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## Mother + Daughter May Day Tea

By Carol Williams

On May 1st, the sisters of Catholic Daughters let their “Martha Stewart” shine as they hosted a mother/daughter afternoon tea. Part of the proceeds will benefit Santa Sophia’s Vacation Bible School.

With tables sparkling with china, the May Day theme was made complete with maypoles, treat-filled “Tussy-Mussys” and pinwheels. Ladies of all ages enjoyed a luncheon of tea sandwiches and salads, along with an impressive array of cookies, sweet breads, cupcakes and tarts.

Two special sisters, Chrissy and Sara Rhamy, Miss Teen and Miss Pre-teen Spring Valley for 2010, spoke about their pageant experiences of the last year and gave us a glimpse of it with a power-point presentation. The girls then turned the table on the audience and had the young girls come up and answer “pageant-type” questions! The sisters were delightful!



*Above: Carol Williams with Sara Rhamy, Mary Alesi, Chrissy and Connie Rhamy.*



*The North family enjoying a little “girl-time.”*

The tea concluded with a fun necklace craft for the daughters, while the moms participated in stringing together bracelets for the Garden of Innocence project.

Thank you to all who participated in and contributed their fine talents to create a soothing and serene afternoon tea. It is my pleasure to work with women of your generosity.

## REGENT'S LETTER



This past weekend, my daughter, Mya, had a bake sale to raise money for her 1st grade class. She thought of the idea all on her own. Of course, that meant I had to spend time in the kitchen putting the Silpats and baking sheets on overtime. Not to mention the morning-of chaperoning, sales pitches, and cleanup afterwards.

In the end, she grossed about \$107 in three hours. Her teacher was floored when we gave the bake sale update—they never had that much donated money to spend specifically for her class. I sat back in amazement that my little girl—and her one idea—could put events into action and create such a huge impact.

One idea, one spark, is all it takes to create a flame. The April meeting

had me energized after discussing future projects. While writing a court update to our CDA state representative, I found myself shaking in excitement. Like a “proud mama,” I listed off all the recent and future events for our court. There was a moment where I stopped and realized that we do so many things, “with great love,” as Mother Teresa would say. I was so

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proud of our court, our people, our energy, that it only made me want to be a better leader for you.

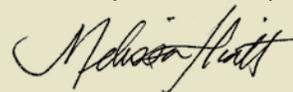
It led me to the question, "What drives you?" What compels you to do good? How can you use that purpose, that spark, to create a flame? How can CDA help you fulfill your purpose?

We all have unique abilities that are essential to the dynamics of our court. It is evident in the upcoming activities: Junk from Your Trunk Sale, VA Home visit,

Father's Day Brunch, Mystery Quilt fund raiser, "Green" dinner... Your ideas that make our charitable efforts EXCITING!

We're going to shake things up a bit in the next few months. Please read on for our new schedule and I hope you can bring your "spark" to the meetings!

In Unity and Charity,



## Mystery Quilt Fund Raiser

*By Pam Kay*

Let's try something new for a Court fund raiser. Have you ever participated in a Mystery Quilt event? It promises to be full of fun and good food and 12 hours of camaraderie, inspiration, and undisturbed sewing time, while helping raise funds for our Court, particularly providing funds to purchase a treadle sewing machine for Project Handclasp.

What is a mystery quilt, you ask? It is a great stress-free activity that involves one person providing fabric requirements and step by step procedures and demonstrations on how to make units for a quilt that will eventually become the quilt top. Stress free because all you have to do is choose your fabric and enjoy the process. Participation is limited to the first 30 people to sign up.

The event will take place on Saturday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. That's right, twelve full hours of pure bliss. The fee per person is \$60, which is tax deductible, and \$15 for meals, which is non-tax deductible. The Catholic Daughters will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pam Kay will instruct the mystery class. As an added bonus, Clara Gibson, an extraordinary quilter, will provide a noon trunk show that is certain to inspire you. If you are unable to attend the entire day affair, you may come for lunch and the trunk show for a \$15 fee. This event will be open to all. You don't need to be a member of Catholic Daughters or even be Catholic to participate.

We are in need of someone to chair the event, which involves coordinating the food service and clean up for each of the meals, along with fresh baked cookies in the afternoon. There are plenty of willing workers, but one person needs to oversee the event. The hall and kitchen have already been reserved.



## MYSTERY QUILT Fund Raiser

Benefitting Project Handclasp

**Saturday, August 6**

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

\$60 tax deductible

\$15 meal fee

\$15 lunch and trunk show only



- Suitable for students with basic quilting skills (ability to cut accurately and sew accurate 1/4" seams)
- Finished size is 80" x 96"
- Make your reservations early. A \$20 deposit will hold your spot.
- For more information contact Pam Kay at 619-464-2009

## Thank You from Sharp Mary Birch NICU!

The NICU nurses at Sharp Mary Birch thanks CDA Court Santa Sophia for the generous donations of scrapbooking items—especially to Paula Goleta for the box-full of tools and paper!



## STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the **disbandment of Court St. Elizabeth #1931** in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

The following women have been nominated to CA State office: **State Regent, Dorothy Parrillo** Ct. St. Raymond #2057, Oakland Diocese; **First Vice State Regent, Daphne Bernestine** Ct. Compton #942, Los Angeles Archdiocese; **Second Vice State Regent, Melody Ciaravino** Ct. Blessed Sacramento #2024, Orange Diocese; **Secretary, Mary Bernard** Ct. Queen of the Americas #2418, Los Angeles Archdiocese; **Treasurer open**

**Priest Appreciation Day is June 5th, 2011.** Cards are available at the National Office. No cost for the cards, only postage.

We have been notified that due to the high cost of educating seminarians and the low attendance, **The American College of the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Louvain, will close its doors** at the end of this school year, June 2011.

## Lenten Fish AND Shrimp Taco Dinner

Court Santa Sophia took over the kitchen on March 25th to serve chef Maria Elena Grimm's Ensenada Fish Tacos as well as Shrimp tacos. The dinner was so popular that there was a line out the door and a wait for tables!



Guests were served a choice of fish or shrimp tacos (or a combination of both) along with salad, rice and beans and chocolate cake for dessert. Quesadillas, shrimp cocktail and Anthony's clam chowder were also offered on the menu.

Catholic Daughters dressed up Prendergrast Hall with their purple and white linens with flowers on every table. Guests appreciated the use of "real" plates and silverware, commenting that it added quality to their meal.

Beautiful raffle baskets were assembled - one more "adult themed" with a margarita mix and the other more "family-oriented" with Mexican food items.

There were a few hiccups, but Catholic Daughters always know how to make the best of every situation. All in all, we grossed over \$1200! Wow! Thank you to all the volunteers and to Maria Elena for another great fish dinner!

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Where do you fit in?

A few events are coming up where your participation is needed! You are not required to do everything, but we do ask for a little of your time.

### Saturday, May 28: CDA Rosary for Membership

Court Santa Sophia will be gathering at the church courtyard (on the East side of the Church) at 8:00am to pray the rosary. Refreshments will follow the rosary.

### Thursday, June 2nd: VA Home visit in Chula Vista

A group of CDs will be carpooling to the VA Home in Chula Vista after morning mass. We will be playing board games and having great conversations with the residents.

### Saturday, June 4th: Junk from Your Trunk Sale

We have SOLD OUT of our 1st set of spaces and are

now opening the back gate for more vendors. Your help is needed at the CDA booth. We are looking for donations of your treasures and help with concession sales. Please contact Dee Sanford at (619) 434-7106 or email [derunrun48@gmail.com](mailto:derunrun48@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

### Saturday, June 18: CDA Rosary for Membership

Our second rosary for membership will be held in the church courtyard at 8:00am.

### Sunday, June 19th: Father's Day Brunch

It has been a tradition for CDA to serve free brunches to fathers on Father's Day. We need a chair and volunteers for this event. Brunch will be served between masses from 9am-11am. Please contact Melissa at (619) 252-7198 or [melissahiatt@gmail.com](mailto:melissahiatt@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

## Meeting Schedule Change

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will be changing the meeting days and times for May through August. We usually meet every 4th Thursday of the month, but with the new mass schedule, it was decided that we temporarily test a new meeting schedule as well.

### May Meeting: May 19, 7:00pm in the Verhoeven Room

Regularly, our meeting would be on May 26th, but with two officers attending the State Convention and one attending her son's graduation in New York, we would lack a quorum (3 officers, 2 members) needed to run a meeting. Please make it a point to attend as we have many events to plan for!

### June Meeting: June 26, 12:30pm in the De Moor Room

We will be meeting after the 11:00am mass on June 26th from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Please note that we will be meeting in the De Moor Room.

### July: No Meeting

### August Meeting: August 28\*, 9:15am

\*This meeting date and time has been requested but not confirmed with the parish. We plan to meet between masses. We will update you as the meeting date approaches.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

**5/19 - 7:00pm**

General Meeting

**5/26 - 5/29**

CDA State Convention

**5/28 - 8:00am**

CDA Rosary for Membership

### JUNE

**6/2 - 9:30am**

VA Home Visit

**6/4 - 8:00am**

"Junk from Your Trunk" Sale

**6/18 - 8:00am**

CDA Rosary for Membership

**6/19 - 9:00am**

Father's Day Brunch

**6/26 - 12:30pm**

CDA General Meeting  
in the De Moor Room



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## Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.