

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS



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Letter from the President

Dear friends,

Phew! Now that the holidays are officially over and the Gala is fast approaching, I feel like I can sit back and look upon what an amazing five months it's been. It is also now that I'll re-confirm what a privilege it is to be president of this Club. It is impossible to express to all of you how pivotal this experience has been in my life. Additionally, our organization has accomplished so much this year! But my time to reflect shall be brief, as it is already time to form our Nominating Committee. If there has been an event or activity you've enjoyed, or you want to become more involved, please call me or anyone on the board. We want to hear from you!



Thankfully, we still have several fun evenings planned for our upcoming general meetings. Please be sure to make the time, **NO, take the time**, for yourself and join us when we gather. I hope you'll be with us on **Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm**. We'll each have the chance to make our own bracelet courtesy of the Club. Be sure to RSVP so that enough supplies are on hand! Read the reverse side for more information about this fun evening.

As you may recall, **Love** is one of the three Theological Virtues, with Faith and Hope also placed under this heading. I felt it appropriate to focus on **Love**, since we are nearing Valentine's Day and our *dall' Italia, con Amore* themed Gala. For an explanation of the Theological Virtues, I must share with you this direct quote from our Catechism. Under Article 7, The Virtues, this is what the book states: "The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting

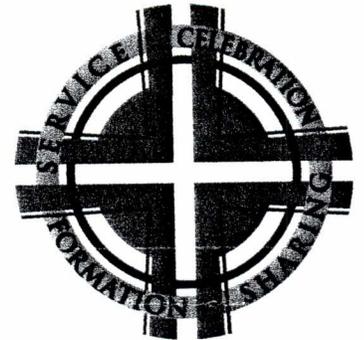
as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being."

Those are such powerful words! Can we accept that God is infusing his love into our daily being? What an amazing psychological challenge. Can I succumb to such a powerful love? Am I willing to completely trust that He is right and capable of determining my path? Can I "let go and let God?" When I am motivated by love, when I feel the power and the strength of that emotion, it can move me to tears. When I look at love through the eyes of a child, I see so much more love than I do as an adult. Why have I become so jaded? Why do I forget that I will always be loved by God. I know I must accept that gift wholeheartedly. I have a difficult time associating the two gifts of forgiveness and love, but they are both constantly in our presence. It comforts me to acknowledge that I will never be left behind because I had shifted my priorities in the wrong direction. God's unconditional love will always be there, even when I've strayed. He'll always accept me and my limitations.

I suppose many of us think of our families first when we think about who we love. We visualize our spouses and children or our parents and friends. I doubt that many of us think first of God's unrelenting love. Let us. Let us order our love around the One that loves us without boundaries. Let us open our hearts to that warm sense of security, to that peace of mind. It makes us more powerful! It unites us as a faithful group of women. What a grand comfort! I'll close with another quote from the Catechism, "Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest."

May your soul be fulfilled with the knowledge that God is infusing us with His love.

Your companion seeker —
Angela



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Our deepest sympathies to:
Molly Montrie, on the death of her father-in-law, Leo Montrie
The family of Ryan O'Neal
The family of Marie Carfagno, former club member

Please keep in your prayers:
Frank Huschitt, recovering from a ski accident
Angie Ramirez who is sick
Pat Kelly, in the hospital

Congratulations to:
Sally Roeckell, on the birth of her daughter, Mary Clare, Nov. 9
Michelle Drage, on the birth of her son, Joseph, Nov. 20
Ashley Paddock, on the birth of her son, John Wright, Dec. 31

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

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PLEASE NOTE! MEETING INFORMATION

This month's general meeting, **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00pm**, will include a lesson on making beaded jewelry. We will each be making our own bracelet to take home. Please call **Marjie Malia (304-8090)** to let her know that you will be attending the meeting. Although there will be no charge to Women's Club members, it is important that everyone RSVP to insure that we will have enough supplies on hand for all who will be at the meeting.

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.

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

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GALA 2004

Although this year's Gala quickly sold out, it is not too late to buy raffle tickets. The prizes include: a trip for two to Italy with Fr. Britto, \$1000 gift certificate for Walter E. Smithe Furniture, and \$500 cash. The tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The gala committee is still looking for volunteers for a short shift at the beginning of the Gala, held **February 14, 2004**. Please call Lisa Nordquist (382-4601) or Kendra DiMucci (836-6870) to volunteer or to buy raffle tickets.

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PLAYGROUP

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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. If you have not signed up and would still like to attend, please call Mary Barry (381-0166).

SCRIPTURE STUDY

A five week scripture study began on January 26. It is still possible to join this group. We will gain a better understanding of the values and experiences that shaped the Gospel. The cost for materials is \$15. Babysitting is available. It is not necessary that you be able to attend all the lessons in order to participate. Each lesson stands on its own. Questions, call Diane Jadown (381-2820).

FISH

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This Month's Calendar

FEBRUARY 2004

Monday, Feb. 2 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Feb. 3 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Thursday, Feb. 5 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Feb. 6	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30 am-12:30 pm	Mother/Daughter prayer service and "Stamp Camp" Chapel/Hospitality Room
Monday, Feb. 9 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Feb. 10 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Tuesday, Feb. 10 7:00 pm	General Meeting -RSVP Jewelry Making
Thursday, Feb. 12 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Saturday, Feb. 14 6:00 pm-1:00 am	"dall' Italia, con Amore" Stonegate
Monday, Feb. 16	No Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Feb. 17 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wednesday, Feb. 18 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Feb. 19 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Feb. 23 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Feb. 24 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wednesday, Feb. 25	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thursday, Feb. 26 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join women from the many churches in the Barrington area on **Friday, March 5, for this special** annual event celebrated by women all over the world. The theme "**In Faith, Women Shape the Future**" reflects the prayer focus of the Christian women of Panama who prepared the service. The prayer service begins at 1:00 pm at St. Peter United Church of Christ on Church Street just north of Hwy 22 in Lake Zurich. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jane Kunzie Brunner from Lutheran Church of the Atonement. A time for refreshments and fellowship will follow. Child care will be provided. Call Terry Ritchey (842-0707) for more information.

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Dear friends,

To begin, I would like to thank the women of our Club that have stepped up and offered their time, talent and treasure to our organization for next year. We'll be putting the final touches and names into the organizational chart soon, so if there is something you would like to do and you haven't been called, please let this be an open invitation for you to call me or someone on the board.



If you were privileged, like I was, to see Fr. Carl Arico this past week speak on "The Taste of Silence" mission, I hope that you were as invigorated as I was. His stories touched my heart and his instruction for Contemplative Prayer have inspired me. I always welcome a fresh breath of new life in my prayer habits and a gentle push to stretch my faith. Ironically, FAITH is the virtue we'll be pondering this month. Fr. Carl shared so much with our parish. I truly feel enriched. He challenged us to examine our lives as Christians. We have been encouraged to "dig deep". One of the most profound things that he warned us against was getting caught up in being "morally good". Now, although for the past several months we have been examining what it is to practice a good, moral life, I hope you have gone deeper and pushed yourself further to examine your inner spirit, your FAITH. How does your relationship with your virtuous self relate to your faith life and your intimate relationship with God? How do you dance with Christ?

I have traveled many personal journeys this year, but most recently I have decided and really committed to making my prayer life more pure. I don't just want to recite prayers or talk God's ear off. I want to get to that quiet place where I can be renewed daily on my quest to live a complete life.

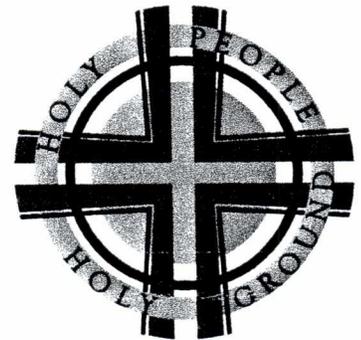
Do you know where I am coming from? I understand what Fr. Carl said— thoughts lead to desire, desire leads to passion, and passion leads to action. Now I just need to prioritize my thoughts so that the rest will follow. Easier said than done, but I BELIEVE and I have FAITH that it can be. I am hungry for more! I am excited about prayer! I can say to you without any embarrassment or fear of being called a "holy roller" that I love Christ! All of us have been given this gift of FAITH. How are we using it? How are we outwardly sharing our love of Christ with the people in our lives?

I have chosen (and it is not without discipline and a little fear) to be quiet, to reflect and to listen. At the "Taste of Silence" mission, Fr. Carl led us in a seven minute moment of Contemplative Prayer. Actually, I would call it a flash of Contemplative Prayer! Those minutes evaporated into thin air and left me refreshed. I think if I start each day with prayer, if I unwrap my cloaked heart to Christ, the answers to the questions that I have will be revealed to me.

During this time of year, this yearly season of Lent, please give something back to yourself. I promise you that you will be a richer person for it. Renew your FAITH by participating in our parish's myriad of thought provoking offerings. You could also pray with your children by passing a lit candle, read a daily Lenten reflection book like the Lenten Labyrinth by Edward Hays, go to Mass on a weekday morning or participate in the Stations of the Cross. Do something! Give your FAITH the nourishment it requires. Drink from the well now while you are strong, for when you find you are thirsty, you'll navigate your way back more easily.

To close, at our meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm, we will be graced with the presence of Sr. Mary Ruth Broz. Her gifts of serene calm and soft spirit will be a welcomed respite from our daily lives. Read on for more details. May your passage through Lent find you living a more complete, faith filled life.

Your companion seeker — Angela



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Please keep in your prayers:
Judy McGhee, past president

Marie Gross,
mother of Maria Liedlich

Congratulations to:
Mary Sneed, on the birth of her son, Thomas, in January.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The St. Anne Sharing Board is hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day party on **Saturday, March 13 at 6:30pm** to benefit the St. Frances of Rome scholarship fund. If you don't plan on going to the party, you can still purchase raffle tickets for \$100 each. The grand prize is \$10,000. Second prize is an evening with Fr. Britto for a crowd of 20—your choice of "Holy Smokes Night of Jokes" or "Debunking the DaVinci Code". Third prize is a Mexican dinner for 10 with Fr. Mark at the St. Frances Rectory and a guided tour of the Mexican Cultural Center. Please consider purchasing a ticket yourself or share it with friends for this worthwhile cause. Raffle tickets may be ordered at the rectory or call Pam Jacobs (277-1635).

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Thursday, Mar. 4 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Mar. 5 1:00 pm	World Community Day St. Peter United Church of Christ, Lake Zurich
Monday, Mar. 8 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Mar. 9 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Tuesday, Mar. 9 7:00 pm	General Meeting Sr. Mary Ruth Broz, Wellstreams
Thursday, Mar. 11 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Mar. 13 7:00 pm	St. Patrick's Party Parish Center
Monday, Mar. 15 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Mar. 16 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wed., Mar. 17 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Mar. 18 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Mar. 22 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Monday, Mar. 22- Friday, Mar. 26	Spring Break
Tuesday, Mar. 23 9:15 am	Moms Plus


IRISH BLESSING
*may the road rise up to
 meet you,
 may the wind be ever
 at your back
 may the sun shine
 warm upon your face
 and the rain fall softly
 on your fields
 and until we meet
 again, may god hold
 you in the hollow of his
 hand.*



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Dear friends,
Welcome back from Spring break! I assume that you are well rested and ready to gear up for a warm spring season and the winding down of another Club year. I am personally shocked at how quickly the time has passed. Read on for details for our meeting this month. I look forward to seeing you at the last two general meetings.



I am excited that we've reached our final virtue for study, but also a bit sad. This monthly opportunity for public expression in a written form has been one I've enjoyed more than I can express. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts, research and spirit with you!

I found it interesting in my research and writings how many times I encountered the idea of "goodness". I always think of HOPE as an emotion, not as a virtue. One underlying theme I've consistently suggested was to unlock our individual desire to make ordinary behavior extraordinary. But remember, we must not get caught up in the glossy image of being a morally good woman. We must physically activate our lives and our minds toward being Christ-like. I struggle daily. It would be much easier to take the path that was previously mowed. But, in my heart I know that I would regret walking without the stones, weeds, and dust. I would rather walk in the wilderness and HOPE for the flowers at the end of my path, than be greeted with the constant sweet smell of roses and the comfort of soft grass beneath my feet.

I came across this profound passage from Donald Demarco's essay on the *The Virtue of Hope, Lay Witness*. "Good" hope, to use St. Paul's qualifying adjective, must be distinguished from the many false hopes that surround us daily and are constant sources of temptation. We hope for wealth, beauty, fame, success, and a comfortable life. But

these are largely vanities. They will not furnish us with what satisfies our deepest longing. They are transitory; we are immortal." Oh, yeah, I keep forgetting...this life is merely a stepping stone to my eternal life in heaven. Am I worthy??

What am I hoping for? Am I so filled with selfish vanity that I am only seeing the tree in front of me instead of the forest? Pope John Paul suggested the importance of hope (so much so that he was nicknamed His Polishness the Hope) in the context of crossing new thresholds. We would be able to "cross over" if we sincerely purify our hearts and our intentions. How relevant! Our hope must be pure if it is to be fulfilled. Vain hope is just that, vanity. It is a selfish need to have something material fulfill our lives so that it might be complete. Is that new garment really going to complete me? Sure, I "feel" good during the moment, but how will I sustain that feeling? Shop more? How about the feeling I have stepping out of an amazing prayer session with a group of friends, or hanging up the phone with a lonely parent, or even hugging my child when they've been hurt by someone's unkind words? Those moments sustain me. Those are the times in my life when I "feel" HOPE in a joyous way. It is in such incidents, when I am able to share HOPE with someone who is hungry, that I realize I am capably sharing my faith.

Mary hoped, Jesus prayed, the apostles had faith. Perhaps if we model ourselves after these amazing people, we'll see the rainbow of possibilities before us! Many of my letters have offered suggestions for growth opportunities. Has any one thing touched you? Have you learned more about yourself as a Christian woman? I have. I "hope" you were motivated because I am a woman just like you! At times I am striding confidently down the hallway of life and at others, I sob and crawl. I wish for our journey down this path of growth to continue to be fruitful!

May your Easter radiate the LIGHT of Christ's Resurrection!

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Please keep in your prayers:
The family of Judy McGhee,
past president

Melissa Peckosh, on bed rest for
her pregnancy

Delores Kelly and Susie Kelly
Ranstead, on the death of
Neal Ranstead



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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day will take place **Friday, May 7, at 11:30am-2:30pm** at the new Barrington United Methodist Church on Algonquin Road. Call Angela Nordgren (516-3586) for more information.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

The Women's Club is planting the seed now for an Elizabeth Ministry in the Women's Club. This ministry welcomes and gives hospitality to new parents and new babies in our parish. Consider being a part of this new ministry. Questions? Call Angela Nordgren (516-3586) or Katie Froman (713-2110).

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MAY BABY SHOWER

One of our Club's favorite organizations is PHD. PHD (Preservation of Human Dignity) is a counseling center for pregnancy help and education. By empowering new mothers with practical information and everyday items, PHD perpetuates a cycle of self-sufficiency. Please consider how you can help keep their baby closet stocked with some of these essential items. Needs list:

- Bath towels & wash clothes
- Infant clothes, 0-3 months
- Onesie t-shirts, large
- Bottles
- Bibs
- Infant toys
- Wipes
- Diapers size 4 & 5
- Baby shampoo, wash & lotion

Any donation is greatly appreciated and happily accepted! We will be collecting the items at our Installation Mass / May Dinner on **Tuesday, May 11**. If you have any questions, please call Angela Nordgren (516-3586).

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Friday, Apr. 9 1:00 pm	World Community Day St. Peter United Church of Christ, Lake Zurich
Sunday, Apr. 11	Easter Sunday
Monday, Apr. 12 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Apr. 13 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Tuesday, Apr. 13 7:00 pm	General Meeting Becky Colbert, Design 101
Thursday, Apr. 15 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Apr. 16 9:30 am	Spring Welcome Coffee
Monday, Apr. 19 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Apr. 20 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wed., Apr. 21 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Apr. 22 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Apr. 23 9:00 am	Housewalk meeting Parish Center Conf. Room
Monday, Apr. 26 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing
Tuesday, Apr. 27 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Thursday, Apr. 29 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery

HARVEST OF HOMES 2004

Be sure to mark your calendar now and save the date for **Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004** for the Club's fundraiser, Harvest of Homes Housewalk. Plans are fast on their way for a fabulous event! The committee is forming now and a meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, April 23, 2004 at 9:00am** in the Thane Hall Conference Room. Babysitting will be provided. If you are interested in participating in the planning and execution of the event, please contact Kendra DiMucci (836-6870).

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Dear friends,

As quickly as the year begins, it ends! This leadership opportunity has been an amazing experience. I've shared bits of reflection with you in the past, but as I sit here typing my final letter I am filled with emotion. I cannot believe it is over! I just got going! I do know this - the future of the Club is in skilled and creative hands. Susan Butchness, our incoming president, and Karen Boccabella, our vice-president, will steer this organization down a path of greatness. I am extremely grateful to have had the chance to get to know both of these women better over the past year, not to mention the many other friendships that have flourished. I was meant to be an active participant in this moment for a reason! I am praying that the joys and lessons I've learned this past year will continue to surprise me as they unfold themselves at the most unexpected moments.



Articulating my faith journey publicly has been a revealing experience. In re-reading the letters I've written this past year, it made me pause. First, each month has been a unique journey. Second, I feel so privileged to be part of a faith community that has allowed me such openness. Thank you for that gift! But the gratitude only begins there. Our Club is so amazingly diverse and active; it still continues to astound me. This year's events would not have been possible without all of its members. I extend my profound appreciation to the many chairwomen, worker bees, docents and to those who pray. My work could not have been accomplished without your able hands and hearts. I liken the position of president to that of a CEO. The hardest thing I had to do was keep up with my phone call list! Thank you for making my job such a pleasure.

I must mention each month's gathering. At each meeting I felt a sense of community. I hope these get-togethers continue to sustain its guests with a glass of merlot and a plate of homemade goodies! Our programs coordinator, hospitality crew, and welcoming committee are to be commended for always making

the second Tuesday of the month special. Plus, these meetings have always given me the greatly needed time away from the mundane.

You may have noticed in the Clarion the Club's sponsorship of a Catholic high school scholarship. We would not have been able to offer such a substantial gift without the great success of our past three Housewalk events. With a coffer of money growing, the Executive Board added a Philanthropy Chair to the organizational chart. The Board decided that EMPOWERING others with our gifts would give our financial gains a well-needed direction in which to take. Our Club has been blessed with so many dynamic, motivated women. Suffice it to say that raising the standards and shooting for the stars seems to be the trend. It feels like the energy is crackling around all of us!

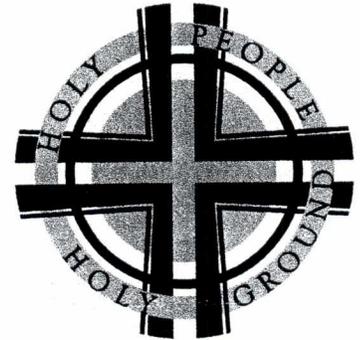
As to my choice of the virtues for my theme this past year, I could not have predicted the many positive reactions I've received. I thought it was going to be a piece of cake, a seven-layer cake to be exact! I figured it would be ideal because each month's letter would have a predetermined subject. Yet, as I studied each virtue and pondered my faith-life, this cake began to have more ingredients than I could have ever imagined. Have you restocked your faith pantry lately? Are you challenging your spirit? I urge you to NOT become complacent. Whatever it is that motivates you, CONTINUE! Don't let the summer season slow you. We are fully capable of sustaining the "good, active habit" of being vibrant Christian women. Please remember, ... we don't want to get caught up in the glossy image of being "good". Rather, we need to "dig deep" and practice being sincere in every aspect of our lives.

Finally, I would like to share these thoughts with you. If we are going to have peace in our spirits, we MUST grasp on and really go for this ride. We are not in control of our destinies. We can make good choices, but ultimately we must let Him LEAD us. We must yield to the reality that God is INFUSING us with His love and forgiveness. So, let us pray:

Please wash me of my iniquities, Lord. Make it so I can see the glory of You in the lessons You've taught me.

May the vision of eternal life sustain you as you travel this journey.

Your companion seeker — Angela



St Anne
Catholic Community

Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Our deepest sympathies to:
Maria Larsen, on the death of
her mother, Margaret Scala

Please keep in your prayers:
Jeanette Dedmond,
in the hospital

Renee Sclafani, recovering
from surgery



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CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

PLEASE NOTE! IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

Our annual Installation Mass and Dinner, **Tuesday, May 11**, will begin in the chapel at **7:00pm**. An RSVP is required by May 4 as this dinner is catered. Call Chris Smith (277-1374) or Stacey Hennenfent (713-2273).

Say Cheese!

Next year's Club Directory is going to be a picture directory! To make this a success we **NEED** your full participation! Bring a photo of your brightest smile to our May meeting or email an image to angnordgren@comcast.net. Photos of you in a group are fine! We can easily crop the people out of the image. Sue Geshwender will also be taking digital photos of the members at the May meeting. Question? Call Sue (382-1322) or Angela (516-3586).

MAY BABY SHOWER

One of our Club's favorite organizations is PHD. PHD (Preservation of Human Dignity) is a counseling center for pregnancy help and education. By empowering new mothers with practical information and everyday items, PHD perpetuates a cycle of self-sufficiency. Please consider how you can help keep their baby closet stocked with some of these essential items: bath towels & washcloths, infant clothes (0-3 months), onesie t-shirts (large), bottles, bibs, infant toys, wipes, diapers (size 4 & 5), and baby shampoo, wash & lotion.

Any donation is greatly appreciated and happily accepted! **We will be collecting the items at our Installation Mass/May Dinner on Tuesday, May 11.** If you have any questions, please call Angela Nordgren (516-3586).

SENIOR LUNCHEON

"My Big Fat Italian Senior Luncheon" is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 12, 11:00am** and is open to all Barrington area and Saint Frances of Rome Parish Seniors.

We are in need of **dessert donations**. These can be dropped off at the general meeting the night before. We also still need **donations in the price range of \$5 or less** for bingo prizes. Some ideas are: soaps, garden gloves, bath items, etc. Please call Christine Halk (842-0282) or Linda Lopez (304-0136) to donate, or you may bring your donations to the May meeting.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

This is a wonderful opportunity to join women from may churches in the Barrington area for a common worship experience. The theme centers on the characteristics of friendship found in various women of the Bible. Friendship Day will be on **Friday, May 7, 11:30am-2:30pm** at the new **Barrington United Methodist Church** at Hwy 59 and Algonquin Rd. A luncheon will follow; please bring a salad to share. Also bring a donation of toiletries (regular size) for "Christmas in July" at the Dwight Correctional Center for Women. Child care will be provided; bring a sack lunch for each child. Call Angela Nordgren (516-3586) for more information.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

The Women's Club is planting the seed now for an Elizabeth Ministry in the Women's Club. This ministry welcomes and gives hospitality to new parents and new babies in our parish. Consider being a part of this new ministry. Call Angela Nordgren (516-3586) or Katie Froman (713-2110) for more information.

BARRINGTON AREA RELAY FOR LIFE

St. Anne Women's Club will sponsor two teams for the Barrington Area Relay for Life. It will again be held at Barrington High School on **June 12-13**. Please consider joining one of our teams, or becoming a cash donor. Information and sign-up will be available at our May meeting, or call Suzanne Steliga (381-0081).

Parish Picnic

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets before and during this fun family event! Please plan to set aside **just ONE hour** to help out at the parish's annual Block Party, **Saturday, June 12**. Job requirements: a smiling face plus hands to tear tickets and collect money. If you would rather help pre-sell tickets after a Mass, choose either Sunday, May 22 or June 5. Call Angela (516-3586) or Katie (381-3554) to sign up.

Turnover Meeting

The turnover meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 2** at the home of Angela Nordgren, 930 White Pine Dr., Cary. All current Women's Club board members, as well as next year's board, organizational chairs and committee members should attend this meeting. Invitations will be mailed.

This Month's Calendar

MAY

Mondays	No scripture sharing until August
Tuesday, May 4 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Thursday, May 6 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, May 7 11:30-2:30 pm	World Friendship Day Barrington United Methodist Church
Tuesday, May 11 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Tuesday, May 11 7:00 pm	Mass of Installation / May Dinner and Meeting Chapel/Hospitality Room
Wed., May 12 11:00 am	Senior Luncheon Hospitality Room
Thursday, May 13 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, May 18 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Wed., May 19 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, May 20 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, May 25 9:15 am	Moms Plus
Thursday, May 27 10:00 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
JUNE	
Wed., June 2 7:00 pm	Turnover Meeting Angela Nordgren's
Sat., June 12	Parish Picnic

Summer Shopping

Ladies, did you know that when you make a purchase at the Canterbury Shoppe you can help out the Women's Club? Just mention the Women's Club and **10%** of the proceeds goes to our club? Get shopping!

August News

You won't be hearing from the Women's Club again until August. The August newsletter will have the 2004/05 membership form enclosed. The board will be busy planning the programs and events for the coming year. The reason our club is so successful is because of the combined effort of many women. Please take some time over the summer to think about how your own gifts and talents can help to make our coming year the best it can be. Have a wonderful summer!

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As I write this it's still early in the summer season, yet by the time you read it, we'll be getting ready for fall. Why does the most relaxing season always seem like the shortest? I hope all of you have had the chance to relax a bit and share some fun times with your family and friends this summer.



Last spring, when I began thinking about my year as president of the Women's Club, one of the things that I spent a lot of time on was choosing a theme. At first, it seemed like a simple task, but as I looked back over the previous years, I realized I had some impressive acts to follow. Angela's "Seeking a Virtuous Life", Linda's "Angels in the Making", Katie's "Reconnecting", Anne's "Celebration of our Gifts" and Peggy's "A Time to Dedicate" all encouraged us to look at ourselves and our lives from a different perspective. They guided us and led us to become aware of what we already had and what we were capable of becoming. I'm sure many of you would agree, we learned a lot from these ladies.

Now it's my turn. After several months of waiting for the creative bulb to go off in my head, it hit me that I might be trying too hard. So I went back and asked myself, "What does the Women's Club really mean to me?" And then I knew I had found the answer. For the five years I've been a member, the Women's Club for me has always been about friendship. Some of my best friends are women I met through the club. Although we are a diverse group, the common thread of faith and the desire to contribute to our parish is what unites us as a club. Through working on Breakfast with Santa, the Gala, serving on the Board and socializing at the monthly meetings, I have

made many lasting friendships. They are what keep me coming back to the club year after year. They make my life richer and more meaningful. I hope to share that sentiment with all of you this year.

Because our very first friendships begin in childhood, I have chosen a children's game theme for our first general meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. I hope to see all of you there for an evening of fun and games. It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and learn more about the many different events and activities our club participates in. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

Also, make the effort to join us every second Tuesday evening for our general monthly meetings. Sara Werner and I have some exciting programs planned for the year ahead and we strongly encourage you to attend. I know it can be difficult to get out, especially with all of our busy schedules. I have often had to jump through hoops to make it to the meetings, but once I get there, I'm always glad I made the effort.

Enclosed with this newsletter you'll find your membership form. This year we are going to be doing a pictorial directory for the first time. With Sue Geshwender and Angela Nordgren's expertise in this field, I know it will be a success, but we need your help in getting your membership form and photo submitted by September 30. This date is one you should all have on your calendars already, as it is the day of the Harvest of Homes Housewalk. This is our big fundraiser and we need ALL of you to help make it successful. Please see the enclosed flier for details and plan on being a part of this enjoyable event.

Finally, I'd like to welcome our new members to the club and welcome back our returning members. I look forward to sharing this year with all of you.

Yours in Friendship,
Susan



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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

Congratulations to:

Margie Wedinger,
on the birth of her son,
Connor Nathaniel

Our deepest sympathies to:

Lisa Horcher, on the death of
her grandmother,
Gladys Horlington



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CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

2004-2005 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.

Playgroup is each Thursday at 10:00 – 11:15am.
Playgroup meets in the Thane Hall Parish Center, beginning in September.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 7:00 pm Full Board Meeting
Susan Butchness' home

Tuesday, Sept. 14 7:00 pm General Meeting
Cafeteria

Wed., Sept. 22 9:15 am Board Meeting
Conference Room

Thursday, Sept. 30 9:00 am-3:00 pm Harvest of Homes
Housewalk

OCTOBER

Tuesday, Oct. 12 7:00 pm General Meeting
Hospitality Room

Wed., Oct. 20 9:15 am Board Meeting
Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 22 Welcome Coffee

NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov. 5 10:45 am Church Women United
St. Peter and Paul, Cary

Saturday, Nov. 6 Mother/Son Bowling

Tuesday, Nov. 9 7:00 pm Mass/General Meeting
Chapel/Hospitality Room

Sat./Sun., Nov. 13-14 9:00 am-4:00 pm Overnight Retreat
St. Mary of the Lake,
Mundelein

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

DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 4 8:00-11:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus
St. Anne School Cafeteria &
Hospitality Room

Tuesday, Dec. 14 7:00 pm Shopping and Meeting
Ice House Mall, Barrington

JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan. 11 7:00 pm General Meeting
Ladies' Night Out

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

FEBRUARY

Friday, Feb. 4 12:00-1:00 pm Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Rectory Basement

Tuesday, Feb. 8 7:00 pm General Meeting
Hospitality Room

Wed., Feb. 16 9:15 am Board Meeting
Conference Room

MARCH

Tuesday, Mar. 8 7:00 pm General Meeting
Hospitality Room

Wed., Mar. 16 9:15 am Board Meeting
Conference Room

APRIL

Thursday, April 7 9:00-2:30 Day of Prayer
Chapel/Hospitality Room

Tuesday, April 12 7:00 pm General Meeting
Hospitality Room

Wed., April 20 9:15 am Board Meeting
Conference Room

MAY

Friday, May 6 Church Women United
Location TBA

Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm General Meeting
Installation Mass & Dinner
Chapel & Hospitality Rm.

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

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

JUNE

Wed., June 3 7:00 pm Turnover Meeting
Susan Butchness' home

ENCLOSURES

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

- Membership form
- Housewalk flyer

Please take a moment to fill out the membership form and consider how you may choose to participate in the Women's Club this year.

SMILE!

This year's membership directory will be a picture directory. Please send a photo of yourself to Angela Nordgren or bring it to the first meeting. You may e-mail the photo to angnordgren@comcast.net or you can mail the photo to Angela Nordgren, 930 White Pine Drive, Cary. The photo can be from a group shot, if necessary, as long as the quality is good. We hope to have full participation. This will be a great way to help us all remember the names of people we meet.



FULL BOARD MEETING

A full board meeting for next year's board, organizational and committee chairs is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7:00pm** at Susan Butchness' home, 3 Sara Lane, Barrington Hills (304-6769). Appetizers and desserts would be most appreciated.



MOMS PLUS



Mom's Plus will resume weekly meetings on **Tuesday, September 7**, from 9:15 to 11:15 am at the Thane Hall Parish Center Conference Room. We are a group of moms with young children that gather each week for conversation and enrichment. Children play in a supervised nursery while moms discuss topics of interest. There are also girls' nights out, couples' nights, and family outings. Call Robyn Van Hollen (304-9295) or Karen Warner (842-0736) for more details.

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HARVEST OF HOMES HOUSEWALK 2004



Be sure to mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 30**. We are still hoping to add another house or two to our housewalk. Have you considered having your house be a part of our annual fundraiser? Please consider how you can help with this fundraiser. If you would consider adding your home to our list of homes, please contact Kendra DiMucci (836-6870). 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 Sondra Raider to volunteer to be a docent (842-8064).

OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Treat yourself to a spiritual experience, "*Harvesting Your Life with God*", at the beautiful St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein. Save the dates of **November 13 and 14** so you won't miss this event. Look for details in the upcoming newsletters.



GALA 2005

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

“Remember that every good friend was once a stranger.” This quote somehow seems appropriate at this time of year when our children are returning to school. Whether it’s pre-school, high school or even college, each school year brings with it a chance to start fresh. A new teacher, a new locker, new school supplies and maybe, hopefully, some new friends. This last part is especially important when transitioning from one school to another. I guess I am more focused on that aspect this year because my two children are beginning their first year at a new school-in third and fifth grades. Of course I want them to ultimately get a good education, but right now what I want most is for them to make new friends, to fit in. Friends make you feel welcome, special and happy, and this is true at any age or at any stage of life.



The theme of our first general meeting centers around children’s games. I thought this would be a fun and interesting way to start the year, as childhood is when our earliest friendships are formed. This type of event has worked well in previous years for two reasons. First, it gives newer members a chance to see and learn about the many events and activities our club puts on during the year and second, it gives the chairwomen of these events an opportunity to gather names of women who are willing to help them. Many of the events require a significant

number of women to be run successfully. Working on one of these committees or just helping at an event is a fun and rewarding experience. It’s also a great way to make new friends!

One of our biggest events of the year will take place on Thursday, September 30th. Yes, the very successful Harvest of Homes Housewalk returns for its final year. You won’t want to miss this one. Kendra DiMucci and her talented committee have put together a fantastic day “in the village” which includes four lovely homes, a delicious lunch at Tastefully Yours and boutique shopping in the gathering space. All of you should have received your invitation in the mail. Make sure you send it in before September 15th, as the price of tickets will go up after that date. We are in need of many women who would be willing to work as docents for short time periods throughout the day. (Look for the Housewalk table at the general meeting on September 14th to select your time slot.) Volunteering as a docent is a lot of fun and still gives you plenty of time to shop, eat and see the other homes. There will be very little driving required this year, so invite your family and friends and make a day of it. You’ll definitely be inspired.

As we begin another year of the St. Anne Women’s Club, I’m excited but also a little nervous, kind of the way my kids felt on their first few days of school. One of the things I’m really looking forward to though is meeting new people and making new friends. I hope to see all of you at our first general meeting on September 14th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Yours in Friendship,

Susan



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Congratulations to:

Suzanne Steliga,
on the birth of her son,
Benjamin Joseph

Our deepest sympathies to:

The family of Arlene Michelotti,
a former club member

Chris Smith, on the death of her
grandmother,
Mildred Arch, and her aunt,
Patricia Green

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CLUB HAPPENINGS . . .

THIS MONTH'S ENCLOSURES:



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

Please take a moment to read each of the flyers and plan on participating in these events.

FIRST MEETING INFORMATION



This season's first Women's Club general meeting, "An Evening of Fun and Games", will be on **Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm**. Come see all the volunteer opportunities 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.

We will also have a selection of handcrafted jewelry and unique purses for your shopping pleasure, with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the club.

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.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!



Did you receive an additional membership form this month? Well, don't forget to fill it out, **enclose a photo and a check** for the yearly Club dues. We are creating a photo directory this year and we **WANT** you to participate. This booklet will be a great addition to our Club's resources and a super way for you to place a name with a face.

The **final deadline** for inclusion in the directory has been set for **October 12**. You may bring your form to the September meeting or mail it to Sue Geshwender. Questions? Call Sue (382-1322).

GALA 2005

Please save the date for the next Gala. It will be held again on **Saturday, November 5, 2005**.



CORRECTION

Please note that the date for the Women's Club Day of Prayer was incorrect in the last newsletter. Please correct it on your calendar. It will be on **Friday, April 8, 2005**.



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HARVEST OF HOMES HOUSEWALK 2004



Please remember to save the date for **Saturday, September 25** for our 2nd annual Docent Party! Volunteer to be a docent during the Housewalk and be invited to one of the best parties of the year! This party gives you an opportunity to view a spectacular home that will not be on our Housewalk and have a girls' night out with great food, friends, and loads of fun! The Housewalk is on **Thursday, September 30**. Volunteers are needed from **9:45-11:45, 11:30-1:30, and 1:15-3:00**. The homes are all in the village this year. This should make it easy to be a docent and still see each of the homes on the tour. Please contact Sondra Raider (842-8064) for more information.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT



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MOTHERS AND SONS



Hold the date **Saturday, November 6** for some special time with your son(s) or other special boy in your life. We'll be going to the Brunswick Bowling Alley in Deer Park from **1:00-2:30pm** for a fun afternoon with our boys. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

This Month's Calendar



SEPTEMBER

Wed., Sept. 1 7:00 pm	Full Board Meeting Susan Butchness' home
Thursday, Sept. 2 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, Sept. 7 9:15 am	Moms Plus Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Sept. 9 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Sept. 13 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Sept. 14 9:15 am	Moms Plus Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Sept. 14 7:00 pm	General Meeting School Cafeteria
Thursday, Sept. 16 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Sept. 20 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Sept. 21 9:15 am	Moms Plus Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Sept. 22 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Sept. 23 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Sept. 27 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
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PLAYGROUP



Come one, come all! Beginning **Thursday, September 2**, our playgroup will resume meeting each Thursday at the Thane Hall Nursery. We gather and play from **10:15-11:45am**. Join our playgroup for children of any age. All are welcome.

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

"I have a hand, you have another, put them together and we have each other." If you were ever a girl scout you may remember singing this verse. The power of friendship is amazing. Friends brighten our days, make us laugh and encourage us when we are feeling down. Difficult situations become easier to manage when we have our friends by our side supporting us. You've probably heard the saying that the best way to make a friend is to be a friend. Most likely we all know someone who is going through a tough time. How much would it take to reach out to that person, to take their hand and let them know you care. Sometimes the simplest gestures are the ones that mean the most.



If you attended our first general meeting on September 14th you know that our club is blessed with many talented and creative women. The games and displays were spectacular! My thanks to everyone who worked to make this such an enjoyable evening. It was everything I had hoped for and we had a terrific turnout. I would love to see so many of you at all our monthly meetings. There is so much energy when the room is full of great women. Each one of you brings something unique and something special to our club. Sharing the gift of yourself will bring you the reward of new friendships.

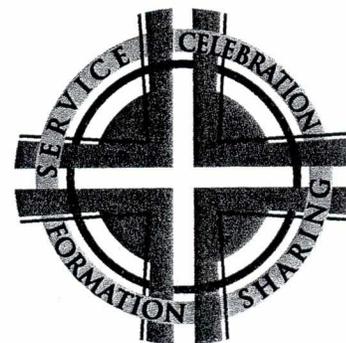
By the time you read this, the Harvest of Homes Housewalk will have already

taken place. Thanks to so many of you who have purchased tickets and signed up to help as docents I am predicting a great success. Kendra DiMucci and her dedicated and innovative committee have spent several months putting this event together and it would not have been possible without all of their hard work. Thank you Kendra, Molly, Charlotte, Sondra, Margie, Kristen, Gina, Allison, Madeline, Stacey, Jennifer, Diane, Catherine, Laura, Kelly, Melissa, Melinda, Maureen, Kerry and Tricia. Also to De Moser for graciously hosting the docent party. Outstanding job, ladies!

As you get adjusted to the faster pace of life that fall brings, don't forget to mark Tuesday, October 12th on your calendars. We have a fun evening planned for our second general meeting, which will take place at 7:00pm in the Hospitality Room. The Wine Cellar in Palatine will be educating us on different wines, which we will then get a chance to sample. We will also have the opportunity to try some delicious new appetizers provided by Black Tie Hors d'oeuvres. With the holidays approaching, this evening is your chance to get some new ideas for entertaining family and friends. This promises to be a festive meeting, so come hungry and plan to eat, drink and be merry!

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have offered kind words and positive feedback during the past few weeks. I appreciate your support and welcome any comments or concerns you may have. I am open to suggestions and always happy to hear your thoughts.

Yours in Friendship,
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Little Angels, Saints & Other News from Above

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Lois Gaskill, on the death of her husband, Paul

Please keep in your prayers:
Marilyn Ortinau, recovering from surgery

Kristen Bouchard, recovering from surgery

Carol Bier-Laning, whose mother is ill

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- Fall Welcome Coffee
- Mother/Son Bowling Event

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DIRECTORY



The **final deadline** for inclusion in the photo directory has been set for **October 12**. If you haven't already sent in a picture of yourself, please mail a photo of yourself to Sue Geshwender, 1110 North Shore Ct., Barrington. For more information, call Sue (382-1322).

FALL WELCOME COFFEE



All members are invited to the Fall Welcome Coffee on **Friday, October 15** from **9:15-11:15am** at Karen Boccabella's home at 230 Otis Road. Please RSVP to Cindy Seibt (516-0313). Babysitting is available in the Thane Hall nursery. Let Cindy know if you will need babysitting.

STORY TIME



Please join us in the church library (mezzanine level) on **Tuesdays, October 26th and November 23rd from 10:00-10:30 am** for children's story time. This program, for 3 to 5 year olds, is presented by Karen Phillips, an experienced teacher. There is no fee, but an adult must accompany the children.

A.M. AWAKENINGS



The A.M. Awakenings committee is pleased to announce our fall program entitled "*In Harmony with God*". Presented by pianist Katie Kuhn (sister of club member Daisy Nixon), this program is scheduled for **Thursday, November 4** in the Hospitality Room from **9:00-11:00a.m.** Brunch will be served and the fee is \$10. There will be a sharing time after the presentation. The Christian Shop will be on hand for any religious or musical articles that you might wish to purchase. Please join us for this "breakfast for the soul"! Contact Julie McLemore (304-5418) if you have any questions.

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MOTHERS AND SONS



Come spend some special time with your son(s) or other special boy in your life. We'll be going to the Brunswick Lanes in Deer Park on **Saturday, November 6** from **1:00-2:30pm**. We'll enjoy a fun afternoon with our boys.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT



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This Month's Calendar



OCTOBER

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Tuesday, Oct. 5 9:15 am	Moms Plus Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Oct. 7 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Oct. 11 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Oct. 12 7:00 pm	General Meeting Hospitality Room
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Monday, Oct. 18 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Oct. 20 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Oct. 21 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
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Monday, Oct. 25 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Oct. 26 10:00-10:30 am	Children's Story Time Parish Library
Thursday, Oct. 28 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Mark your calendars... Mother/Daughter "Friday Night, Movie Night" has been set for **February 25** beginning with a pizza party at **6:30pm** and the latest chick flick rolling at **7:30pm**. PJ's, sweats and pillows are a must! Ticket information will be coming soon! Any questions, please call Maria Trzaska (382-0938), Karen Boccabella (381-0938), or De Moser (381-4333).



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

In this month of Thanksgiving it's only natural to stop and think about what we are thankful for. In prayer, I often find myself thanking God for this or that and the list goes on. That's when I realize just how much I truly have to be thankful for. The main things, however, always stay the same. I am forever thankful for my family and I'm so grateful to God for the wonderful family He's given me. Next, I am thankful for my faith and the family of the church, which I'm honored to be part of. Finally, I'm thankful for the many friends I've been blessed to know over the years. My friends bring warmth and comfort to my life. They are the colors on an otherwise gray day. They are gifts from God and I'm ever thankful to have them.



I've said before that a great way to make friends in the Women's Club is to get involved. I've seen this firsthand in our housewalk committee. This talented group of women, including several new members, worked very hard to ensure the success of our annual fundraiser—and they had a lot of fun along the way. New friendships were formed in the process and it warms my heart to see the camaraderie when these women are together. The phenomenal success of the housewalk is, I believe, a direct result of that bond. These ladies made over \$12,000 for the Women's Club!! I am so grateful to each one of them and

to each one of you who came out to help, shop at the boutique or see the homes. This money will enable the Women's Club to continue the scholarship we started last year, as well as help support several organizations within our community. What a wonderful feeling that is!

If you attended the October general meeting, you know that no one went home hungry! Black Tie Hors D'oeuvres provided some delicious appetizers for us to sample. Many thanks to Parveen Werner for organizing this gourmet feast. We paired the food with a selection of wines from the Wine Cellar in Palatine and it turned out to be a really fun night.

Our next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00pm. We will begin with the mass of remembrance in the chapel, followed by hospitality in the gathering space and a look "behind the music" of Rory Cooney, featuring Gary Daigle and Terry Donohoo. This is an evening you won't want to miss as we'll be remembering the women of our parish who passed away this year, plus we'll get a glimpse into the lives of three incredibly talented musicians who bring music to life here at St. Anne. Please mark your calendars now and plan to stay until 9:15 so that you can fully experience this wonderful program.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, please know that I am also thankful for the Women's Club and all its members, whom I consider to be my friends. May all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Maria Liedlich, on the death of her mother, Marie Gross

Congratulations to:
Deborah Quig, on the birth of her baby girl, Sarah Isabelle, born Oct. 14



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HUMAN CONCERNS



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CHASI STOCKINGS



Christmas stockings for Children's Home and Aid Society will be available at the November meeting. Each year we fill bags (stockings) with goodies and necessities for children. Rita Faycurry has again donated the sturdy bags we use. We are very grateful for her generous support. If you are unable to pick up a bag, please call Joann Robbins (304-8602) or Chris Valentine (304-4509) to arrange a pick-up or delivery.

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FYI



Moms Plus will not meet again this year. Anyone who has been involved in Moms Plus is encouraged to participate in the Women's Club playgroup which meets every Thursday morning at 10:00am in the Thane Hall Nursery. Also, if you have a child age 3, 4, or 5, come to the Saint Anne Parish Library for a children's story time on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00am**.

PLAYGROUP



All moms with children ages 5 and under, please join us every **Thursday** in the Parish Center Nursery, from **10:15-11:45am** for open playtime with our children. It's a great opportunity for the children and moms to socialize and make friends. Please call Teresa Lindh (304-1859) for more information.

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NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 1 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Nov. 4 9:00-11:00 am	AM Awakenings Hospitality Room
Thursday, Nov. 4 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Nov. 5 10:45 am	World Community Day St. Peter and Paul, Cary
Monday, Nov. 8 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Nov. 9 7:00 pm	Mass/ General Meeting Chapel/ Gathering Space
Thursday, Nov. 11 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Friday, Nov. 13- Saturday, Nov. 14	Overnight Retreat St. Mary's of the Lake
Monday, Nov. 15 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Wed., Nov. 17 9:15 am	Board Meeting Conference Room
Thursday, Nov. 18 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Nov. 22 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Tuesday, Nov. 23 10:00-10:30 am	Children's Story Time Parish Library
Thursday, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving
Monday, Nov. 29 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room

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Dear Friends,

"The world would be so lonely, in sunny hours or gray, without the gift of friendship to help us every day." This quote from Hilda Brett Farr reminds us that friendship is indeed a gift, and a precious one at that, for life without friends would be incredibly lonely. My daughter opened a fortune cookie this morning on her way to school and her fortune read: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." How true is that? We naturally gravitate towards those people who are friendly, caring and supportive. Whether you're a third grader like my daughter, or an adult, the friendliest people always seem to have the most friends. In this Christmas season of giving, and shopping for that perfect gift, let us stop for a moment and realize that sometimes the simple gift of yourself is the greatest gift of all.



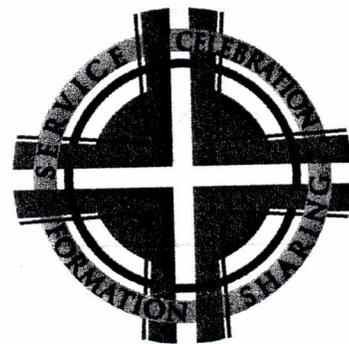
Our November general meeting was both spiritual and inspirational. Fr. Britto did a beautiful job with our mass of remembrance, which was thoughtfully planned by Angela Nordgren and Linda Lopez. The presence of the women, for whom the Mass was being said, was definitely felt that night in the chapel. Following the Mass, we were treated to the music of Rory Cooney, his wife Terry Donohoo and Gary Daigle in the gathering space. I'm sure anyone who was there would agree that it was both inspiring and entertaining. We are blessed to have such musical talent here at St. Anne and I'm so grateful to them for sharing it with us. The evening was everything I'd hoped it would be.

Our next general meeting will take place on December 14 at the Ice House Mall. This has been a very popular event for several years now and gives all of us a chance to do some Christmas shopping while socializing over appetizers and drinks. There will be carolers strolling about to put you in the Christmas spirit and Joan Wester Anderson will also be there signing copies of her new book "In the Arms of Angels". (For information on this please contact Linda Lopez at (304-0136). Several of the stores will be offering discounts to our members for purchases made that evening. Please note that the meeting will begin at 6:00pm and stores will close promptly at 9:00pm. Plan to come and share some Christmas cheer. Also, remember to bring your CHASI stocking bags, as they will be collected at the meeting.

On Sunday, December 11, our first ever "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party will take place after both the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. It promises to be a lot of fun for the whole family, while reminding all of us what Christmas is really about. We encourage you to select an ornament off the Sharing Tree in the gathering space and bring the item to the party as a gift for Jesus. Tickets will be available for advance purchase after several weekend masses. What a wonderful opportunity to show our children the true meaning of Christmas. I hope you'll participate in this special event.

The Christmas season is a busy one and it can often be hectic and stressful. But it is also a time of great joy, peace and goodwill. Let us focus on the simple things, the special times and the love shared by friends and family. I wish all of you a wonderful, meaningful Christmas.

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- Happy Birthday Jesus
- Mothers & Daughters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

Santa's really cool with his reindeer and toys,
But Jesus is the Reason for the Season of Joy!



So bring all the children, big and small,
For the most important birthday party of all!

Voices of "angels" will greet you at the door;
A magic show will leave them rolling on the floor.

Party hats, ornaments and stockings to decorate...

A big, beautiful birthday card for Jesus we'll create.

Bagels and cupcakes are some of the yummy treats,
Goody bags to take home are especially sweet!

So call for reservations to ensure your bag is there.

And MANY, MANY ANGELS are NEEDED to VOLUNTEER!

We need your help to make this day a great success

As we remember to think of Jesus a little more and presents a little less.

(The only gifts that matter on the 12th of December

Are those from the Sharing Tree; those let us remember!)

Happy Birthday, Jesus will be in the Hospitality Room and Cafeteria on **Sunday, December 12 at 10:15am OR 12:15pm**. For reservations, call Tricia Johnson (277-7635). To volunteer, call Charlotte Kovalsky (382-6229). Questions? Call Karen Boccabella (381-9817). Cost is \$15.00 per family.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Join your friends for a Ladies' Night Out at the **Onion Pub and Brewery at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2005**. Appetizers, fun and prize drawings included. Cash bar. Please see enclosed flyer for more details and to RSVP!



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BOOK SIGNING



A few years ago, a local author, Joan Wester Anderson, came to speak to the Women's Club. She has written seven books about angels and encounters with angel. She has again graciously offered to sign her new book, *In the Arms of Angels*, at the Women's Club's Dec. meeting on **Tues., December 14 at the Ice House Mall, from 6:00-8:00pm**.

This would be a great gift or addition to your own collection of Joan's books. Please pre-order books by sending a check to **Linda Lopez, 226 E. Liberty, Barrington**. Checks should be made payable to **St. Anne Women's Club**. You may also reserve copies to be signed and picked up at the meeting. For more information or to reserve your copy, please call Linda Lopez (304-0136). Limited copies will be available for those who did not pre-order or did not reserve a copy ahead.

SCHOLARSHIP



The St. Anne Women's Club proudly announces its Second Annual Catholic High School Scholarship Contest. All eighth grade students of registered St. Anne Parish families entering into a Catholic high school are eligible to participate. A one-time \$2,500 award will be given based on a written essay due in February, 2005. Please look for further details in the church bulletin in the coming weeks

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Thursday, Dec. 9 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 12 10:15 am & 12:15	Happy Birthday Jesus Cafeteria/Hospitality Rm.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 7:00 pm	General Meeting Ice House Mall
Thursday, Dec. 16 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Saturday, Dec. 25	<i>Christmas</i>

JANUARY 2005

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thursday, Jan. 6 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Tuesday, Jan. 11 7:00 pm	Ladies Night Out Onion Pub and Brewery
Thursday, Jan. 13 10:45-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Wed., Jan. 19 7:30 pm	Gala meeting Kendra DiMucci's home
Wed., Jan. 19 9:15-11:15 am	Full Board Meeting Karen Boccabella's home
Thursday, Jan. 20 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Jan. 24 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room
Thursday, Jan. 27 10:15-11:45 am	Playgroup Thane Hall Nursery
Monday, Jan. 31 9:15 am	Scripture Sharing Parish Center Conf. Room

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS



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SCRIPTURE STUDY

A new scripture study will begin on **January 24**. We will be studying Saint Paul's captivity letters. Reservations are not necessary. There is a cost of \$20 for the book we will be using. For more information, call Julie McLemore (304-5418) or Deborah Adreani (382-5132).

