



# SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES COMMUNICATOR



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## Message from Our Supreme President

On behalf of the Supreme Board of Officers, Directors, Territorial Deputies, Past Presidents and Committee members, we wish you, your family, and friends a Very Blessed Easter Season.

As we enter this Easter Season, I have two very important words for you all - Stay Calm! The Supreme Board has been monitoring the CONVID-19 coronavirus very diligently and, above all, we stress that you stay calm and follow the guidelines set out by the CDC and the state in which you reside.

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a cough, high temperature, and shortness of breath.

Following the mandates issued by the CDC, like washing our hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds (this is how long it takes to sing the entire Happy Birthday song), sneezing into tissues then throwing them away in the trash, and avoiding large crowds, are ways to help stop spreading and avoid contracting this new illness.

I am confident that STAYING CALM is one of the best ways for us to STAY FOCUSED and do what we need to do. We are STRONG, WONDERFUL, INTELLENT, POWERFUL, BEAUTIFUL and FAITHILLED WOMEN who have accomplished so many awesome things. TOGETHER we can beat this illness. Meetings, socials, fundraising events, gatherings with over x number of people have been cancelled. I use the X to represent the number that has been set by your specific state. The specified amount of time to avoid gatherings has also been set by each state. The CDC recommends nationwide avoiding gatherings of 50 people or more for the next 8 weeks. This is how to defeat the spread of this illness.

We, the caring and sharing Columbiettes, are not powerless; we have untapped power within us. We all need to find ways to care for our members, to keep them connected and engaged during this challenging period. We need to communicate with our members.

Split up membership lists with officers or members and call all members. Get their email addresses and send emails. Create a newsletter. Create blogs or set up video chats/conference calls. Check on all members. See how they are doing. Ask if they need anything such as food or medicine. They just may welcome some simple conversation.

Remember: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me." — Jesus

If you have questions and need to reach the Supreme Office for any reason, call 1-516-294-5150. Please remember that we are not a 24/7 office. For quicker responses, email us at Office@Columbiettes.com. To reach me, email at SupremePresident@Columbiettes.com.

We are all in this together. Together, we must Stay Calm and do what we do best ....CARE!

Micki Magee  
Supreme President



## Message from Our Past Supreme President

As the time to celebrate the risen Christ approaches may Our Lord's greatest sacrifice for us be praised and glorified. As Catholic women we are blessed with the faith that all things are for the glory of His name. In this time of crisis let us remember that faith and remind ourselves of the words of Scripture: "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the birds: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse or barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds! Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?", Luke 12:22-26. "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Mark 5:36. As you can see all things are in His hands and we must trust in His mercy and love. We must continue to pray and encourage each other in these times of anxiety. "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus, we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea." Psalm 46:1-3. Be well, stay safe. God's blessings on all my Sisters and their family and friends.

Ronnie Albert  
Past Supreme President

## Message from Our Supreme Vice President

A Polish Easter

After many days of fasting in Lent, we start baking and cooking on Holy Thursday for the Easter Feast. On the day before Easter we prepare an Easter basket to take to church for the blessing of the food by the priest. It is a short prayer service with all bringing their baskets and placing them on the altar. The baskets includes the various foods that were prepared for Easter Sunday. The baskets are beautifully decorated and usually includes colored Easter eggs, kielbasa (Polish sausage), ham, bread, butter, salt, pepper, horseradish, butter and of course babka which is a sweet Polish yeast bread.

It's important that on Easter Sunday after mass we all gather for brunch to have some of the blessed food. Usually the head of the household cuts up the blessed eggs into small pieces and shares them with every member of the family and wishes them a happy and healthy Easter. We then all pray for God's blessing not only for today but for the year. After brunch the children have their Easter egg hunt.

During this Easter season, I wish all my Sister Columbiettes and their families a Blessed, Happy and Healthy Easter. This year even more so then ever with all that is happening. May Our Blessed Lady watch over all of us and keep us safe.

Blessed Easter                  Wesolego Alleluja  
Ronny Pliszak  
Supreme Vice President



## Message from Our Supreme Secretary

Rejoice! Christ is risen! A new day is born in our love of Christ the Lord.

Wishing all a Blessed Easter.

Anne Sullivan, Supreme Secretary



## Message from Our Supreme Financial Secretary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

This year has become very challenging due to health concerns, and I hope that you all are staying well. With Easter less than a month away, I pray that we will all be back in our Churches celebrating this beautiful season. Please enjoy the rising sun as we celebrate our Risen Christ.

*Jean Breyer*

Supreme Financial Secretary



## Message from Our Supreme Treasurer

Easter symbolizes the renewal of life. I wish you and your family the renewal of life, love and happiness.

Jeanne Mucci  
Supreme Treasurer



## Message from Our Supreme Advocate



Easter is a special time for thinking of what really matters in our lives; like faith, family and friends. My sister Columbiettes have a special place in my heart as well as thoughts and prayers; and I wish for each of you a truly blessed Easter and all the remaining days of the year.

Happy Easter everyone!  
Carole Samperton, Supreme Advocate

## Message from Our Supreme Sentinel

Wishing all of my sister Columbiettes everywhere a blessed and Happy Easter! Stay well and healthy and as we've all been given this gift of spending more time together, take advantage of it and make special memories. God bless you all!

Janet Schuler  
Supreme Sentinel



## Message from Our Supreme Directors

*Wishing all my Sister Columbiettes a Joyful and Blessed  
Easter!  
Lisa Koenig  
Supreme Director*



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*Best Wishes for a very Joyous Easter and a beautiful Spring  
Pat Vahlsing,  
Supreme Director*



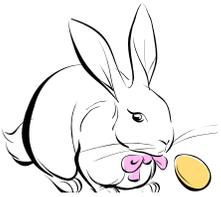
*Wishing all my Sister Columbiettes, and their families, a very Blessed Easter and a Happy Spring*

**Mary Ann Sweet  
Supreme Director**



**Here it is Spring Already. Hope everyone has survived the winter. I would like to send My Sister Columbiettes a Happy and Holy Easter Season. May our Savior and Blessed Mother Keep you all in their sacred hearts. Also I want to thank all my Sisters for their Blessings, Cards and good wishes for my speedy recovery. I am very grateful for all your prayers.**

**God Bless  
Vicki Sandin -  
Supreme Director**



**May your Easter Basket be filled with blessings!**

*-Carol Bohinski, Supreme Director*



**May your heart and soul be blessed with the holy spirit of Easter time! Rejoice and celebrate the miracle and triumph of Christ's resurrection. May God fill your home with peace, hope, and love. Praise and thank the Lord for His loving blessings!**

**Marlene Korn, Supreme Director**

## **Reflection on Holy Week by Joellen Dodson**

Most people say their favorite holiday is Christmas. It is a joyous and prayerful time of the year but for me Holy Week is my favorite. As you know Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday Celebration of Jesus entry to Jerusalem. The blessing of the palms before Mass is beautiful but it leads us into the holiest of weeks.

Have you ever attended the **Mass of the Oils**? This is one of the most beautiful Masses you can ever attend. In my diocese, it is always held on Monday of Holy Week. The Knights of Columbus always serves as honor guard as all the priests of the Diocese process in before the bishop. Mass begins as usual until the priests are asked by the Bishop to stand and recommit themselves to their vows as priests. It is so special to see and hear these men recommit themselves to the service of God and His people. Then there is the Offertory Procession. You think well they just bring up the bread and wine as usual but first the Deacons of the Diocese bring up all the vessels holding the various oils to be blessed for use in the parishes for the Sacrament of the Sick, Baptism of babies and those wishing to enter our church, as well as the oils that are used at various services throughout the year. The smell permeates the church and brings a wonderful scent that is beautiful.

On Thursday we begin the Triduum. I love these Masses. Do you realize that during these three days we sacramentally experience the institution of the priesthood, the Eucharist, Confirmation and most especially the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus? These three days brings us to the beginning of our church. And then on Easter Vigil, the Alleluia and Gloria return and we rejoice because we have welcomed our elect to our faith community and we together celebrate Our Lord Jesus Resurrection. During this celebration we renew our baptismal promises where we again confirm **our, Yes, to God and His church.**

This year take the opportunity to attend the Mass of the Oils and as many of the other Masses available. Think about what this season means to the Church and most especially to your life.

The world is experiencing such a difficult time right now with the Corona virus, let us offer this difficult time of sickness and sadness for our brothers and sisters who may have this sickness and that the Lord will help us to realize that the world needs love, kindness and forgiveness from all of us. Let us pray for an end to all sickness and that our world will find peace.

May God bless you all. Happy Easter.



# Who are our Officer's and Director's

## Where are they from?

### President

Micki Magee- (NY)

### Past President

Ronnie Albert-(FL)

### Vice President

Ronny Pliszak-(NY)

### Secretary

Anne Sullivan-(NC)

### FS

Jean Breyer-(NY)

### Treasurer

Jeanne Mucci-(NY)

### Advocate

Carole Samperton-(NC)

### Sentinel

Janet Schuler-(GA)

### **One Year**

MaryAnne Alessio  
Marlene Korn  
Vicki Sandin  
Mary Ann Sweet

### **Home State**

NY  
NC  
FL  
NJ

### **Two Year**

Fran Corcion  
Joellen Dodson  
Lisa Koenig  
Barbara Maier  
Crystal Vliet

NJ  
PA  
NY  
NY  
GA

### **Three Year**

Carol Bohinski  
Kathy LoFrese  
Vicky Porcelli  
Jackie Ryan  
Pat Vahlsing

NJ  
NY  
NY  
CT  
DE



Sister Columbiettes

Please join the Supreme Council in saying a Hail Mary every evening at 8 PM for the end of this COVID- 19 Coronavirus crisis.

Help spread our prayers faster then this virus to the Heavens and back.

Please send this to all your members, brother knights, family and friends and lets flood the Heavens with our prayers.

Set your phone alarms if needed : )

Let's do what WE do Best.

Wishing you all Peace.

**Betty Sloven**, Brother Vincent Columbiettes #7517, also suggested saying the Hail Mary twice during the 20 seconds it takes to wash your hands.

**Sabrina Newman**, Father James E. Waters Auxiliary, Wilmington, NC is proposing a virtual prayer/rosary group which can grow. We want Jesus to know we hear Him and support Him. Also, as His children, we need His help. Our Blessed Mother will guide us through her beautiful rosary.

Let's start saying the rosary together as a group on every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, until the church reopens. Phone Dial in: 712 775-7031, Access Code # 693689. Please **mute** your phone after dialing in. The conference call can hold 1000 people... Maybe, someday we can surpass that number.

You do not have to RSVP... Let's just pray together.

God Bless Us.  
Micki Magee  
Supreme President



**Prayer Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, sent in by Debbie Emigholz, President Henry Stolzenthaler #1675 Auxiliary**

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your  
Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and  
deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable  
and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to  
be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and  
to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son,  
Jesus. Amen.



## Prayer to St Joseph

**Protect**, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

**Enlighten** those responsible for the common good, so that  
they might know — like you do — how to care for those  
entrusted to their responsibility.

**Grant** intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate  
means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers  
and sisters.

**Sustain** those who are spending themselves for those in need,  
even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors  
who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

**Bless**, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers,  
make her the sign and instrument of your light and your  
goodness.

**Accompany**, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful  
silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in  
a special way with the youngest.

**Preserve** the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might  
be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

**Comfort** those who are the most frail, encourage those who  
falter, intercede for the poor.  
With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world  
from every form of pandemic.

Amen.

Pope Francis



# Support for our Nurses

The Editorial Staff received a message from our Member, Mary Bastien, and we want to share it with you all. It is true to the spirit of our medical profession as well as our great organization – “caring and sharing”. The importance of this message is for today and for everyday.

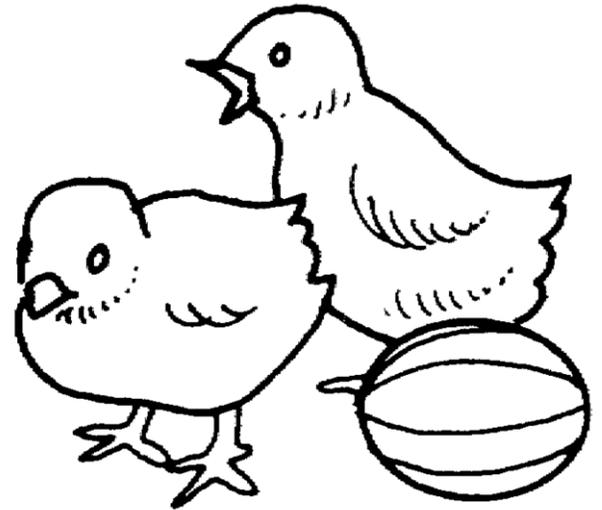
Marly Bastien is President of the Holy Mother Mary Auxiliary in Nesconset, NY. She is a registered nurse and a Director of Nursing. She writes that many Columbiettes are nurses and many messages were sent out to all Columbiettes asking them to pray for all the health care professionals and people stressed by the COVID-19 virus. She states nurses in particular need many prayers as they are at the greatest risk. Nurses spend the most time with patients by medicating, feeding, bathing, dressing, and caring.

She says, “The reason for my email is really to ask you, please, to send a message saying thank you to all the Columbiettes that are nurses.....also asking the rest of our Sister Columbiettes to say special prayers for us that will bring us comfort and zeal to continue to do the work that we do putting others first, before us.....knowing that out there others love us and support us which are our Sister Columbiettes.

# Color Me!!

# Have fun!!

# Happy Easter



## Auxiliary Exchange

Kernersville - Holy Cross Columbiettes #8509 celebrated 25 Years of participation with the NC DOT Adopt-A-Highway program at their February meeting. Current Committee Head, Jane Matuszak is presented with a certificate and silver trash grabber by Vice President, Maggie Muelker. Also honored was the late Ruth Bailey, who started the committee.



## Supreme Convention – 2020

We are very pleased to announce that this year's Supreme Convention will be held on August 14-16, 2020 at the Sheraton South Hotel in New Castle, Delaware. This is the very first time that the ladies of Delaware have been given the honor of hosting our Supreme Convention. We are very busy working to ensure that everyone who attends will have a wonderful experience. We are looking forward to seeing our friends from past conventions and look forward to meeting new friends, so we hope that each and every one will try to attend. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Again, we are looking forward to welcoming you to Delaware

Pat Vahlsing, Chair  
Co-chairs  
Mary Ann Alessio  
Vicky Porcelli



## Reminders:

- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** when receiving an A-100 form from a member who wishes to transfer into her auxiliary is to **send the A-100 form to the Supreme Secretary. The transfer box must be marked and both the President and Financial Secretary of the auxiliary the member is transferring to must sign the form. Please note you no longer have to send the A-100 form to the auxiliary the member is transferring from.**
- ✓ **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 degree dates.
- ✓ **Presidents** should advise members of their Annual State Convention information as to date, location, agenda and auxiliary participation. The two auxiliary delegates should confirm their attendance. All forms should be sent to the State Convention Committee as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to notify Supreme, State and Chapter when there are changes to the delegates and/or alternate delegates.
- ✓ **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).



## Let's Learn Together

### Did you know . .

By-laws spell out the procedure to nominate Officers. When By-laws were adopted, the members elected a choice of three options:

- In March, the President appoints a Nominating Committee; or
- In March, the membership elects a Nominating Committee; or
- In April, the candidates for office are nominated from the floor.

On the Auxiliary and Chapter level, should a Nominating Committee be required, the Immediate Past President is the Chair of the Committee.

On the State level, the Nominating Committee consists of the Immediate Past President plus two duly elected members from each Chapter. If a State does not have Chapters, it is two duly elected Major Degree members.

For those who require a Nominating Committee:

- The deliberations of the Committee must remain confidential.
- Committee members should be familiar with the duties of each office.
- Anyone can nominate a member for office but must have the approval of the member.
- The Chair contacts the current members of the Board, in order of rank, starting with the President on down to determine if they wish to stay on the Board.
- Check with the membership to see if there are any Major Degree members who wish to become officers.
- The Committee reviews the potential candidates for each position and develops a tentative slate of officers to be presented to the membership at the April meeting.
- Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the April meeting.
- Prior to elections, the entire membership is to be notified of the Committee's recommended slate of officers.

The most Holy of Seasons is upon us. It is when we commemorate and celebrate the events which are the foundations of our Catholic Faith.

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of this season. We celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where He was welcomed by worshipping crowds and the laying down of palm leaves before him.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are blessed; then, appropriately gathered. They are incinerated to create the ashes which will be used in next year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Palm Sunday Mass are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. It is the "Mass of the Lord's Supper". Before His final meal with the Disciples, He washed their feet, showing His love and humility to those who became the first priests. Jesus instituted the priesthood. He established the Sacrament of Holy Communion and prescribed the rite of the Mass we celebrate today. He also predicted His betrayal and arrest. The vestment color is white.

Good Friday is the solemn day which commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Churches are bare of ornamentation and the vestment color is red. We remember Jesus was tortured, ridiculed, and crucified. His sacrificial death was atonement for our sins. Yet, He beseeched, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

He is Risen – Easter Sunday is the celebration of Christ's resurrection. He arose on the third day from the dead. The scriptures are fulfilled. It marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, and is the beginning of the Easter season and our liturgical year. The color of the Mass is white; symbolizing pure joy.

We hope this Easter Season brings you and your loved ones health, happiness and lots of Love!

Carol Bohinski  
Jaci Carney  
Marlene Korn



## Congratulations to the Life Members

### March – 2020

Patricia A. Errico	James Norton	NY
Julia A. Kennavane	Memorare	NY
Laura A. Lough	Port Washington	NY
Patricia A. Morreale	Latham/Colonie	NY
Catherine L. Mosher	Latham/Colonie	NY
Arlene Musselwhite	Port Washington	FL

## Congratulations to the Honorary Life Members

### March – 2020

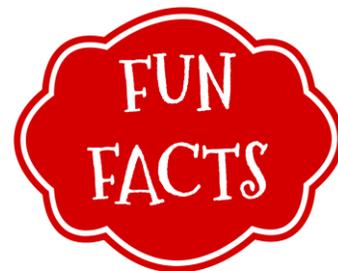
Teresa A. Bobe	Sandra L. Guerin
M. Kay Brennan	Serena A. Leonard
Christine Goggin	Terry Ann Ryan
Joan Gotta	Diane L. Velardi

## Congratulations to the States & Auxiliaries

### April – 2020

States/Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Ann Year
North Carolina State Council	NC		4/5/2000	20
Joseph B. Cavallaro	NY	4884	4/24/1962	58
Msgr. Collins	CT	5066	4/14/1974	46
Martin	FL	6241	4/26/1976	44
Assumption	NY	5252	4/4/1977	43
Van Buren	ME	1635	4/1/1979	41
Father M. F. Monahan	FL	4851	4/7/1982	38
Incarnation	FL	8612	4/14/1985	35
St. Augustine	NJ	6345	4/22/2001	19
Waterford	NY	237	4/29/2001	19
Trinity	FL	4839	4/17/2004	16
St. Michael the Archangel	GA	11768	4/6/2005	15

State / Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Anniversary Year
St. Gerard				
Majella	NY	7006	4/16/2005	15
St. Joseph	PA	12788	4/16/2005	15
St. Catherine of Siena	GA	9923	4/20/2007	13
St. Joan of Arc	GA	6514	4/12/2008	12
St. Jude	FL	13172	4/16/2009	11
Baron DeKalb	NY	1073	4/10/2010	10
Haverstraw	NY	581	4/18/2010	10
Father Anthony Montesinos	SC	5086	4/6/2013	7
St. Columbanus	NY	14991	4/12/2014	6
Joseph J. Gorman	NY	5091	4/11/2015	5
Holy Spirit	NY	15493	4/26/2015	5
St. Joseph Marello	PA	16071	4/9/2016	4
St. Theresa	FL	11877	4/24/2016	4
St. Lawrence	NY	2458	4/30/2016	4
Resurrection	FL	15675	4/15/2018	2
St. John Fisher	NY	3676	4/28/2019	1



On June 26-27, 1959, New Jersey State Council Columbiettes at their convention presided over by Mary Iaconetti voted to join New York State Council Columbiettes to be a National Organization known as the Supreme Council Columbiettes.



# ★ MMJM ★ Award

Information and instructions on the 2019-2020 MMJM Award will be on the Supreme website within the next few weeks. There are a few changes to the criteria. Please be sure to read it carefully. Please be sure to completely fill out the application so the committee will be able to approve it without delay. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Patricia Vahlsing at 302-945-7240 or [noseymommy@aol.com](mailto:noseymommy@aol.com).

Also, please note the three questions at the end of the application regarding the IRS.

The committee is looking forward to receiving a record number of applications and reading all the good works your Auxiliary does for your parish, community and sister Columbiettes.



For all Financial Secretaries and Presidents, if you do not have an ID and password for gaining entry to the system, please send an email to [supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com](mailto:supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com), as the button does not seem to work. Please also be sure to send an email to that address for any issues with the system.

A reminder that new members cannot be added by the Auxiliary, you must send the A100 with the appropriate fee to the Supreme office. Once that member has been added you will then be able to manage them.

Thanks, and keep the questions coming!

Janet Schuler  
Supreme Computer Help

## How to Contact Us!



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SUPREME OFFICE**



# GET TO KNOW US



## “Getting to know.....”

### **Supreme Advocate Janet Schuler –**

A Columbiette for 13 years, Janet has held the offices of Supreme Director, Georgia State President, and Auxiliary President. She initiated the start of her Auxiliary, St. Catherine of Sena #9923 Auxiliary, in Kennesaw, Georgia, as well as the Georgia State Council.

Janet and her husband, Tom, have been married for 30 years. They have one daughter, grandchildren and pets. She is employed at IBM and is a Business Partner Experience Advocate. She also has an embroidery and sewing business.

She loves to cook and enjoys going to Disney. Her favorites in life are her family and doing all things creative. Janet finds time to serve her Parish as a Cantor, choir member, Rosary maker and Elizabeth Ministry volunteer. She aptly sums up her life as “blessed with the best friends I will ever have in my Sister Columbiettes.”



### **Supreme Director Vicki Sandin –**

Since becoming a Columbiette over 30 years ago, Vicki, when living in New Jersey climbed all chairs to reach Chapter and Auxiliary Presidents. Since residing in Florida, she climbed all chairs to become Auxiliary and State Presidents. She is a member of Dr. Lawrence O’Rourke #4726 Auxiliary in Winter Haven, Florida.

Widowed, Vicki has 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grand children. She is retired and volunteers at the Collier and Polk County Sheriff’s Office. She loves watching football (college and professional) and professional golf. She is a Eucharistic Minister in her Parish. Of all life’s enjoyments, she cherishes time with family and her Columbiette friends the most.

Vicki says it best; “My time as a Columbiette has been wonderful. Helping with charities and seeing the good the Columbiettes do is very rewarding.”

### **Territorial Director (Alabama) Johanna Anzalone –**

In 1991, Johanna became a Columbiette and has since logged a long list of titles. Of the many offices held, she has served as President of Florida State, South East Chapter, and Father M. F. Monahan #4851 Auxiliary, in Hollywood, FL, as well as chaired various committees. She held office as a Supreme Director for 6 years, chaired the 2018 Supreme Annual Convention and co-chaired the 2019 Supreme Annual Convention.

Johanna has 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She resides in Hollywood, FL, and loves to travel the world. She is leader in the Nativity Community of Faith and enjoys assisting at Respect for Life tables and Ministry Fairs.

Always ready to serve the Columbiettes and with enthusiasm, Johanna states, “I love being a Columbiette and welcoming many new sisters to our Organization. We are women who have common values, determination to end abortion, assistance to our Veterans, our sisters, and those in need. You could not ask for better friends. I am so blessed.”



### **Auxiliary President Laura Simkanich –**

A Columbiette since 2013, Laura is serving her second year as President of Father Lopez #5737 Auxiliary in Pinnelas, Florida.

The Auxiliary’s main charity is the Bay Area Pregnancy to which collections of clothing, shoes, toys and books are donated. Obtaining a mobile sonogram, in conjunction with their Brother Knights, is in the works. Other projects are providing the needy with personal items, cleaning products, food, and school supplies. Toys and decorations are also collected at Christmas time.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL, Laura has been married for 42 years and has two daughters and two grandsons. She and her husband volunteer at the Florida Dream Center, an organization which helps the low income, the homeless, and victims of sex trafficking. Laura loves to sew, read, travel and babysit her grandchildren. Semi-retired, she assists a few friends as house cleaner and care giver.

Needless to say, Laura enjoys “being a Columbiette as we are called to serve those with need. My small group of ladies has done a lot together. We make work fun and we are there for each other in our personal lives.”



## **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE SUPREME ADVOCATE:**

### **Kudos for Good Deeds**



The Columbiettes of Our Lady of the Rosary Auxiliary #8104 in Land O' Lakes, FL, is a group of extraordinary Catholic women. They are always ready and willing to volunteer to face any challenge.

The Auxiliary reports one Columbiette stands out above the group. Her name is Elizabeth Montgomery and no, she's not from the comedy show "Bewitched". She is the Auxiliary's "Betty" and they believe she has a magic touch to everything she does. Betty is the Chair of the Membership/Admissions Committee and has held this position for over three years.

Her "magic touch" is that she has a magnetic personality to persuade ladies to join the Columbiettes. She has a spiritual and loving nature to spread the Word of God, our Faith and our Columbiettes. For the past three years, most of the Auxiliary's new members were recruited by Betty with her special ability.

Betty is also involved in Divine Mercy Cenacles, Council of Catholic Women, Young Disciples, the Living Well Bible Study, Hearts Afire, Bible Journaling, and the Seniors Ministry among other Ministries. Being involved in so many Ministries, members sometime wonder where she finds the time to recruit candidates. Her commitment is an inspiration.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) which restricts public gatherings of 10 or more until further notice, Columbiettes will not be holding their regular meetings for March, April and possibly even May. However, we can and should conduct the necessary Columbiette business (i.e. Nominating Committee meetings, notifications of proposed slate of Officers, and possibly the elections of Officers) by email, conference calls, and US mail for those members who do not use computers or the internet.

Time is of the essence for the Nominating Committees as all of its work must be accomplished in order to hold the elections of Officers for the new Columbian year 2020-2021.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Supreme Advocate Carole Samperton: 910-391-0354 or [csamperton@nc.rr.com](mailto:csamperton@nc.rr.com).



## Upcoming Conventions Dates



CA	June 20- Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point
CT	June 13- St. Augustine Council, Stamford
DE	May 2- St. Jude Parish Center, Lewes
FL	May 1-3- Embassy Suites, Boca Raton
GA	June 19-20- St Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw
ME	April 18- Van Burren
NJ	June 26-28- Embassy Suites, Piscataway
NY	June 12-14- Villa Roma, Callicoon
NC	June 5-6- Hampton Inn, Raleigh
PA	April 25- St Rose of Lima, York
SC	June 26-27- St Theresa, Summerville

### Supreme Convention

August 14-16- Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, New Castle, DE

\*Due to COVID some of the Conventions have been postponed\*

## Editor's Note

### Newsletter Information

Supreme Committee Chairs: send information on your committees.

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