruition many projects we had planned through the end of the year.



Mrs. Winifred Watson, long time member of Michael O'Connor Auxiliary.

*Happy  
Valentine's Day!*

*February 14, 2021*

Captain Rob Long from the Salvation Army receives coats to be distributed to needy children in our area from Jim Range, Faithful Navigator for Rev. Albert A. Fasse Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

In December, we worked closely with our brother Knights and through our efforts they were able to distribute knitted and crochet beanie hats with the coats they distributed through the Coats for Kids program. Auxiliary members handmade 58 hats and donated them to the Knights. One of our members was recuperating from cancer treatment and made good use of her down time by knitting a large number of hats. Another local woman from the Marine Corps Air Station was gracious enough to make and donate a couple dozen hats. Local families were delighted to receive coats and hats for their children!



**Catholic Action**

**Prayer for the New Year.**

God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

**Con't**



On Christmas Eve, Auxiliary members worked with other volunteers at the Mercy Mission to assemble and distribute dinners, fruit and hygiene bags to the needy of the area. Each meal handed out had a rosary made by the St. Peters Rosary Makers ministry and a card with instructions on how to pray the rosary attached. Providing Hygiene Bags for the homeless was one of the big projects our Auxiliary took on this year. Through the generosity of our members and outside donations, we were able to put together 175 Hygiene bags for men, women and children. Each bag contained a Holy Card along with items for personal hygiene. These bags were distributed through the Salvation Army and their ministry to the homeless and through the Mercy Mission, a Catholic Charities organization in Hardeeville, SC.



The Auxiliary purchased and help place wreaths in the National Cemetery in December. Because of COVID, the process took place over a period of days. About 17,000 wreaths were bought for our local Veterans Cemetery!

Continuing with community service through the month of December, one of our members volunteered to dress as Mrs. Claus and worked with Jimmy Jingles (a member of Knights of Columbus) ringing the bell at the familiar red kettles of the Salvation Army! Funds raised through the Red Kettle program helped provide Christmas to struggling families. Volunteers from the Auxiliary helped in the distribution of toys to over 200 families. Other volunteers helped with counting the daily donations to the Red Kettle Program of the Salvation Army. It was a very rewarding, successful month for the Auxiliary members. We look forward to upcoming projects! Join us in praising God for His goodness and mercies!!



Submitted by:  
Jane Range  
Vice President  
Michael O'Connor Auxiliary

# WINTERTIME WORD SEARCH

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- HOCKEY
- ICE
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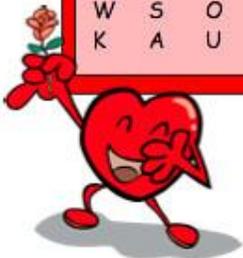
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



## Chef Solus Valentine's Day Healthy Heart Word Search Puzzle!



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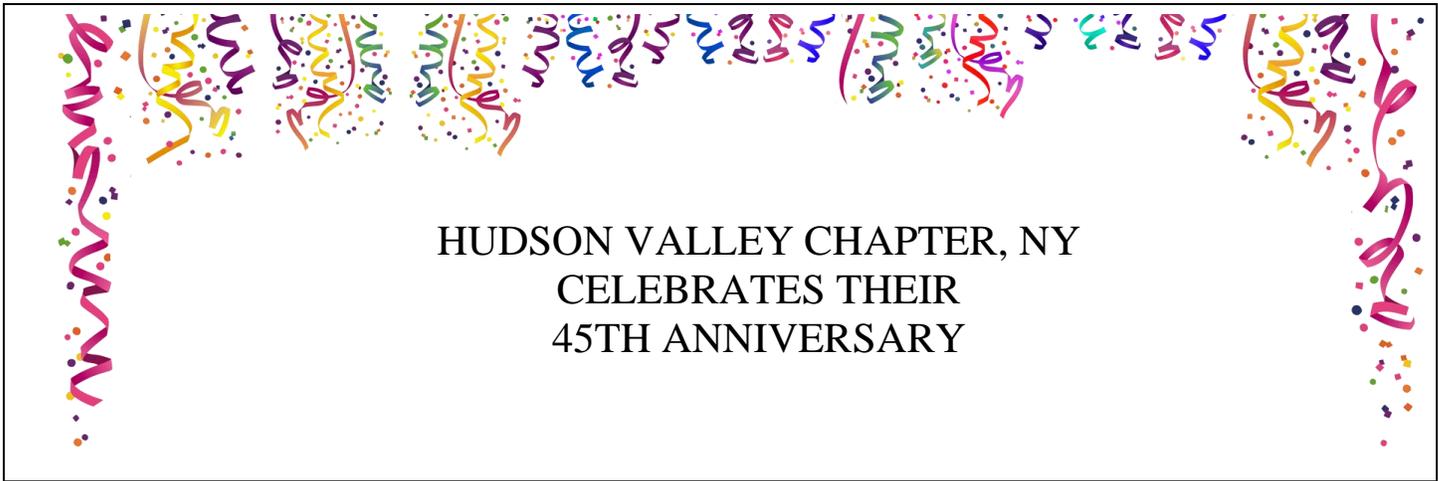


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