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Court Santa Sophia Shines at the CDA State Convention



Regent, Melissa Hiatt (center) accepting the 1st place membership award for the San Diego Diocese.



Chris Murphy (right) accepting the 2nd place award for state membership.

The 43rd Biennial State Convention was held from May 26-29 in Ontario, CA. Melissa Hiatt, Melinda Bauers, Dee Sanford, Chris Murphy and Pam Kay represented our court. Courts from all over California gathered to review and approve business items and electing board members. Election results can be found under “State and National News.”

Court Santa Sophia #2520 was recognized repeatedly during the convention (even when help was needed for technical issues during convention). We were awarded the 1st place Circle of Love award for Leadership, 1st place for the newsletter in our category and division, 1st place award for the most new members in the Diocese of San Diego, 2nd place award for the most new members state-wide, and Dee Sanford was awarded for recruiting the most new members. We have a lot to be proud of!

A Successful June!

The “**Junk From Your Trunk**” sale was held June 4th. We made \$500 and are expecting to receive income from the e-waste event as well. Many thanks to Dee Sanford for heading up this event!

Father’s Day brunch was a success with a net profit of \$128. The fathers were all appreciative of our efforts and the free meal. Thank you to all who volunteered for this event!

REGENT’S LETTER



I finally made my Cursillo weekend in May. I say, “finally” because Thom and I had the intention of attending back in October 2009. As circumstances be, paperwork wasn’t filled then “life” got in the way. If I had to take home one thing I’ve

learned from the weekend, it would be that God puts you where he wants you. It was quite simple for me to understand, but being the “planner” that I am, it was challenging to accept. My Cursillo could not have come at a better time (even though my schedule stated otherwise)—work

slowed, the school year was coming to an end and I found that I had the time to reflect on the knowledge that I’ve gained from that weekend. It wasn’t until later I understood that God had me where he wanted me.

The week after Cursillo, I attended

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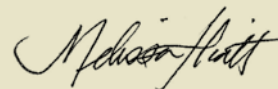
the CDA State Convention. It was blatantly apparent that what I've learned about myself during Cursillo proved my purpose of being a member of CDA. I was able to witness our court shine at the convention when being awarded for membership, leadership and our newsletter. I couldn't have been more proud of our members and our accomplishments!

As a court, we have been focusing more on spirituality. We've held two rosaries for membership and the sanctity

of life and it was well received. We will have more opportunities to gather together in prayer and fellowship among other exciting events in the future.

I pray that all of you may one day find your place and purpose within CDA. God already has you where he wants you - now let's do something about it.

In Unity and Charity,



HELP WANTED

Mystery Quilt Workshop - August 6

We need your help to make this a huge success! Please step forward if you are able to serve. An overall chairperson is needed for coordinating the meals and clean up for the Mystery Quilt Workshop. Carolyn Palm volunteered to chair the breakfast portion of the day, Carol Williams volunteered to chair the dinner portion. We need a chair for the luncheon. They will need helpers to present the food and do clean up. They will also be looking

for food donations. Each chairperson will assemble a simple menu and a time frame for workers. The overall chairperson would ideally be available for the whole day, and should not be a participant in the workshop. We will have beverages available all day long, and it would be wonderful to have a morning and afternoon snack, so the overall chairperson can work out the details. Please call Pam Kay 619-464-2009 or Melissa Hiatt 619-252-7198 to volunteer or have questions answered.

Academy Picnic - August 27

We have been invited to participate in the Academy Picnic after the 4:30pm mass on August 27th. We will be having a "Plum Tree." We need donations of small kid-friendly items for prizes and three volunteers to work at the booth. We also need volunteers to wrap candies prior to the event. If you would like to help, contact Melissa Hiatt at 619-252-7198. This would be a great opportunity to spread the word and good works of our court!



Top: Pam helps Diana and the residents with game instructions.

Right: Melissa takes her turn next to "The Ringer."



Game Day at the Veteran's Home

By Diana Garra

On June 2, a small but eager group of Catholic Daughters visited the Chula Vista Veteran's Home for a morning of interaction with some of the residents through board games. Pam Kay, Melissa Hiatt, Diana Garra and the most popular member of the group Solana Hiatt enjoyed playing Yahtzee. We had four residents join us in the fun, some participating and some watching. The morning turned out to be very competitive between residents and CDA members as we learned to master the game. They also enjoyed watching Solana's energetic antics bringing delightful smiles even to many just passing by. We definitely look forward to our next visit to the Veteran's Home.

STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to the new CA state officers for 2011-2013 term: State Regent - Dorothy Parillo, 1st Vice State Regent - Daphne Bernestine, 2nd Vice State Regent - Melody Ciaravino, State Secretary - Rosemarie Thompson, State Treasurer - Angel Leuschen.

The Madonna Manor board election was suspended due to health concerns of the current director. The current board will remain until the next election.

National CDA Sunday is to be observed on October 16, 2011. The theme for this year is "With God All Things Are Possible" (Matthew 19:26) as we continue to pray for justice and peace for all God's people.

It has been proposed that the suggested amounts for our **five national projects** be increased from \$15 to \$20 per project. This will help the Catholic Daughters of the Americas maintain the history of generous donations sent to the worthy causes for our National Projects.

Prayers in the Courtyard: Rosaries for Increased Membership and the Sanctity of Life

By Georgene Kruzel



The Catholic Daughters of Court Santa Sophia are putting action to our belief in intercession through our patron, the Blessed Mother. We have provided two monthly opportunities to pray the rosary for increased membership of our Court and the sanctity of life and we plan to continue this effort throughout

the year. In May and June, on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM our members met at Santa Sophia Church to pray the rosary in front of the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon. It is our sincere desire for more Catholic women to discover the joy of sisterhood and service found in CDA. After our prayer we gather on the benches in the small courtyard by the fountain and visit over coffee for a short while before moving on to our individual routines of the day. Information about future rosary mornings will be coming. Please plan on attending as your schedule allows.

THE CDA CHALLENGE - DINNER: IMPOSSIBLE

Our Catholic Daughters Organization encourages us to take action in many areas outlined in our Circle of Love Program, including Life. Court Santa Sophia members are planning a dinner event to enhance our Quality of Life that will take place on Saturday, September 24 at Prendergast Hall. There is more to this event than good food. Our goals are to:

- Generate the smallest amount of waste possible at the event.
- Set an example for the church community.
- Educate our fellow parishioners about earth friendly projects.
- Make ourselves more visible in the parish.

- Carefully document what we are doing and how we are doing it, in order to earn State Court recognition and perhaps even National recognition.
- We want to have 100% of our members participate in this activity.
- We want to make some money for our projects.

All of this will require a lot of communication, so be sure to stay tuned, and more importantly, when someone calls to see how you can help, be ready with an answer.

We would like to host a "green" bazaar with items made from recycled materials. In order to get a good quantity of items ready, we will meet

once a week at the studio of Pam Kay. There is something for every skill level, and working together on a project is so much fun!

How can you help? Go through your closets and cupboards to locate unused 100% cotton garments, 100% wool garments, and colorful magazines. Call or e-mail Pam Kay with questions or to find out if an item is usable. **Come to a work party on Friday, July 22 from 1-4 p.m. at Pam Kay's studio.** Call Pam Kay at 464-2009 and offer your knitting, crocheting or hand stitching skills. This is going to be an event that will keep people talking for a long time!

An Invitation...

Catholic Daughters are invited to join together for a pot luck dinner, presentation, discussion and fellowship September 11th, 2011 at the home of:

Carolyn Palm

8017 Blossom Lane, Lemon Grove, Ca. 91945
(619-316-5096)

- Bring a main dish salad or dish of your choice
- Bread; Beverages, wine and dessert will be provided
- 6:00 p.m. welcome and dinner
- 7:00 p.m. presentation/discussion (about an hour)

We will see the first DVD from the 10 part series on CATHOLICISM hosted by Fr. Robert Barron this Catholic Ministries offers a vision of the Catholic Faith, which has never before been seen. This vision seeks to explore, through a global journey, the living culture of the Catholic Church. From the lands of the Bible, to the great shrines of Europe, to the shores and heartland of America, to the mysteries of Asia, to the rich landscapes of Latin America, to the beating heart of Africa - and beyond, witness the passion and glory of the faith that claims over a billion of the earth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

9am-11am:

Serve donuts

12pm-1pm:

Serve donuts and hot dogs

AUGUST

8/6 - 8:30am-8:30pm

Mystery Quilt Workshop and
Trunk Show

8/27 - 5:30pm

“Plum Tree” at the Academy Picnic

8/28 - 9:15am

General Meeting in the
DeMoor 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.

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