

COLUMBIETTES 8104 NEWSLETTER

Twenty Twenty Two Summer Edition



The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses: Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104

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Messages from the **President**
and **Past President**



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I want to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for a fantastic auxiliary year.

Thank you all that volunteered countless hours for our community and church. We have had a very successful year as we have worked our way through the other side of the pandemic.

I hope that you all have a wonderful and restful summer break and I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting to kick off our new auxiliary year on September 6th.

All my love and blessings,
Mary Straw
President



My Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Your prayers, get well cards, and phone calls were, and are, deeply appreciated.

A very special thanks, along with God's blessings, are extended to the SPECIAL ANGELS who have been so very helpful to me during these past difficult weeks.

May all my Columbiette Sisters and Brother Knights have a wonderful, blessed and peaceful summer.

Bless you,

PP Pat Messina





Message from the IPP



A Message from the Immediate Past President...

It has been twelve years since we became an Auxiliary, and now we take a bit of time to reflect on what we have experienced since 2010, and especially in the last two years.

***First**, a thank you to PATRICIA MESSINA, who became our first President, for diligently collaborating with our Knights, Fr. Ronald Aubin, and the FL State Columbiettes to establish OUR LADY of the ROSARY Auxiliary # 8104. She has continued to be there for us throughout the years, even when her health has not treated her kindly these last few years.*

***Secondly**, many of our CHARTER members are no longer with us in person, but they continue to dwell in our hearts and are remembered in our prayers.*

***Lastly**, we have certainly grown in numbers since that first year to quadruple that number of members. May we continue to do so in the coming years.*

Throughout the ensuing years we have experienced both the ups and the downs of life, personally and as a group: but through our FAITH, our belief in doing the work of GOD here on earth, and living the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, we do have influence in this world.

We are Catholic Women living a life of service in a world that needs all of us to see the FACE of CHRIST in all we meet.

These last few years, since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, we have had economic, civic, national, and international crises, we have experienced widespread isolation, depression, fear, crime and even war. This has caused so many to withdraw from life, but, it has also been a time of unprecedented cooperation and generosity. Our Columbiette Sisters and Brother Knights have been of service to so many of the needy during this time, and they optimize the person Our LORD spoke of in parable: "you are my good and faithful servant."

Our activities have been varied: fashion shows that supported higher education for women, mock baby showers for pregnancy centers, Shoebox Christmas, and Santa's Shop, collecting pantry items and donating food to Metropolitan Ministry, working with the Knights at the Lenten Dinners, providing Mercy Meals and Honor Guards for

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Message from the IPP SACRED RELICS of the SAINTS



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*bereaved families, praying the Rosary for Life, attending retreats and days of reflection, and lastly attending ZOOM meetings that are now becoming the **in person connections** we need as social people.*

So now you know how we have served families and friends, the parish and community, Columbiettes and Knights, with dedication and donations, in the spirit of cooperation as comrades and friends, with prayer and charitable deeds, which reflect our true nature as WOMEN of FAITH. May our Patronesses, Blessed Mother Mary, St. Therese, and St. Joan of Arc continue to intercede and guide us in our earthly journey that leads to eternal joy.

Have a healthy, fun filled and blessed summer.

Pax,

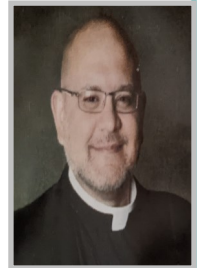
Claire Thompson



*Isaiah 40: 8
The grass withereth,
the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God
shall stand for ever.*

Sacred Relics of the Saints By Nida Liwanag

My husband and I attended this event hosted by Fr. Carlos Matins on May 13, 2022 about the Vatican collection of 150 relics at St. Paul Catholic Church. The church and the Family Center were packed with devotees! Amazing!





Messages from the: Financial Secretary and Treasurer



My sister Columbiettes,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your Financial Secretary. I have enjoyed the process and with it came the chance to get to know the other officers a little better as we met for meetings.

I recommend to everyone to become an officer or join a committee. This is how you get to know all of our sisters and it is really fun!

I also want to thank all of you, once again, for all your cards of condolence and mass cards for my husband, Dan. I felt your love and kindness, which helped during this time of grief. I am so glad that I joined the Columbiettes!! You truly are my sisters!

God bless you all.

Pat Gramer

Financial Secretary

Columbiettes #8104

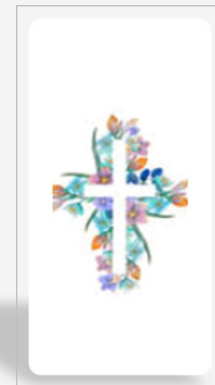


My Treasurer position has offered me an opportunity to meet and work with women who value their presence with the Columbiettes organization by offering their care, and respect for others especially those in time of need.

I leave my position with the upmost understanding of "NUMBERS", Congeniality and Love for an organization with unity for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lewandowski





Message from the **Sentinel**
Gratitude



To all the Columbiettes,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be this year's Sentinel. It was an honor and a pleasure to help the Columbiettes. With this year coming to a close, I want to thank Karen for being by my side to help with the raffle and sign in table. Also, taking over when I was unable to be there.

The best part of being Sentinel this year was welcoming everyone back and seeing you in person. I have missed our time of fellowship and friendship.

With me still being in the workforce, and not having a set schedule, I can not guarantee having meeting times off. My heart is with you all and look forward to every meeting that I can make. Thank you for your understanding.

Nancy McGee

*To all the Officers,
past and present, of
Columbiettes #8104,*

*We Are Thankful To Our
Good And Gracious God
For All Of You.*

*May God bless you for all that you did and
continue to do for the communities near and far.*

Enjoy the summer break!!!

Psalm 107.1

1 Thessalonians 5:18





HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHARITIES



By Claire Thompson, IPP

OLOR Columbiettes attended the Council of Catholic Women's charity luncheon TEA, held on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The event supports (2) two charities that provide needed help to girls and women caught up in Human Trafficking here and abroad. The charities are Bridging Freedom in Pasco County, and Lady Queen of Heaven, in the Philippines, run by the sisters who come to us each year for our donations.

Deacon Christian takes time to chat with guests Betty and Trish.



Frances Hosszu,
Patti Norris,
IPP Claire Thompson



OLOR CCW members were joined by CCW District Deputy, Corine, seated between Brianna and Vilma, as they prepared to enjoy their lunch.



A filled Rosary Hall



HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHARITIES



Columbiettes with friends



For more information by Nida Liwanag

<https://www.bridgingfreedom.org/>



<https://www.mqhm.org/>



Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries



Home of Love Philippines

Imagine a nun going undercover,
walking the streets at night
rescuing women and children in the
world of human trafficking





COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION



At Florida Convention, the State Officers entertained with their version of Follow The Yellow Brick Road.



The Present and Past State officers as MUNCHKINS and the main characters.



The Scarecrow (Treasurer Theresa Kline), Tin Man (Sentinel Claire Thompson), Dorothy (President Rae Stabile), and Lion (IPP Carmela Foglio).

Let's Celebrate, the Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen's 11th Annual Charity Luncheon Tea, was supported by all levels of the Florida Columbiettes.



In attendance were Florida State Officers, President Rae Stabile and Sentinel Claire Thompson.



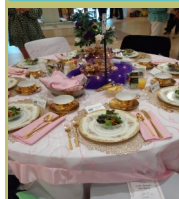
The West Florida Chapter was represented by Chapter / State Past President Sharon Lopez, Financial Secretary / Msgr. Mullen's District Deputy Helen Strakos and Treasurer Karla Trumbull.



Members of numerous auxiliaries and community guests also attended, to be fed delicious food for the



body and music for the soul. All were served by the auxiliary members and their Knights,



who made this event a rousing success.





COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION



By Helen Strakos, Past President

Last day of the 2022 Fish Fry...

On April 24, 2022, the Columbiettes assisted the Knights of Columbus with their Golf Tournament which was held at the Groves Golf and Country Club.



Helping at the Tournament were Columbiettes: Jeannette Barbero, Jacqueline Loadholtz, Marilyn Schmoke, and Helen Strakos.

We all had a great time helping the Knights!





DATES, PRAYERS, ETC.



Important Dates:

Supreme Council Columbiettes

64th Annual Convention

August 19– 21, 2022

Piscataway, New Jersey

"Brain Storming" meeting in August.

Information on date and time will be mailed out in early August.

WE SAID GOODBYE TO OUR BELOVED SISTER IN CHRIST AND COLUMBIETTE.



Below was taken from Loyless Funeral Homes website.

Annina Maria Morgan 82, of Land O' Lakes, Florida passed away on May 8, 2022. She was born in Mutignano, Italy daughter of the late Nicola and Uliana D'Amico and her late stepmother Anna Graziosi. Nina proudly became a United States citizen on May 23, 1974. Nina was Catholic in Faith and a Parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. She was an Usher and a member of the Columbiettes. Nina loved to cook and watch the Tampa Bay Rays.



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing. I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Amen.



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Editor's Corner



Quarterly Newsletter

Managing Editor and Publisher

Nida Liwanag

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