

# WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS



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## Letter from the President

### *To All the Angels in the Making,*

I've been cleaning out!!!! It all started about two weeks ago when I got that 48-hour flu. I was chilled, nauseated and crabby. However, a good friend of mine asked me for one of my recipes, so I had to look through three boxes of recipes, which consisted of pages torn out of magazines, newspapers, cookbooks, and little pieces of papers from the counters at the grocery store.



This actually turned out to be a good thing. You see, with no appetite, I actually started dumping bags and bags of recipes and dwindled my three huge boxes down to one - cookbooks and all. I found the recipe my friend wanted and also found out how good it felt to dump.

Next, it was on to closets, the basement, and soon I will get to drawers, cabinets, and the garage. Project Hope is a daily stop on my way to get the kids from school. I'm sort of in the *you have to make a bigger mess before it actually gets straightened out* stage, but nonetheless, it feels fabulous and someone else will actually benefit from all of our stuff. However, my son says that he'll know I'm serious when I clean out the car - OUCH, that hurt. That's my office and I operate out of the front seat, back seat, and trunk - if you've ever seen my car you know what I mean. I make no apologies. People are always offering to organize me, thank you very much, but I'm holding out for my next life when I am going to request to be tall, blond, thin, rich and ORGANIZED.

During my cleaning out I have found such wonderful things. My high school gym uniform, my senior trip Disneyland t-shirt, my high school and college t-shirts, my prom dress, wedding dress, and my favorite teen jean cut-off shorts that I used to wear often; they had a hand-sewn red felt heart on my seat. That's when I didn't mind people looking at my behind - what was I thinking?

That little red heart brought me to this thought - February, St. Valentine's Day and thoughts of love, flowers, chocolates and cards during this romance and friendship filled month. There are so many ways to share our love and

friendship. The kids do all of their homemade cards and I love going through all of them as much as they do. Adults share poems, cards, candies and small gifts. But one of my most touching moments came just last year when one of the handmade Valentine cards from one of my daughter's friends, Nina Marshall, was opened. It was the only valentine that said, "Happy ST. VALENTINE'S Day." It is St. Valentine and his sacrifice that we celebrate.

Legend has it that this holiday was named after a Christian priest (Valentine) who lived in Rome almost two thousand years ago. Church records show that there were actually several priests named Valentine living back then. However, most likely it is the Valentine that was arrested because he refused to pray to the Roman gods that is the one we honor. In prison, Valentine became friends with the prison guard and his blind daughter. After many years, the priest was called before the Roman emperor and told he would be set free if he gave up his religion. Valentine refused and was ordered beheaded. But before he was taken away, Valentine asked the prison guard to give a note to his blind daughter. As soon as the girl opened the note, her sight was miraculously restored and she was able to read what was written on the piece of paper: "From your Valentine".

I just love those touching stories and find the time to repeat them to the kids as we do our contemporary celebration of February 14<sup>th</sup>. I wish you a month filled with love, friendship and happy memories.

It just wouldn't be right to leave without some kind of poem --- ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, MAY THE ANGELS ABOVE SPREAD LOVE TO ALL OF YOU.

Be sure to attend our next **general meeting, Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** when Beth Horner, professional storyteller, will entertain all of us with her humorous musical stage performance entitled "Love Lost, Found and Fumbled". You will surely enjoy her spoof on romance novels and everyday heroines. She's a joy. There is a \$10 fee for non-members. However, all are invited to attend.

*Always be an angel and you'll experience the wonders of God's presence,*



Linda



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## Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

*Our deepest sympathies to:*

Cathy Grain for the death of her mother, Marian Buckley.

Rita Faycurry for the death of her mother-in-law Gehan Faycurry.

The family of Florence Jensen (former member).

**Please keep in your prayers:**  
Beth McAndrews' daughter, MaryAnn, recovering from appendicitis.

The Rodriguez family, whose daughter is recovering from cancer surgery.



Please call Susan Butchness (304-6769) if you have any information for this column.

## THIS MONTH'S ENCLOSURES:

Please note the two flyers that have been enclosed with this month's newsletter:

- Day retreat
- Mother Daughter Tea

## PLAYGROUP



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## DAY RETREAT

The day retreat is scheduled for Thursday, March 6. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. Please join us for this wonderful day.

## DIRECTORY ADDITIONS



*Please update your membership directory with the following new member information:*

Dawn Davis (JR)  
81 Meadow Hill Rd.  
381-3428

Catherine Eckersall (Ray)  
112 Raven Ln.  
Bloomington  
(630)980-3852

Joanne Hegarty (Stephen)  
51 Rue Royale  
550-9974

Norma Logue (William)  
22497 Old Barrington Rd.  
381-0016

Patricia McCafferty  
25401 W. Cuba Rd.  
382-1438

Ann McSorley (Bill)  
20805 Meadow Ct.  
713-2680

Judith Rich  
287 Deer Trail Ct.  
304-5490

## MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE



Gala 2003 is just a few weeks away. Have you sent in your reservation? Take a minute to respond and purchase some raffle tickets. The gala committee has been working very hard to make this a very special evening for all of us. Many wonderful live and silent auction items will be going to the highest bidder. What will you come home with?

## MOTHER/ DAUGHTER TEA



The Mother/Daughter prayer service and tea is scheduled for March 8, 10:30—1:30 in the hospitality room. Don't forget to include grandmothers, great-grandmothers and aunts. See the enclosed flyer for details.

## HOUSEWALK



If you are interested in being on next year's Housewalk committee, please call Molly Montrie (277-0509). The first planning meeting will be on Feb. 13 at 9:00 am.

## MASS GREETERS NEEDED



Greeters are needed for the Saturday 5:15 Mass. It only takes about 20 minutes of your time. This can be done as an individual or as a family. We are looking for someone who can commit to doing this at least every few weeks. This could also count as service hours for teens in need of service hours. Please call Janet Daboub (304-4323) for more information.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

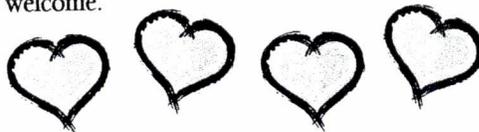


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Saturday, March 1	Gala Mardi Gras Masquerade
Thursday, March 6	Day Retreat
Saturday, March 8	Mother/Daughter Tea

## BARRINGTON AREA RELAY FOR LIFE



The Barrington Area Relay for Life is in immediate need of corporate and private team captains. If you want to register a corporate team or if you wish to be a team captain for the Relay for Life, held in June, please contact Katie Hicks at the American Cancer Society (847) 358-3965.

## NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to Angela Nordgren for putting together the Women's Club News for the past 4 years. She did a fabulous job. It will be a bit difficult to fill her shoes.

Martha Mehringer has taken over the responsibility of producing the newsletter so that Angela can be ready to take over as the Women's Club president in May. Please e-mail any information for the newsletter to [mmehring@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:mmehring@sbcbglobal.net) or call Martha (487-0661).



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*To All the Angels in the Making,*

I've been cleaning out --- Oh my goodness, isn't that how I started last month's newsletter? Where does the time go? Just as I think I've finished one small project, several thousand additional projects appear. I'm overwhelmed and exhausted as we prepare to actually put our house up for sale. I've/ we've wanted to move into a neighborhood with kids/ adults for a long time and the time just seems right for all of us—NOW. In actuality, we will probably move 2 miles, but many miles closer to our center of life—the village. As the clock runs every day, and every minute and hour becomes more valuable, I often think of a clipping I keep up for all of us to read and re-read, when on those rare occasions, we forget the importance of our time. Enjoy and embrace the message.



### *DO YOU REALIZE:*

*To realize the value of "one year", ask the student who has failed a grade.*

*To realize the value of "one month", ask the anxious mother-to-be.*

*To realize the value of "two days", ask a soldier on his first weekend pass.*

*To realize the value of "one day", ask a day laborer who has children to feed.*

*To realize the value of "one hour", ask the bride and groom who are waiting to meet at the altar.*

*To realize the value of "one minute", ask the person who has missed the train.*

*To realize the value of "one second", ask a person who has just avoided an accident.*

*To realize the value of "one millisecond", ask the person who has won the Silver medal in the Olympics.*

Treasure every moment you have, and remember — time waits for no one. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift from God, that's why it's called the present.

A GIFT from God — his only son. As Lent begins this month and ends 40 DAYS later, do you realize what a wonderful time it is to renew all that may have gone astray since the last time we celebrated this most holy season. What Lent has always meant to me was a time when I have to give something up so that I may, in some small

way, experience the pain that Jesus went through those last days of his life. Since I can remember, I have given up one of my most favorite snacks — Pretzels. Please don't laugh — this is huge for me. I can say with a great amount of confidence that my life would not be as fulfilling if pretzels weren't created hundreds of years ago. I must have them daily. So you see, I DO realize the value of the minutes, hours, and days, especially during Lent, when I deprive myself of just one favorite thing. But it's come to light during the last few years that we should not only give something up, but also give to, or add something to our lives to make it richer or add to someone else's life or the world to make it a better place. This is character building in many ways. It's rewarding and takes the sting out of deprivation. Last year, the kids and I decided to donate homemade food to Project Hope every Wednesday. (They have people stop there often who are hungry.) Sister thanked us, but she gently said wrapped snacks or warm clothing is what is really needed, i.e., Twinkies or sweatshirts/pants. Herein lies the little problem developed since last year- I now have to give up pretzels AND Twinkies!!!

Do you have in place already how your Lenten season will begin and how it will end? This is a time of great sadness and great celebration all tied up in the same 40-day period. I so enjoy this time of year; it just builds character and sometimes builds characters too. As your character is building, which is a continual yet rewarding challenge, ask for guidance from your angel. She will always help, if you ask. During those challenging minutes, hours, or days, this little reflection may guide you in the direction you want to head:

*Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.*

*Be careful of your words for your words become your actions.*

*Be careful of your actions for your actions become your habits.*

*Be careful of your habits for your habits become your character.*

Jesus' character and destiny and his unconditional realization of the importance of every second here on Earth made way for each of us to give up and give to every minute of every day all year long, not just these 40 days.

*Always be an Angel and you'll experience the wonder of God's presence—*



Linda



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## Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

### *Contratulations to:*

Katie Froman on the birth of her baby, John Christopher, January 27.

### *Our deepest sympathies to:*

Sister Lorraine for the death of her sister, Marie Zoromsky.

The family of Jackie Castleman, former member.

### *Please keep in your prayers:*

Peter Bernacchi, 14, as he recovers from a stroke.

*Please call Susan Butchness (304-6769) if you have any information for this column.*

Contact Martha Mehringer with any information for the Women's Club News: mmehringer@sbcglobal.net or 487-0661

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## GENERAL MEETING

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## SCRIPTURE SHARING

Are you looking for additional spiritual nourishment during the Lenten season? Resolve to join us on Monday mornings starting March 10th. This session we will be reading the **Pastoral Letters** (seven week study). We will again be utilizing the Little Rock Scripture Study Program, which provides us with study guides, commentary, and lectures. Sessions also are enriched by small group discussion and faith sharing. We meet from 9:15 until 11:15 Monday mornings in the 2nd floor conference room in the Parish Center. Materials will be distributed at the March 10th meeting and the cost will be \$15. Childcare is offered for a nominal fee. Please call Catherine Perrin (842-9070) or Diane Jadown (382-2820) with any questions or to register your children.



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Also, corporate sponsors are still needed for the Relay for Life. If you or your company are interested in sponsoring a team, please contact Katie Hicks at the American Cancer Society (847) 358-3965.

## SENIOR LUNCHEON



The Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14. "**Fab 50's**" is the theme for the annual luncheon and raffle which is open to all Barrington area and Saint Frances of Rome Parish Seniors. Bingo and 50's entertainment will be provided. This is a fun, festive party for the seniors. It is also a very rewarding volunteer experience because the seniors are so thankful.

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**Cleanup**—Help is needed after the event for cleanup.

Babysitting will be provided at all times where help is needed.

Call Sondra Raider (842-8064) or Laura Stevens (277-1304) to sign up to help.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL



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Saturday, March 8 10:30 am	Mother/Daughter Tea -SOLD OUT
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Tuesday, March 25 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Thursday, March 27 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, March 31	Scripture Study

## CROP WALK

The church is looking for a crop walk coordinator. Please call Monica Gurreri (620-3071) if you can help out.



## DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

Please update your membership directory with the following new member information:

Milly Corwin (Paul)  
997 Marlborough Road  
842-9193  
millycorwin@aol.com

Please make the following correction to your directory:

Christine Halk's phone number is 842-0282.



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Since I became a mother of a son over 13 years ago, Good Friday has had a different sadness for me. I somehow focus so much more on Mary, the

mother of Jesus, and how she lived through seeing her son's life close with such torture and with such pain. As Lent progresses my thoughts often are with her. *(My sadness is often resounding,*

*yet it appropriately reminds me of both Jesus and Mary's suffering when I hear one of my favorite songs often sung during Lent. Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?)*



I wonder how I would be able to survive such trauma. How could I live out the rest of my life as it should be lived? She was extraordinary, I am ordinary. This may be the difference, however, as my heart is saddened this week with the war a reality it brings me to remember a radio interview I heard. A mother of one of the marines who was killed this week in Iraq was interviewed (*Nancy Chamberlin and Jay Aubin respectively*). She was overwhelmed with grief, yet eloquent in what she shared with the reporter. She said that she gathered the courage and strength to speak to the reporter knowing that she had a closing conversation with her son before he left for duty. In that moment, Jay told his mother that if he didn't return, she should know that he died doing what he believed in [freedom for all] and that he would be proud to die defending that freedom. Perhaps that's how Mary got through her grief. She knew that her son died so that all of us would have religious freedom. And with that insight she was proud to be able to give us that gift we so treasure today. Both mothers gained a divine vision into the world through their son's sacrifices. No matter where you stand on the issues of war, I can only hope you agree that we have obligations to one other. Whether they be small and simple or intense and profound. This

quote from Edmund Burke is inspiring in both the everyday moments we live and in the monumental actions we must take:

*ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS FOR GOOD MEN TO STAND BY AND DO NOTHING.*

With those challenging words swirling in my head, I'll switch gears to **thank** all of the angels who chaired the following events. To the wildly successful gala women: Lisa Nordquist, Melinda Muto, and Deborah Quig, thank you. To a beautiful afternoon with our daughters and mothers: Mary Barry and Beth McAndrews, thank you. And lastly, to Diane Jadown, Barb Pagor, and Julie McLemore for our inspiring day of prayer, thank you. I hope you attended at least one of these events.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> when Juliette Looye will introduce us to the ancient Chinese philosophy of Feng Shui (*pron. Fung Shwaay*). Ms. Looye will share with us how to create a harmonious and balanced environment. You'll come to see that where you live and work can have positive effects on your entire life—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. How can we not benefit from all of that? The Chinese are known for their proverbs, I leave you with one especially pertinent this week:

*If there is light in the soul,*

*There will be beauty in the person.*

*If there is beauty in the person,*

*There will be harmony in the house.*

*If there is harmony in the house,*

*There will be order in the nation.*

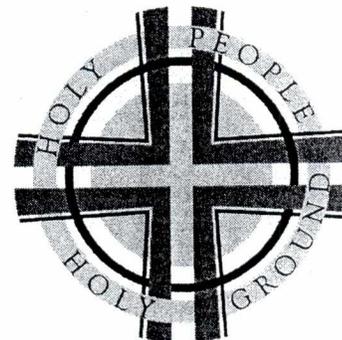
*If there is order in the nation,*

*THERE WILL BE PEACE IN THE WORLD.*

In my house the word WAR, stands for **When Angels Rescue**. We place our prayers there and hope that all of our POW's angels are with them and will bring them home safely.

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*Linda*



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## Lenten Reflection

**"...I REMEMBER YOU IN MY PRAYERS AT ALL TIMES"**

Romans 1 : 9

*"Dear Lord, I thank You for all the favors You have bestowed upon me. Help me always to praise and thank You in both the good times and the bad, to offer every part of my life to You, even the sad and sorrowful parts. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for having created me ... for all the joys of life and for all the sorrows ... for the home You gave me, and for all the love that surrounded me in the home ... for the friends I have made through life. You have dealt very generously and very tenderly with me; I cannot hope to thank You as I ought, but, with Your help, my future life will be one long thanksgiving. I beg Your sweet Mother Mary to thank You for me out of her heart of hearts for all Your gifts of love to me."*

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## MAY DINNER

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## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. A worship service, dessert, Least Coin Collection and a program honoring our community's young women will be the evening's agenda. Questions? Call Becky (304-1178). 

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## SPRING WELCOME COFFEE

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## BARRINGTON AREA RELAY FOR LIFE

St. Anne Women's Club is sponsoring two teams at the Barrington Area Relay for Life. Sign-up started at our March meeting, but we are still looking for eight more walkers. This event will be held at Barrington High School on **June 14-15<sup>th</sup>**. 

**Relay, con't...** Each participant is only required to spend an hour on the track and raise a minimum of \$100. Fundraising information is included in each person's packet. A Relay for Life table will be available at the April and May meetings for those who cannot walk but would like to be part of this American Cancer Society function by making a donation to our walkers. Please call Anne Salter (842-8653) or Peg Holt (382-1174) to sign-up.

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## FISH

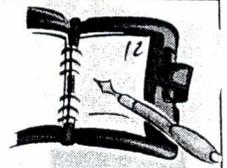
FISH (For I Shall Help) is a volunteer organization that provides a very personal door-to-door service for people in our community. FISH provides transportation to medical, dental, hospital and clinical visits, as well as, emergency shopping for food or pharmacy necessities. 

Fish is in need of drivers to be on call for a day to take elderly people to doctor appointments, etc. This is a very simple task and if you have a cell phone you don't even have to be home if a call comes through. Please call Kathy Giamalva (381-6840) if you can help.

## OPERATION PLATOON

The Women's Club will be sponsoring a platoon through Operation Platoon. Thanks to Karen Bocabella, we will have an opportunity to support our troops in a positive, tangible way by preparing care packages and writing letters of encouragement. Call Karen (382-9817) if you have any questions. 

## Upcoming Events



### APRIL

Tuesday, April 1 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
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Thursday, April 10 10:00 am	Playgroup
Thursday, April 10 7:00 pm	Operation Rice Bowl Thane Hall Parish Center
Monday, April 14 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, April 15 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Wed., April 16 9:00 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, April 17 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, April 21 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, April 22 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Thursday, April 24 10:00 am	Playgroup
Friday, April 25 9:30- 11:00 am	Welcome Coffee Hospitality Room
Monday, April 28 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, April 29 9:15 am	Mom's Plus

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Our parish is seeking a Crop Walk coordinator. Please call Monica Gurreri (620-3071) if you can help out. 

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are some open positions for the 2003-2004 Women's Club year. Someone is needed to co-chair the **Overnight Retreat** scheduled for November 7-8. Also, more people are needed to help with the monthly **Newsletter**. We need someone to help **collect the information** that is published, a team to **fold and stuff** the letters, and lastly someone to handle the **postage** duty. Please call Angela (516-3586) ASAP if you can help! 

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please make the following corrections to your directory:

- Milly Corwin's phone number is 842-9139
- Katie McGeady's e-mail is now [katiemcgeady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katiemcgeady@sbcglobal.net)

# WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS



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## Letter from the President

*To All The Angels In The Making,*

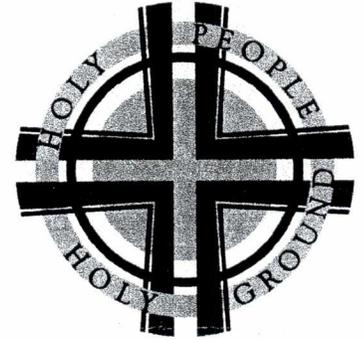
A DOOR OPENS -- You all have heard that wonderfully optimistic expression, AS ONE DOOR CLOSES, ANOTHER DOOR OPENS. I am about to open a new door. It is, however, with great sadness yet treasured memories that I must close this door. As I reflect on this past year as President of the St. Anne Women's Club, what a joyous journey!!! From the very beginning, I have shared all that warms my heart and my devotion to the powerful inspiration Angels hold in my life. I have been blessed with many of you sharing your mutual devotions as well as your generous mementos, stationary, cards, calendars, collectables, snow globes, web-sites, books, feathers, ornaments, articles, and even pocket angels (so that I will be watched over at all times). It is said that with each gift, we give a part of ourselves, and it's inspiring to know how we all touch each other in ways that we least expect. I am incredibly humbled each time you call, write or stop me with your kind thoughts and words. You have warmed my heart and brought a quiet smile into my most hectic days. For that, I am filled with much gratitude. I have so many women to be thankful to -THANK YOU, GRAZI, GRACIAS.



I am most thankful that God brought me to a place in my life that I welcomed with courage and confidence this exciting opportunity offered to me. This was a leap in my life's journey of which I really did not fully know what to expect. All those remarkable women before me made this job look effortless. What a credit to each one of them. What I did know was that my family and I had to behave ourselves on a regular basis because there would always be a Women's Club member somewhere around. I hope no troubling stories are circulating the Village this year (don't believe any of them). I also knew that my intention was to bring you joy, laughter and inspiration through our programs and events. I sincerely hope you had fun, shared experiences and built friendships. This would honor all that this Women's club stands for in our Parish and in the Village of Barrington. I have met many new friends this year, kept the old friends, and been equally impressed with each and every one of you, your endless energy and your passionate spirits. No matter what event you have chaired, co-chaired or contributed to----- it's important you know that our organization needed every one

of you. Each contribution is responsible for keeping the reputation of this club at an all time high. It is a great comfort to know that this parish is assured that when the Women's Club takes on a challenge, nothing but the very best, over-the-top performance is the end result. You all make me so proud to say I am a member of this wonderful group of ladies and I look forward to walking along side each of you for many years to come. I now know first hand what the phrase - It Takes A Village - really represents. I do not stand-alone, nor do I contribute on my own. We share the responsibilities as well as the rewards. We are good for and with each other. I firmly believe that we can change the world one person at a time and it starts right here in your own home and church. Promise to never minimize all that you do. To the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world. YOU ARE THE ANGELS THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN.

I must share one last observation. It seems so long ago, but when I was struggling to find a focus for this year and finally settled on how we are all Angels In The Making, I must confess, I already knew there were many Angels Among Us. The surprise came when you exceeded my simple expectations and re-defined my visions of an Angel In The Making. Oliver Wendell Holmes has been quoted as saying, "What lies behind us, and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us." What lives within you and the spirit of this Women's Club is astounding. So many Angels have earned extra feathers for their wings. If you received feathers in the mail, yes, they were from me. Know I was thinking of you and they were meant to warm your heart and put a smile on your face in return for giving me the same. (I have stories about the feathers, but I would need another entire newsletter to pass those on, so I'll treasure those privately, thank you.) I have spoken often this year about my heart being warmed. It is on fire right now, permanently changed. Some other changes, more measurable, are: I am a little bit more organized, I learned to manage my time a little better, and I can now talk on the phone, cook dinner, AND put on my make-up all at the same time!!! Unfortunately, what I cannot do all at the same time is conclude this wonderful part of my life's journey and be ready to engage in some new experiences. So I must leave this comforting place. I resound what I said many months ago -- you can only be ready to leave a place when your wings have been filled -- that is, you feel you are leaving a better person than when you arrived. I am. My wish is you always do too. LIVE honorably, LOVE openly, and LAUGH often. It is time, now, with my warm, heavy heart that I am closing this door, and about to open that other door. I am thrilled to open it for your next President, ANGELA NORDGREN. She's soft, gentle, enthusiastic, and most importantly, dedicated to bringing all the best of herself to



*St Anne*  
Catholic Community

### Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

*Our deepest sympathies to:*

Sister Anna Marie on the death of her sister, Theresa Martin.

*Please keep in your prayers:*  
Joanne Stack, recovering from appendicitis.

*Please call Peggy Frey (304-0743) if you have any information for this column.*

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all of you. Embrace and welcome her. She already has embraced and welcomed the spirit of the St. Anne Women's Club into her heart and home. May all the Angels fly over your homes and bless you with all that is heavenly.

A DOOR CLOSES

*Always be an Angel and you'll experience the wonders of God's presence,*

*Linda*

**PLEASE NOTE!  
IMPORTANT  
MEETING INFORMATION:**

Please note that the **May 13th Installation Mass and Dinner begins at 6:30 pm**. This is a change in time. An **RSVP is required** by May 6th, as this is a catered event. Call Katie McGeady (381-3554).

**PLAYGROUP**

*All are welcome!* Make new friends for yourself and your little ones! The playgroup meets in the Thane Hall Parish Center each Thursday in May. We gather and play from 10:00 until 11:30 am and play either in the nursery or in the gym. Please call either Katie Froman (713-2110) or Missy Stefan (304-0867) with your questions.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

**May Friendship Day** will take place **May 5th at 7:00 pm** at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. A worship service, dessert, Least Coin Collection and a program honoring our community's young women will be the evening's agenda. Lisa Nordquist, a member of our Women's Club, is one of the women who is being honored.

On **June 17th**, there will be an **Interfaith Picnic Lunch** at Langendorf Park from 11:30-1:00. All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Questions, call Mindy Fransen (381-6271).

**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

The Senior Luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 14**. We could use several more desserts and raffle items for the Senior Luncheon. Please call Sondra (842-8064) or Laura (277-1304) if you can contribute. Please bring desserts to the May 13th meeting or before 11:00 a.m. to the Hospitality Room. Please bring raffle items to the rectory.

If you are working at the Senior Luncheon, please remember to wear a white top and black bottom. Babysitting will be in the Thane Hall nursery in the lower level of the Parish Center.

The cafeteria is in need of dish towels. If you have any old towels you would like to donate, please bring them to the May dinner and leave them in the cafeteria. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are several open positions for the 2003-2004 Women's Club year. We are looking for a third person to co-chair the overnight retreat, scheduled for November 7-8. Also, help is needed in folding, stuffing and mailing the newsletter each month from August 2003-May 2004. This is a great way to help if you have young children or would like at-home tasks. This can be done alone or with others. Also, we are still in need of additional chairs for the gala committee. We are especially looking for people to head up the marketing and public relations areas. Team captains are also needed for next year's gala. Please consider giving your time and talents to this important fundraiser.

**BARRINGTON AREA RELAY FOR LIFE**

Just a reminder— The Relay for Life will be **June 14-15** at Barrington High School. We are still in need of walkers for our two teams. Please consider joining us. Information will be available at our May meeting, or call Anne Salter (842-8653) or Peg Holt (382-1174) to sign up. If you are unable to walk, but would like to be part of this American Cancer Society function, we will be accepting donations at the May meeting.

**TURNOVER MEETING**

The turnover meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm** at the home of Linda Lopez, 11 Goose Lake Drive, Barrington Hills (304-0136). All current Women's Club board members, as well as next year's board, organizational chairs, and committee chairs should attend this meeting. Invitations will be mailed.

**HARVEST OF HOMES HOUSEWALK 2003**

It's hard to believe that the Women's Club fundraiser is creeping up on us! Be sure to mark your calendar now and save the date **Thursday, October 2, 2003**. Plans are fast on their way for a great event! The committee has been meeting and they are creating some new and fun surprises. Your help will be especially needed as docents. A flyer with all the details will be enclosed in the August Women's Club News. Please contact Molly Montrie (277-0509) with any questions or call Charlotte Kovalsky (382-6229) if you can commit to a shift as a docent.

**Upcoming Events**



**MAY**

Thursday, May 1 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, May 5 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Monday, May 5 7:00 pm	Friendship Day Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Tuesday, May 6 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Thursday, May 8 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, May 12 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, May 13 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Tuesday, May 13 6:30	General Meeting <i>Installation Mass and Dinner</i>
Wed., May 14 9:00 am	Senior Luncheon Hospitality Room
Thursday, May 15 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, May 19 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, May 20 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Wed., May 21 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, May 22 10:00 am	Playgroup
Monday, May 26 9:15 am	Scripture Study
Tuesday, May 27 9:15 am	Mom's Plus
Thursday, May 29 10:00 am	Playgroup
<b>JUNE</b>	
Tuesday, June 3 7:00	Turnover meeting

**AUGUST NEWS**

You won't be hearing from the Women's Club again until August. The 2003/04 membership form will be enclosed along with the newsletter. The board takes a little rest, but not too long! They'll be busy planning the coming year's programs and the many exciting events that will be offered to our members. As you know, the reason our club continues to be such a success is because of the collective contribution of the time and talent of many women. Please take a few moments over the summer break to see how your gifts and talents can help to make our coming club year the best it can be. Have a wonderful summer!

Contact Martha Mehringer with any information for the Women's Club News: [mmehringer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmehringer@sbcglobal.net) or (847) 487-0661.



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## Letter from the President

Dear friends,

As I sit to write this letter I am reeling from the swift passage of the summer! Can it already be August? I absolutely adore the summer season... lakeside fun, waterskiing, the many opportunities to be outdoors, and then there is always the excuse to fire up the grill and invite the neighbors over, etcetera, etcetera! I hope you have taken advantage of a slower schedule and special moments with your family and friends too.



I've spent some time reviewing our recent past presidential themes (angels in the making, reconnecting, celebrating our gifts) and I have decided to focus this year's theme on "seeking a virtuous life". Is the subject to heavy? Is it too idealistic? I don't think so. I think we are capable of greater goodness, deep faith, loving gratitude and sincere honesty than we stretch ourselves to be. I also believe it is not as complicated as one might think. Take honesty for example. A good friend of mine once told me that her mother taught her that "it is always easier to remember the truth". Fairly simple logic, don't you agree? I realize that it can be demanding when we tackle the possibility of being virtuous and morally sound women, but I also appreciate that through those challenges we grow. Each month I will focus my letter on a different virtue. I hope that the ideas presented will strike a chord in your heart or that it might be material for a discussion with a friend. Did you know, according to our Catholic Catechism, the Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith? Did you know that these virtues make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life? The virtuous woman is

she who freely practices the good. It sounds so logical! I guess it only gets complicated when we introduce our emotions... I look forward to growing along side all of you.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the organizational and event chairwomen who have been planning and organizing the many activities that we will be able to offer to our Club and Parish this year. I am personally grateful to all of you for your talents and energy. Keep up the amazing work - our Club would not exist without your involvement and dedication to service!

As for our monthly meetings, Marjie Malia and I have conjured some new ideas! Be sure to mark your calendar, line up those babysitters and give yourself the treat of a night out each month. Read through our terrific 2003/2004 Schedule of Events on the reverse page.

Finally, you'll notice that there are two very **IMPORTANT** enclosures this month. One is our annual *Membership Form* and the second is a *Harvest of Homes Housewalk flyer*. PLEASE read each of the pages carefully. Your Membership Form is essential because we want to be sure you will be listed in our 2003/2004 directory (note the deadlines). There also are several opportunities for you to help at our many events. Be sure to check off those volunteer boxes! Next, our Harvest of Homes Housewalk event is our most member involved activity of the year. This is our third Housewalk and we rely heavily on you to make this event happen. The committee has some very special surprises planned for our docent volunteers. Plan on working a shift on Thursday, October 2.

I look forward to seeing everyone **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for our first general meeting of the Club year. We invite you to "A Stroll Through the Garden". Please come enjoy some hospitality and fellowship. This meeting is a great opportunity to explore the many events/activities our Club offers. Until then, enjoy your last few weeks of summer!

Your companion seeker — Angela



St Anne  
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## Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

### Congratulations to:

Maria Leidlich, on the birth of her son, John Peter (Jack), July 8

Jeanne Perry, on the birth of her daughter, Eliza Jane, July 24

Mary and Jack Reinhart, on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary

### Keep in touch with:

Laura Buell  
7283 Lambton Green  
New Albany, OH 43054



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mmehinger@sbcglobal.net or 487-0661

# CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

## 2003-2004 Event Calendar



### PLEASE NOTE:

**Scripture Sharing** is each Monday at 9:15—11:15 am (beginning September 15)

**Moms Plus** is each Tuesday at 9:15—11:15 am (beginning September 9)  
*Both meet in the Parish Center Conference Room.*

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*Playgroup meets in the Thane Hall Parish Center, beginning in September.*

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 9 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*"A Stroll Through the Garden"*  
St. Anne School Cafeteria

Wed., Sept. 17 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

Friday, Sept. 19 Fall Welcome Coffee  
Kendra DiMucci's Home

### OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 2 9:00 am—3:00 pm Harvest of Homes  
Housewalk  
Barrington Area

Tuesday, Oct. 7 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*Sally Edwards—Big People,  
Little People*  
Hospitality Room

Wed., Oct. 15 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 17 Mother/Son Event  
Spikes, Crystal Lake

### NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov. 7 10:45 am Church Women United  
Prairie Grove

Fri./Sat., Nov. 7-8 6:00 pm Overnight Retreat  
St. Mary at the Lake—CDM  
Mundelein

Tuesday, Nov. 11 7:00 pm Mass of Remembrance &  
General Meeting  
Chapel & Gathering Space

Wed., Nov. 19 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

### DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 6 8:00-11:00 am Breakfast with Santa  
St. Anne School Cafeteria &  
Hospitality Room

Tuesday, Dec. 9 7:00 pm Shopping and Hospitality  
Ice House Mall, Barrington

*No Board Meeting.*

### JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan. 13 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*Ladies' Night In*  
Hospitality Room

Wed., Jan. 21 9:15 am Full Board Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 29 9:00-2:30 Day of Prayer  
St. Anne Chapel

### FEBRUARY

Friday, Feb. 6 12:00 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
Rectory Basement

Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30-12:30 Mother/Daughter Event  
Chapel & Gathering Space

Tuesday, Feb. 10 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*Jewelry Making*  
Hospitality Room

Saturday, Feb. 14 5:30 pm Gala 2004  
Stonegate, Hoffman Estates

Wed., Feb. 18 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

### MARCH

Date TBA Church Women United

Tuesday, Mar. 9 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*Mary Ruth Broz, Wellstreams*  
Hospitality Room

Wed., Mar. 17 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

Friday, Mar. 19 9:15 am Spring Welcome Coffee  
Location TBA

### APRIL

Tuesday, April 13 7:00 pm General Meeting  
*Rebecca A. Colbert, Interior  
Design—Design 101*  
Hospitality Room

Wed., April 21 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

### MAY

Friday, May 7 Church Women United  
Location TBA

Tuesday, May 11 6:30 pm General Meeting  
*Installation Mass & Dinner*  
Chapel & Hospitality Room

Wed., May 12 11:00 am Senior Luncheon  
Hospitality Room

Wed., May 19 9:15 am Board Meeting  
Conference Room

### JUNE

Tuesday, June 1 7:00 pm Turnover Meeting  
Angela Nordgren's home,  
930 White Pine Drive, Cary

Sat.-Sun.,  
June 12-13 Relay for Life

## PLAYGROUP



We will continue to meet at Langendorf Park each **Thursday** at 10:30 am **through August**. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the sunshine. Call Theresa Lindh (304-1859) with any questions.

## OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Hold the dates **November 6-7** and give yourself the gift of 24 hours for personal reflection and spiritual growth with a small group of other women.

## FULL BOARD MEETING



A full board meeting for next year's board, organizational and committee chairs is scheduled for **Thursday, August 28** at **7:00 pm** at Angela Nordgren's home, 930 White Pine Drive, Cary (516-3586). Appetizers and desserts would be most appreciated.

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## HARVEST OF HOMES HOUSEWALK 2003



Be sure to mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 2**. Last year's event was a huge success for many reasons, but most of all because so many of our club members stepped forward to help as **docents**. We are putting the call out early because there will be only one general meeting before the housewalk. Call Charlotte Kovalsky to volunteer to be a docent (382-6229).

## WELCOME COFFEE



Please join us for the fall welcome coffee, **Friday, September 19**, at the home of Kendra DiMucci, 34 Lakeside Drive. All are welcome— old members, new members, as well as mothers and their children. No babysitting is necessary. Call Kendra to tell her you will be joining us (836-6870).



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Dear friends,

Well, the reality of tight schedules and changing weather is upon us. As I mentioned at the May Dinner, this job was something I approached with much consideration. Once I made my decision though, I committed to all involved that I would make this task a positive experience for everyone.



So far, so good! I want to thank those of you who have been so supportive of my initial efforts. I could not do this work without your kind words and commitment to service. I am very grateful.

As we begin our exploration of "*seeking a virtuous life*," I want to reiterate that this will be a journey. Please examine your habits. Take a moment and reflect. I always tell my kids when I make a mistake or behave poorly that "Mom is working at being a better person. I'm sorry." And I mean it! I believe that change and growth are essential if we want our spirit to mature.

Perhaps the best place to start is by naming the seven virtues and their categories. The four Cardinal Virtues are Prudence, Temperance, Justice, and Fortitude; the three Theological Virtues are Faith, Hope, and Love. Where do we go next? St. Thomas Aquinas states the virtues should be "good active habits". Surely that statement makes the idea of being virtuous obtainable, but is it that simple? Another angle is to view the virtues as the qualities one might possess, whether they are good or bad. This month, let's look more deeply into the virtue of Prudence and begin to design an approach to this "good active habit" of being virtuous women.

Webster defines prudence by using these words: capable of exercising sound judgment, careful, and wise. Our Catechism mentions self-mastery and joy. Does it mean

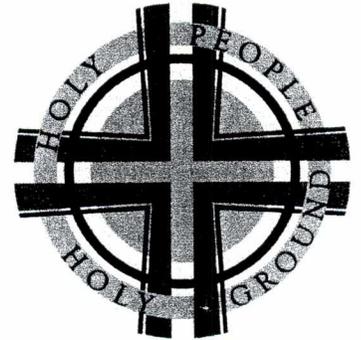
if I lead a virtuous life I'll automatically have a happier more fulfilled life? If so, I'm in! I want to lead a disciplined life, a life where one thing doesn't consume the other. I want to live in the moment and realize the joy in the mistakes I make and appreciate the presence of greatness. I also want to remember Jesus in my active daily being, rather than just the hour at Sunday mass or when a crisis occurs. How do I get there? When I read from a volume entitled "The Book of Qualities", I am calmed. I see that being virtuous is within my grasp. I just need to slow down and listen. I'd like to share a portion of J.Ruth Gendler's view on wisdom with you.

*"Wisdom wears an indigo jacket. Wisdom has a quiet mind. She likes to think about the edges where things spill into each other and become their opposites. Questions of time, depth, and balance interest her. She is not looking for answers."*

Consider being careful. When a person is careful, maybe it is not how one performs a task, but rather it is how we choose to communicate with one another. Maybe it is the way we let our friends share with us. Instead of quickly reacting and telling a story about our own experiences, we should examine the friend's words, her gestures, and her deeper revelations more closely. It's true we often chat to fill the gap of silence, but sometimes we chat to be heard. Listen when others speak. Quiet your reactions. When I really listen to my friends, I not only learn about them, but I am amazed at what I discover in myself. Take a walk in their shoes. Let's make that our goal for September. Through the exercise or "good active habit" of listening we will be able to hear more of what is being revealed to us.

I am very excited for our general meeting! Mark your calendar on **September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. You are invited to "*A Stroll Through the Garden*". Come enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of the Club. We're also featuring a vendor who'll be selling some "Designer Inspired Jewelry". Read on for more details. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Your companion seeker — *Angela*



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Diane Miller, on the death of her father-in-law, Walter E. Rast

Marjie Malia, on the death of her grandmother



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# CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

## THIS MONTH'S ENCLOSURES:



Please note the flyer(s) that have been enclosed with this month's newsletter:

- Harvest of Homes Housewalk
- Membership form (if you have not yet joined the Women's Club)

## FIRST MEETING INFORMATION



This season's first Women's Club general meeting, "A Stroll Through the Garden", will be on **September 9th at 7:00 pm**. Come see all the volunteer possibilities that await you. Each committee will have a table display with information and a sign-up sheet. There are so many choices; something will interest you. Joining a committee is a great way to meet new people.

The September meeting is a great time for new people to join the Women's Club. Please bring any friends or neighbors who may be interested in finding out about our club. Be sure to fill out your membership form if you haven't already sent it in.

## JEWELRY SALE



As you stroll through the many volunteer opportunities at the **September 9th** general meeting, you also will have the opportunity to shop for "designer inspired jewelry", inspired by Tiffany, Cartier, David Yurman, Gucci, Judith Jack, Lagos, John Hardy, and more. Prices range from \$6—\$60. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Women's Club. Credit cards will be accepted. Items are available immediately upon purchase.

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The Women's Club's annual fundraiser, "Harvest of Homes" is fast approaching, **Thursday, October 2**. The committee has planned for this to be a special day for all. Don't forget to buy your tickets early (by Sept. 15) to be entered into a bonus raffle drawing. Last year's event was a huge success for many reasons, but most of all because so many of our club members stepped forward to help as **docents**. Every member is asked to work one shift. You should still be able to see all of the homes. Please call Charlotte Kovalsky (382-6229) to volunteer. Babysitting is available all day at no cost for all who work. For those who will be working, please hold the date, Friday, Sept. 19 for a docent training and pre-thank you party. Questions? Call Molly Montrie (277-0509).

## This Month's Calendar



### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 9 9:15 am	Moms Plus Parish Center Conference Room
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Thursday, Sept. 11 10:00	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
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## Letter from the President

Dear friends,

Our first general meeting was a great success thanks to our organizational and committee chairs. I hope you found your stroll through the "gardens" informative! The next general meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, October 14.**

We'll enjoy our usual fellowship and hospitality and then be entertained by the hilarious Sally Edwards. Read the reverse side for more information.



Let us continue our journey through the virtues by examining **Temperance**. Temperance=moderation=less is more. How is that for simplifying its meaning? To give anything deeper significance, we must be willing to exert effort. It is up to the reader, the researcher, the **seeker**, to go deeper into her heart and soul to give the virtues their proper shape and meaning. Have you been practicing your "good active habits"? Truthfully, I have been trying. I committed to myself that I could be a better person. I came to this conclusion because I believe my husband, children, and friends deserve everything from me that I expect from them. A real relationship commands a mutual sharing of love and respect.

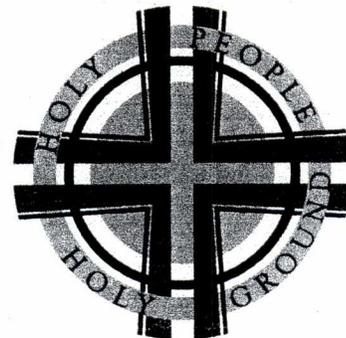
I recently went to a talk given by a local psychologist that focused on power struggles. His remarks reinforced what I have been trying to do, but one of his major points has further challenged me. He said it is imperative that we send our emotions to the way-side when we are faced with a conflict. For me, that is a difficult thing to do. How do I keep from getting worked up when my child is not doing what I asked for the third time? How do I remain cool headed and avoid frustration when I am mediating a discussion? Purely practiced, you (a) give yourself a time-out (*act with temperance*) and then (b) react to the situation appropriately (*approach*

*with moderation*). Sometimes I succeed and sometimes I fail. But in all honesty, the efforts I am making to modify my behavior have given me a greater sense of tranquility.

Ironically, Ambrose says (De Offic. i, 42) that "what we observe and seek most in temperance is tranquility of soul." Quiet, peace, calm...all of these words describe the place one reaches when they are in a tranquil space. So, the virtue of temperance doesn't suggest that you ignore your desires, but instead it leads you to evaluate why you are choosing to act upon them. Temperance dares us to see beauty and ease in the simple things. The smile of a child, dinner with your family, a deep breath of fresh air... When we were in New York city this past summer, my husband and I actually saw this saying written on the wall of a restaurant; "Moderation kills the spirit." It is a lot like the expression, "Everything in moderation, even moderation". Both of these phrases aptly describe the essence of temperance. You need to choose wisely and recognize the beauty in your selection. Only after you practice this consistently will you begin to see with more clarity.

It is important to remember that in studying the virtues one must reflect upon the virtue in both broad and specific terms. The virtues naturally impart one's instinct to play devil's advocate. Therefore, however literally and deeply you choose to participate as a virtuous woman depends upon the amount of energy you want to surrender. You will quickly realize though, that to participate on a surface level will not satisfy the soul. We must dig deep. Only then will the true essence of the virtues be revealed. I am constantly amazed at how hungry I am for more depth! I search my heart again and again for the "right" answer and the "straight" path. I am very grateful that this journey is leading me toward the peace I have never known, but always aspired to obtain. I pray that you are walking beside me.

*Your companion seeker* — Angela



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Robert Parnell

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Peter Bernacchi, who is in the hospital



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# CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

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## HARVEST OF HOMES HOUSEWALK 2003



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## MEETING INFORMATION



Don't miss the **Tuesday, October 14** general meeting. Come find out what is going on this year with the Women's Club. A fun evening has been planned for you. Sally Edwards will be presenting a comedic show, "Big People, Little People", about the crazy and unpredictable job of raising children! This should be a lot of fun and a lot of laughs.

## DIRECTORY NEWS



Please send in your membership form ASAP for inclusion in this year's directory. This will be your last newsletter if your form isn't in by **Wednesday, October 15**. Also, do you know a friend or do you frequent a business that would like to advertise in our Club directory? We distribute over 300 directories each year. Ad prices are \$25 for business card size, \$35 for half page, and \$50 for a full page. Call Sue Geshwender (382-1922) for ad prices or general membership information.

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On Thursday, **October 2**, we will be meeting in the Parish Center gym because the nursery will be used for "Housewalk" babysitting. Also, on Thursday, **October 30**, bring your children in costume, along with some treats to share. Call Theresa Lindh (304-1859) with any questions.

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Tuesday, Oct. 14 7:00 pm	General Meeting Sally Edwards "Big People, Little People"
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Tuesday, Oct. 21 9:15 am	Moms Plus
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Monday, Oct. 27 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
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Dear friends,

For those of you that attended our last meeting, I hope you've recovered from the laughter! Sally Edwards was truly hilarious. My ears hurt I was laughing so hard! Now that the World Series is finished (poor Cubbies – congratulations Marlins) I hope to see more of you at our next general meeting.

On Tuesday, November 11 our annual Mass of Remembrance is scheduled. We'll begin

promptly at 7:00 pm. Read the reverse side for more information regarding the remainder of this wonderful evening.

This month, let us delve deeper into **Justice**. Automatically, the synonyms of fairness, equality, evenhandedness, righteousness, and impartiality are listed for me as I click on the Thesaurus option in my word processing program. What if we look at the antonyms? Do we ever consider what our reality might be like if we lived in a world where intolerance, narrow-mindedness, bias, prejudice, and discrimination determined how we operate? I wish I could say we aren't as far away from that mindset as we think. Unfortunately, it wasn't so long ago that our schools, restaurants, and drinking fountains practiced segregation. Yet, while today we live in a country that is a beacon for the world, injustice persists. How do we balance our practice of a just society and at the same time protect our own interests?

What did Christ teach us? How did He choose to live His life? Jesus preached justice for the poor and freedom for the oppressed. But the people who were doing the oppression didn't like the message. The religious leaders didn't like the message of Jesus. It disturbed the peace, threatened the status quo. It presented the



possibility that the wealthy and powerful might lose their status and position. Obviously this subject spans all eras. Are we still so hungry for power and control that we are unable to treat one another justly? Are we so tragically flawed? I pray not!

Jesus' example shows us that to be just can be one's second nature. His natural ease and comfort with His Spirit is what should inspire and lead us. It is known that Christ questioned His purpose near the end and wanted to be relieved of His burdensome task, but He followed through. He stayed true to the path. He died for our sins. Additionally, we have been given the gifts of God's unconditional love and a free will. We possess more power than I think any of us fully realize! Perhaps we need to challenge ourselves and the path we are following on a core level. Maybe we need to walk the walk of a hungry soul so that we fully understand justice. Exiting our comfort zones will definitely shine new light upon old attitudes. Could our spirits be revitalized with a few slow steps? I believe it is possible.

So, what can our next steps be? Maybe you can volunteer an evening and help out at the PADS shelter. You could empty your pantry or buy an extra bag of groceries and help to feed the poor. How about praying the rosary with your neighbor or going to Mass once during the week? Our walk down the path of justice must encompass our willing desire to radiate what it is to be a Christian woman. We have a real opportunity to enlighten others through our simple acts of kind and fair treatment. I truly believe our world is filled with all of the possibilities Christ showed His disciples. We can make a difference – our actions will be noticed and felt! Let us walk forward through this month and show one another how the love of one can inspire love in others.

I hope that your Thanksgiving celebrations are filled with joy and family.

Your companion seeker — Angela



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Kim O'Neill, on the death of her father,  
Robert R. Mika

Claire Hamilton, on the death of her sister-in-law, Joanne Obringer

Linda Lopez, on the death of her aunt, Mil Imbra

### *Please keep in your prayers:*

Sara Lopez, daughter of Susie Lopez

### *Congratulations to:*

May Decourcey and Elizabeth Luzwick who both recently celebrated their 80th birthdays

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The 2003-2004 Women's Club Directories will be available for pick-up at the November general meeting.

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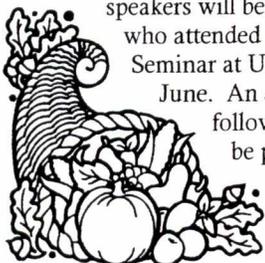
It's time again to fill stockings (bags) for needy children. The bags will be available at the November 11 general meeting. Please pick up a bag or two to fill. You can return the bags to the Ice House Mall at our December general meeting. You will be helping the kids from the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois have a happier holiday. Call Lisa Oehler (382-9513) or JoAnne Robbins (304-8602) with questions.

## HOUSEWALK NOTES

We were blessed with a gorgeous day for our housewalk. Thanks again to all our members who helped out at the Harvest of Homes Housewalk. We made over \$8000! What a great success! Without you, our club would not be able to accomplish such a large fundraiser. See you next year.

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Dear friends,

You probably have heard me say my favorite meetings are those with a Mass. Our Mass of Remembrance was so spiritually fulfilling! You know what they say, the Club that prays together... I don't think there is such a saying, but my point is, when we pray together and share the breaking of the bread we strengthen our bond as fellow Club members and as seekers of the Spirit. I am always revitalized after such a celebration!



Before I move on to our next topic in our "seeking a virtuous life" exploration, I want to thank the many women who have so selflessly shared themselves with our organization over the past few months. This well oiled machine we call Women's Club would not be the same without their efforts of time, treasure, and talent. I truly feel blessed to be a part of such an amazing organization. I especially like to take a few moments at this time of year, when things get so hectic, to appreciate the great blessings in my life.

Our virtue for study this newsletter is

**Fortitude.** It means strength, perseverance, and an unwillingness to let the negative guy get you down. It is also interesting to note that in having fortitude we must additionally possess a willingness to be flexible. We need to be strong, but we need to let the Spirit guide us. We need to *listen* to the quiet whisper or shakingly loud voice that speaks to us. Did you also know that Fortitude is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? One image that comes to mind is Mary's immediate acceptance of God's awesome request. I think too of the multitude of cancer survivors, a family coping with grief, and the many children thriving despite a broken marriage. These and other examples aptly exemplify fortitude. Have you ever faced a crossroads in your life where you had to dig deeper into yourself to find your fortitude? Sometimes I find myself waiting for the other shoe to drop, but then I realize I'm not living, I'm stagnating. I cannot be preparing for the worst so that I'm not surprised by unpleasantness. Yet, I don't I perceive the world with the proverbial rose colored glasses. I instead have

chosen to approach life with a dynamic, flexible optimism. It has been intensely liberating.

On our recent overnight retreat, our leader Joyce Kemp, r.c., asked us the question "Who are you?" We then had to tell another woman in the room "who I am" for five minutes! It was difficult to separate the things I do from the woman I am. But once I got into the rhythm I discovered things about myself I hadn't acknowledged lately. I am not just a laundress! I am a loyal listener, a problem solver,... you get the idea. I encourage you to do the same with a close friend or in a journal. Then go one step further and examine a trying time in your life, a crossroads so to speak. Joyce gave us a list of thoughts to guide our personal evaluation. The following is a sampling of her guide for reflection: Don't just think about how the challenge affected you, but also consider what influenced your decisions at that time. Consider the current events, your physical state; toss in your immediate family dynamic, and finally consider what you expected to happen and then describe what actually occurred. Both exercises will gift you with some quality introspection.

Drawing more inspiration from the gift, the virtue of fortitude I would like to share another passage from The Book of Qualities by J. Ruth Gendler. *I want to meet Perseverance face to face and see what he looks like. It is not that I want his feedback. I am sure he would tell me to "keep working," and I already know that. Offhand, I can name at least three friends who are as curious as I am. One is a scholar, one is a writer, and the third is a young parent. I would write Perseverance a letter inviting him to come here and teach at the neighborhood school, but no one around can find him. I read somewhere that they are trying to hire him to co-host a PBS series on the creative process, but he would have none of it. Says he is shy in front of the cameras. Truth is, he turns down all offers which distract him from his work. Stay focused! Your own power will guide you!*

I am looking forward to our next general meeting. Plan to join us at the Ice House Mall on **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** for a **Holiday Open House**. You will be ushered into the spirit of the season with carolers singing and the mall shops offering unique surprises. Please come enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of the Club. I look forward to seeing everyone.

I extend a wish for you to have a joyous holiday season!

Your companion seeker — *Anaela*



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## Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

*Please keep in your prayers:*  
Fr. Art Dillon, Pastor Emeritus of  
our parish

Woody Ritchie, husband of Terry,  
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knee replacement

Catherine Perrin's father, suffering  
from colon cancer



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The **Hospitality Committee** is in need of people to help at the Women's Club general meetings. People are especially needed to help tear down after the meetings. Call Catherine Perrin (842-9070) or Kendra DiMucci (836-6870) if you can help out.

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## LADIES NIGHT IN

A fun evening has been planned for our **January 13** general meeting. Please join us for a movie and snacks in the Hospitality Room at **7:00pm**. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



## Day of Prayer

Please join us for a day of prayer on **Thursday, January 29** from **9:00am-2:30pm** in the Chapel and the Hospitality Room. See the enclosed flyer for more information.



## MOTHER / DAUGHTER

The Mother/Daughter prayer service, breakfast and "stamp camp" has been planned for **February 7, 10:30am-12:30pm**. We will meet in the chapel. Don't forget to include grandmothers, great-grandmothers and aunts. See the enclosed flyer for details.



## Scripture Study

A five week scripture study will begin on **January 12**. We will gain a better understanding of the values and experiences that shaped the Gospel. Questions, call Diane Jadown (381-2820).



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### JANUARY 2004

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Thursday, Jan. 15 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, Jan. 20 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wednesday, Jan. 21 9:15 am	Full Board Meeting Susan Butchness's home
Thursday, Jan. 22 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Jan. 26 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Jan. 27 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Thursday, Jan. 29 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Thursday, Jan. 29 9:00 am-2:30 pm	Day of Prayer Chapel/Hospitality Room

## FISH



FISH (For I Shall Help) is in need of new volunteers. The commitment is usually one day a month and will not crowd your schedule. Consider how you can help. Please call Kathy Giamalva (381-6840) if you are interested in this opportunity for service.