

*Light the Way*



**Echo**

New Jersey State Columbiettes  
Spring 2014



Morning Consecration to Mary

My Queen, My Mother, I offer  
Myself entirely to thee.  
And to show my devotion to thee,  
I offer thee this day, my eyes,  
My ears, my mouth, my heart,  
My whole being without reserve.  
Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own,  
Keep me, guard me as thy property and possession.  
Amen



## New Jersey State Columbiettes

### Message from State President

Lorraine Noger

We've had what seems like an endless winter but, even Mother Nature didn't stop the Columbiettes. We are looking toward Spring when all of the trees and flowers are in bloom and it is so colorful.

Our Expansion team has been very busy this year, just like spring a new auxiliary is in the works to join the Columbiette organization.

In January, we received notification from Supreme Council that we are again entitled to 10 delegates to Supreme Convention. A big thank you to everyone for helping the Columbiettes grow and prosper.

Congratulations to the following Auxiliaries celebrating their anniversaries: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Bayshore for 60 years, Don Bosco, Port Reading for 45 years, St. James for 40 years, Hopewell for 35 years, St. Bartholomew and Queen of the Lakes for 15 years, Millstone Valley and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jersey City for 10 years, and Long Valley for 5 years.

I am sorry this year I cannot attend the Weekend Retreat as I will be at the Florida Convention. A special thank you to Barbara Ann Lucarelli

and her committee for doing a great job each and every year. It is a truly spiritual and relaxing weekend.

Coming soon is our State Convention and our Convention Committee has been working extremely hard to make it a most memorable one. Remember Auxiliary Presidents, to adhere to all deadlines. It is important to you and your sister columbiettes to be recognized for all of your accomplishments this year. I am always impressed by all of the great works and accomplishments of our Auxiliaries.

"Thank You" seems like such a small word but its meaning is humongous when it comes to thanking all my Sister Columbiettes for all your support and dedication this year.

On a sad note at our State Convention this year we will be missing two of our Special Columbiettes, Past State Presidents Lorraine Batvinskas and Maria Melograno. Even though they cannot be with us their spirit and love for the Columbiettes will always be with us.

I want to wish all of my Sister Columbiettes and their families a Blessed Easter and a Happy Mother's Day. May we continue to "Light the Way".



### State Chaplin—Father Smith

Every day we are called to be a disciple (follower) of Jesus Christ. As I write this reflection we are approaching Holy Week, which leads us to the Season of Easter for 50 days, ending on Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit.

During this time we are given an opportunity to focus our call to be a disciple of Jesus.

One way we can learn to be a disciple is to read an account of the Gospels.

As we reflectively read through the gospel we are called to ask ourselves, in our daily life "Are we doing what Jesus Christ did in his daily life"?

"Is our attitude like Christ"? as expressed by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians 2:10.

If you have seen or plan on seeing the movie SON OF GOD (which I strongly recommend) read the Gospel of St. John.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus Christ said "I am the Bread of Life". (John 6). This part of

John's Gospel helps to prepare to celebrate Thursday in Holy Week. (Maudy Thursday) which is when Jesus Christ gave us the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Mass) and taught us an example of healthy humility.

Jesus Christ said "I am the WAY, THE TRUTH, and the LIFE" (John 11:25) which prepares us to celebrate Friday of Holy Week.

Jesus Christ always expressed the truth.

Pilate asks Jesus Christ "Are you the King of the Jews"? (John 18:34). Jesus Christ responds: "Do you say this of your own accord"? (John 18:35).

Pilate said to Jesus "Then you are a king"?

Jesus answers Pilate "You say I am a king. I came into the world to testify to the truth.

Pilate asks Jesus Christ "What is truth"? (John 18:36-38).

Jesus Christ said I am the



RESURRECTION and the LIFE (John 11) which prepares us to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter.

Jesus Christ wants us as his disciple to experience His peace and joy that Jesus gave to his closest friends the evening of the First Easter, when Jesus said "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19).

Jesus also said I came that you might have life and that your joy may be complete. This life, peace and joy that Jesus Christ gives us comes through the Holy Spirit.

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church and her life.

As we celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Season I want to wish each of you a Blessed, Peaceful and Joyful Season of Easter.

**CHRIST  
IS  
RISEN!  
ALLELUIA!!!**

– Father  
Smith



## A Message from Immediate Past State President— Susan Kadar

Spring is finally here and I wish all of you a Happy Easter and Happy Mother's Day.

Convention is coming soon, and I am asking each auxiliary to be sure to get your forms to me for "LIGHT THE WAY" and the FOUNDER's AWARD by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The auxiliaries that have

had First Degrees please send me the names and addresses of your new members. A welcome letter and a seed packet will be sent to them. Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!

May St. Joan of Arc continue to guide you and give you the courage of your Faith.

– Susan



## State Vice President—RoseMarie Nafus

Hope everyone had a joyous and happy Easter with renewed faith and peaceful hearts.

It is so nice coming into Spring after a long and snowy Winter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Convention in June.

– RoseMarie



## State Secretary—Lisa Roberts

Welcome Spring!!! After such a long, cold and snowy winter, it is at this time that we should all be so glad that spring has arrived.

Spring is a miraculous experience. The whole world comes alive after the winter in which it seemed that everything was dead. The world comes filled with color and the scent of delicious greenery. The world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Little did we know that beneath the cold hard ground the plants and trees were preparing

for rebirth. Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside.

It is now that time of the Columbian year to make the necessary preparations for the Annual State Convention. Requests were sent to all auxiliaries to provide me with your delegates and alternates to the convention. Please return that information to me no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. This information is critical to the next step of



sending the credential letters for entrance to the state convention. Also, those ladies that are State Officers, Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairladies have been asked to send the report of your office/chapter/committee to me no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please adhere to these deadlines. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

One last reminder... With the credential forms you will also be receiving the State

Directory form. It is extremely important that you complete this form and turn it over at the state convention. This information is necessary to prepare and print the state directory.

My best wishes for a Blessed Easter, Happy Mother's Day, Happy Father's Day and I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in June.

– Lisa

## State Financial Secretary—Vicki Bird

It has been a very busy year so far and it looks as if it will continue to be busy through the rest of this year. So don't forget to take time for yourself and 'smell the roses'.

As a reminder, please remember to send me your submission for the Humanitarian Award, which will be presented at the State convention in June. The deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> is fast approaching.

I want to wish all my Sister Columbiettes a Blessed and Happy Easter! May our Risen Lord bless you and your families throughout the year.

– Vicki



## State Treasurer—Elena McFarland

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Spring is finally here!!! After a long snowy winter it is wonderfully uplifting to see the flowers in bloom. I am looking forward to seeing all of my sister Columbiettes at Convention and hearing all the wonderful works of charity you have done throughout 2013-2014.

### The Cardigan Sweatshirt is now Available!!!

Yes you read that correctly!! It has taken a while but we have located a vendor to supply the Columbiette Cardigan

everyone loves! Be sure to show your Columbiette pride by wearing one of our beautiful logo wear items while volunteering around the state! Check out our Columbiette Logo Wear Shop online at <http://nicolumbiettes.promoshop.com> there is something for everyone. Remember we can do custom T-shirts if your auxiliary or chapter is attending an event as a group. Just give me a call!!

May you have a Happy Easter and Wonderful Spring!

– Elena

## State Advocate—Nadine Lecorchick

I would like to wish you and your family a very Joyous and Blessed Easter. May this Easter fill you heart with hope and bring you joy!  
– Nadine

## State Sentinel—Francis Corcione

It has been my pleasure to be State Sentinel, and an honor working with my sister Columbiettes. Wishing you all a Blessed Easter and a wonderful Summer!

– Fran



## NJ State Committee Chairpersons

### Convention 2014

Greetings to all!

As you know, the 58th Annual State Convention will be held on June 27th, 28th and 29th at the Holiday Inn in Somerset. **This is a reminder that deadlines for various aspect of the Convention are drawing near.**

Our first deadline is **April 15th for AD and Booster submissions for the Journal.** Please be sure to submit your Auxiliary's ad and booster list as soon as possible if you have not done so. Also, please remind your Brother Knights that their ad is due by the 15th. Rose Ferrito is the Chair for ads. Nancy Lee is the

Chair for boosters.

**May 15th is the deadline for Convention Reservations.** Carol Bohinski is the Chair.

**June 1st is the deadline to advise on your Auxiliary's Raffle Gift.** Gina Mastro is the Chair for raffle gifts.

If you have already sent in your information, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact me.

The Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Convention. We thank you for your support and cooperation.  
– Carol Bohinski  
Convention Chair  
732-521-0085

### Alter Server Program

Please don't forget to send in requests for the Altar Server Program.

Honor the youth in your parish who devote their time serving Our Lord.

Contact me at [JCStennis1@aol.com](mailto:JCStennis1@aol.com)  
– Nadine Lecorchick  
Chairperson



## New Jersey State Charity Raffle

The Charity Raffle tickets have been given to all the Chapter Presidents so they can distribute them among their auxiliaries. The charities, selected by each Chapter, will be receiving the proceeds of this raffle at the 2014 State Convention on June 28th.

The Charity Raffle drawing will be held on May 8th at 7PM at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center in Edison, New Jersey. Please make sure you follow the instructions regarding the ticket stubs, tally

sheet and check. I must receive your envelope no later than Tuesday, May 1st so it can be included in the drawing. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (732-225-0194) or email me at [pzellner07@comcast.net](mailto:pzellner07@comcast.net)

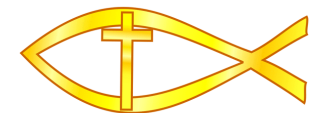
In advance, I thank all of you for your assistance and cooperation in making this raffle a success. Good Luck to all!!!  
–Patricia Zellner  
Chairperson

### Jewelry

I wish to thank all the Columbiettes who have purchased Columbiette jewelry throughout the year at the various meetings and degrees.

I will have an assortment of items including pins, necklaces, car emblems and travel card cases with me at the New Jersey State Convention at the Holiday Inn in Somerset

on June 27-29. I hope you'll stop by my table.  
–Kathy Donahue  
Jewelry Chairperson





## Vocations

I would like to thank all my Sister Columbiettes who have purchased Angel pins. If you or your Auxiliary would like to have a sale it is not too late and would greatly help our program. Sales large or small help our program to succeed.

Also remember to keep saving your pennies for our "Pennies from Heaven" program and send me one check before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Your check will be combined with the profit from Angel pins and

the Memorial Fund.

If you have never been to the State Convention in June you are really missing out. It is when all your hard efforts pay off as we present the Seminarians/Postulants selected by your Chapters with monetary gifts. I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Thank you so much,  
—Barbara Lasek  
Chairperson

## Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund has raised \$3,100.00 as of April 8, 2014. We have five Chapters and hopefully we will have \$5,000.00 by Convention to give each Seminarian/Postulant \$1,000.00 each. With your support, this can be possible.

Many thanks to all who have requested cards. Cards are available for any occasion and orders are filled promptly.

Keep the requests coming!

Looking forward to Convention and the happy faces of the Seminarians/Postulants when they receive their money. We need Priests.

Some Auxiliaries have not used the Memorial Fund for cards and I would like to encourage them to do so.  
— RoseMarie Nafus  
Memorial Fund Chairlady



## Backpack Ministry

God Bless you for your generosity to this ministry.

Last year we were able to gather over 500 backpacks plus additional school supplies. Representatives from the 5 dioceses came on Saturday morning and spoke to us of the good work and love that we share with this ministry. They take those school supplies to children who appreciate having something new on their first day of school. **Remember sisters, these children are our future.**

We ask that you pray as you handle these bags, pray that the children will be safe. Pray that they will be filled with love and a great desire to learn. And finally, that they will grow up to be good citizens that we all can be proud of.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact me, Mattea at 201-410-1376. My email address is [MATTEATRU@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATTEATRU@GMAIL.COM) please put 'backpacks' in the

subject line. We look forward to seeing you at convention! The following are suggested things that can be put into the bags for the children:

- 4 Blue Pens
- 4 Black Pens
- 4 Yellow Standard #2 Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pack of Sticky Notes
- Safety Scissor
- 6-2 Pocket Folders
- Glue Stick
- Composition Book
- 120 pg spiral Notebook (wide-ruled)
- Pack of 12 Colored Pencils
- Pack of 24 Crayons
- Storage Box
- Roll of Clear Tape
- Calculator
- Plastic Ruler
- Pack of Index Cards
- 6 piece Math Set

Praise Be to God!  
Your Sisters in Christ,  
Mattea Truppe—BP Chair  
Roberta Elwell &  
Laura Labetti—BP Co-Chairs



## News From Our Chapters

### Western

On Sunday March 9, Western Chapter Columbiettes had Mass at St. Francis de Sales and Communion Breakfast at George Inn Family Restaurant in Vernon. Fr. Fitzgerald gave Mass and Fr. Brian blessed our meal with prayer. Thank you Janet Tussey for planning this beautiful day for us to enjoy with our family and friends.

Western Chapter Columbiettes will host a First Degree and the Exemplification of the Major Degree in honor of Western Chapter Past Presidents on Sunday March 30 (snow date Sunday May 4) at St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon at 2:00pm. Only

Major Degree Columbiettes and Third Degree Knights of Columbus may attend.

Our next Chapter meeting is May 7 at Don Bosco in Newton. We will have the May Crowning.

Western Chapter Columbiettes extend Best Wishes for a Blessed Happy Easter to all.

— Barbara Schounnot  
Publicity Chairman



### South West

South West continues to be a very busy group despite all the wonderful snow this year. Starting in November, we held a tricky tray chaired by Saint

Cecilia's Auxiliary. It was so much fun and we made some money too. We also celebrated the birthday of our Chaplain Father Edmund Luciano. Our



meeting host Father Kapaun had beautiful cake, candles and decorations. Unfortunately, Church commitments kept him from attending our meeting, but we still sang him happy birthday and enjoyed his delicious cake.

This year for the first time the SW also committed as a Chapter to a good works program. Each Auxiliary held a drive to provide warm socks for the homeless. Collectively, we filled numerous green trash bags as well as provided boxes of gloves. We collected so much we were able to help not only the Dioceses of Trenton but also other groups that support those in need. The drive was lead by Saint David the King and Gina Maestro.

In February, Saint James and Hopewell Auxiliaries hosted a wonder hot soup dinner. This was especially nice with the cold winter we experienced. After our meeting, we had a fun event where we all went “right and left” to win a lovely plant.

At all our meeting we continue to challenge our

Columbiette knowledge by playing “Know your Protocol.” At each meeting, we ask questions to see if we do really know our protocol and by law, it has been a lot of fun as we strengthen our knowledge base.

On March 23, we held a First and Major Degree honoring Vincent Tavormina, NJ Knights of Columbus State Advocate. We again joined in with our sisters from Southeast for these ceremonies. We brought in 10 new members at the First Degree at Saint David the King and 32 Major Degree candidates.

We look forward to our April and June meetings, where we will elect a new Board but more importantly we look forward to the state convention. As chairs of the Convention, the Southwest Chapter hopes everyone will join us. The Southwest is working hard to make sure you enjoy every minute of it. Look forward to seeing you all at Convention.

— Lesa Wright  
President, SW Chapter



## South East

Greetings from South East Chapter!

We began 2014 with our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting hosted by St. Lawrence auxiliary at Laurence Harbor. This was our annual charity baby shower. We were pleased to welcome Janice Tumbleson, the director of the PIC-C (Parent-Infant Care Center) program at the New Brunswick High School to the meeting. She spoke to us about how this program assists the mothers (fathers are also welcome) to care for their children while they are attending classes. It is important for these young ladies to finish their education in order to provide for their children. There are 21 currently in the program; 98% of the students in the program graduate and go onto college. All the auxiliaries of the South East Chapter were very generous in their donations. Ms. Tumbleson thanked us on behalf of the young ladies and their babies. President Kathy

Jessen thanked everyone for attending and St. Lawrence for the delicious meal.

A joint First and Major Degree was held with our Sister Columbiettes of South West Chapter on Sunday March 23, 2014 at St. David the King in Princeton Junction, NJ. Six ladies from South East took their degrees that day.

An Evening of Recollection was held at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Port Reading on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to thank our Chaplain, Father William Smith, for the time and preparation it took to prepare this very special Lenten service.

Don Bosco provided refreshments after the service.

Congratulations to Bayshore Auxiliary on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The celebration was held on April 6, 2014



at Yesterday's Restaurant in Hazlet. Many

Columbiettes joined in the festivities to mark this special milestone.

Our April meeting is at St. Bart's in East Brunswick on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our charity resumes will be presented and voted on at this meeting. Our Columbiette year will continue with South Amboy hosting the May Mass and meeting and concluding with St. Bernadette's hosting the



## Central

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 42 new major degree sisters were installed to our Catholic organization.

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1954 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (#6) Council #3644 was instituted

June meeting with the election of officers.

The South East Columbiettes are looking forward to seeing our sisters at the State Convention in June.

President Kathy Jessen, her board of officers and all the members of South East Chapter wish you a Happy Mother's Day, Father's Day, and a safe, enjoyable summer. – Kathy Donahue, Publicity Chairperson – Deb Kieselowsky (on behalf of Dolores Gomez, President, St Lawrence)



in Wallington, NJ. We celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a beautiful Mass and dinner on March 30<sup>th</sup>. All in attendance had a lovely afternoon of fellowship.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of





Perpetual Help (#93) Council #11459 Jersey City, NJ will celebrate their 10th Anniversary. We are looking forward to celebrating with our sisters in June!

On a sad note we lost our dear sister Marjorie (Dolly) Grandzel on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She was a Past President of Central

## Mid West

Mid West Chapter began the New Year with our annual Baby Shower at our February Meeting. All baby items were donated to the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan. Thank You to Sargent John F. Basilone Columbiettes for hosting.

March 30<sup>th</sup> we held a First and Major Degree at Union Knights of Columbus Hall. We had 32 ladies take part in the exemplification. Our degree was held in memory of Prestigious Past State President Lorraine Batvinskas. Congratulations to all and Thank You to Union for hosting! It was a wonderful day.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

Chapter 1997-1998; she held many different chairs as a member of Paterson (#16) Council #240. She will be sorely missed. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

– Mattea Truppe  
President

Columbiettes with a mass at St. Joseph's Church, hosted by Millstone Valley Columbiettes.

During March and April we are holding our 10 Week Club Fundraiser. Good Luck to all that have purchased numbers.

In April we are heading to Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Columbiettes for our monthly meeting where we will be holding our Tricky Tray.

In June our final meeting for the year will be hosted by Union Columbiettes.

We wish everyone a very Happy Spring and enjoyable Summer!!

– Elena McFarland  
President



## News From Our Auxiliaries

### Don Bosco, Newton

The Don Bosco Columbiettes began 2014 with February's auxiliary meeting. On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> we sponsored a Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's as a fundraiser. (see picture) Columbiettes helped in the kitchen, waited tables, and sat to eat with our families when they came in. It was a big success and we had fun doing it.



We had our meeting in March and enjoyed the Western Chapter meeting at St. Anthony's. Some of us attended the Western Chapter Communion Breakfast on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We went to St. Francis de Sales for Mass and

then to eat at the George Inn, both in Vernon. On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated St. Patrick's Day again. We attended Mass at St. Joseph Church. Then we were treated to an Irish breakfast complete with bagpipes and Irish music with guitars and recorder. Later, the Knights and Columbiettes, Squires and Squirettes marched in the Newton St. Patrick's Day Parade. We attended the Western Chapter First and Major Degree on March 30 when we welcomed a new member and had some other Sisters join the ranks of the Major Degree.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have our May Crowning after Mass at St. Joseph. We will crown the Blessed Mother again when we host the Western Chapter meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Flea Market at St. Paul's Abbey in Newton.



We have lots of vendors set to come and look forward to a fun and profitable day.

Please remember to visit our auxiliary website for an update on activities and related events.

[www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com)

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 and I would like to wish all our sister Columbiettes a happy and blessed Easter (and a chocolate Easter bunny!) Best wishes are

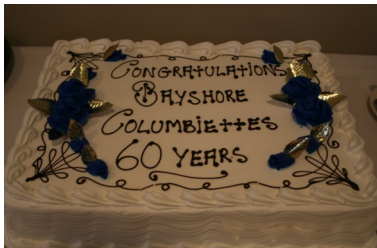
also sent for a blessed, healthy and happy summer. Don't forget to stop by the K of C food booth at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show/ New Jersey State Fair in Augusta from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10th, 2014 where you will find Columbiettes working side-by-side with the Knights. We have good food and the prices are great!

– Rosemary Hoffmann  
President

## Bayshore

Congratulations to the Bayshore Auxiliary on their 60th Anniversary! These pictures were taken during the celebration. Enjoy!

– Maureen O'Brien



## St. Cecilia's

A lot of exciting things are happening at St. Cecilia's Parish in Monmouth Jct. The Columbiettes are helping our Knights of Columbus with the Lenten dinners every Friday. We will be serving pasta, soup, salad, rolls and iced tea. All cooked by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes will be doing our first fundraiser during these dinners. We will be hosting a bake sale with 50% of our process to be donated to the South Brunswick Food Bank.

Also, on April 5th we will be shopping at Charmed by Claire in Cranbury. After the day of shopping the St.

## St. Bartholomew

The St. Bartholomew Columbiettes of East Brunswick want to know if you like a WINE! If so, we invite you to join us for our annual Wine Tasting event on Saturday, May 3rd from 7-10 in

Cecilia's Columbiettes will receive 10 percent of the total sales for the day.

We are working on several more fund raisers for the year such as a yard sale with our Knights of Columbus in our Parish parking lot and a vendor shopping day in our Parish hall.

As our first year is almost behind us we are so blessed to have a wonderful group of very dedicated women at St. Cecilia's proud to call themselves The Columbiettes.

We wish you and your family a very blessed Easter.

– Patty Christian  
President

our parish hall, 460 Ryder's Lane in East Brunswick. Come out and enjoy a fun filled and food filled evening. Enjoy our vast array of appetizers and desserts as you enjoy sampling many wines.





While we never know this far in advance what wines will be sampled, we can say that in the past there were many, along with beer and various other liquor that were also available for sampling. Must be 21 or over to attend. Advance tickets are \$20 and tickets at the door are \$30. For tickets call 732-254-5463.

While we enjoy our wine, we are also busy preparing to spend time at area shelters. In May we will visit the Laurie Haven Shelter in Fords to host

## Somerville

Dear Sisters,

I hope this message finds you well! Somerville has been busy over the past few months. Earlier this year, we donated yarn to Bridgewater Seniors. In return, they gave us 3 large bags filled with hand-knitted items. So, we delivered lap blankets to Veterans and baby items to several charities. We also joined Millstone Valley in an exercise social that included a Hula Hoop lesson!

In March, we joined Mid

a pizza/game night. We will also all be busy cooking dinner for the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison. At our April meeting we will be busy making Easter baskets for the kids at Laurie Haven, the kids at Naomi's Way battered women's shelter and home bound seniors. In May we will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning Ceremony.

We hope to see some of you on May 3rd!  
— Diane Kulbacki  
President

West auxiliaries at St. Joseph's Church in Millstone to celebrate Columbiette Sunday. After Mass, Somerville prepared 10 trays of Ziti for SHIP. Later in the month, we participated in the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Most recently we held a "He Is Risen" fundraiser; items for sale included glass crosses and fish car magnets, as well as He Is Risen lawn signs.

We have supported our Knights by donating toward



the purchase of new chairs at the KOC Hall, and attending their Knight of Comedy fundraiser as well as their Easter Bunny Breakfast.

We have an Alter Server Appreciation social planned

## St. Augustine

Our calendar for the second half of the year has been full despite the snow. Our Fashion Show in November enabled us to provide support to a number of important causes including helping with tuition at our Parish School and our Outreach Ministries. We were also able to help our soldiers who continue to work for us throughout the world by collecting and mailing packages of needed items to them.

In December, we celebrated the Christmas Season with a Columbiette Mass followed by a fun filled brunch and games. We also worked to help others. Some of our efforts included providing Christmas for two families in need and in support of the Southwest Chapter drive for the homeless, we collected

for May. We will also be hosting a Living Rosary at KOC Hall in Somerville on Sunday May 4 at 2:00pm. We would love for you to join us.

—Yvonne Shimshock  
President

2 large trash bags of warm socks and several boxes of gloves.

Our memberships drive after Masses one Sunday in January and our meet and greet social in February netted four new members and a lot of future interest. This is something we will do again. Unfortunately, snow resulted in us cancelling our February meeting. But it did not stop us from our annual Tea Party. We called it the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and decorations truly mad you believe you had arrived in Wonderland. We were also glad to see 9 of our members receive their Major Degree on March 23rd.

We are busy at work with our many ongoing programs as well - we provide a rose, small



gift and certificate to all newly Baptized children, our Confirmation essay contest is underway as are our programs to select and honor a top Senior Student and a Humanitarian. One new effort this year, is working with our Knights of Columbus to provide a Parish breakfast one Sunday a month during the school year. The two pilots this year were very successful so

it will become a permanent feature starting this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at convention.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter,  
 – Lesa Wright  
 President



## Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a mass of Thanksgiving and banquet on March 30, 2014. President Lorraine Noger was able to spend some time with us as well as Supreme Vice President Patricia Zellner. During mass a new St Joan of Arc the Warrior was blessed and rededicated along with our Blessed Mother and St Theresa the Little Flower. Two of our life members who also signed the original charter were able to attend our dinner. They are Helen Flezjor (right) and Carol Tlusty (center)

along with Past Grand Knight William Squires and Grand Knight Brian J Warner We are busily collecting the items we need for convention. Happy Easter and thank you Lord for 60 years.

– Barbara Ann Lissi  
 President



## Warren

We started our year with an Installation of Officers followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. Our first fund raiser was a Bake Sale where we made \$700. We welcomed six new members with a First Degree in November. We were busy in December filling 200 bags of food for the needy with the Knights of Columbus, who distributed them to happy families. We collected toys for the children of needy families in Phillipsburg with the help of Catholic Charities. We were lucky this winter to have had all our meetings without cancellations. We now celebrated 3 years as Columbiettes with a Communion Mass and breakfast in March. We will be ready for another Bake Sale in

April and we will be making and filling Easter Baskets for the children in our town. In May we walk in the Relay for Life to honor our sister Columbiettes who are Cancer survivors. We also have a Baby Shower in May for Life Choices and donate baby gifts and money to help young ladies and single Moms so they will keep their babies. We hope to end our year with election of new officers and a Pot Luck Dinner.

We look forward to the NJ Convention in June and to celebrate with our sister Columbiettes. We wish you a Blessed Easter and a successful Columbiette Year.  
 – Beverly Redondo  
 President

## St. Anthony's

We held our annual Tricky Tray at St Anthony Parish Center. Thank you to all those involved to make the evening very

successful. We are able to raise a lot of money that goes to help the people and





charities in our community. We were fortunate to have the "Let Them Be Little X 2" charity in attendance and presented Jeff Leider (father of the children) with a donation. Everyone had a great time (and it was noted by many how well organized the event was run).

On March 12, 2014, St. Anthony's hosted our Western Chapter meeting. A pot Luck dinner with desserts was included before the meeting. It was nice to see everyone after this long and harsh winter.

Twenty Six children are making their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's on April 6, 2014. A First Communion Breakfast will be held after the 9:30am mass. We are looking forward to welcoming those children and their families who were invited and able to attend.

We will be running a bus trip to Atlantic City on Monday April 7, 2014. Good luck to all that go & may you come home with a lot of \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Pocketbook Bingo will be held on May 2, 2014. Tickets

are on sale now at the price of \$15.00. Prizes include Vera Bradley and Coach pocketbooks.

On June 17, 2014 we will be drawing the tickets for the Super 50/50 Pot O' Gold. There are three prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 25%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 15%; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 10%.

If anyone is interested in attending any of our events, please contact [SAColumbiettes@yahoo.com](mailto:SAColumbiettes@yahoo.com).

Our knights will be hosting: Fish Fry [catered by Thistle] on April 4, 2014 from 6pm to 8:00pm The cost is \$15.00 pp Contact Al Taggart @ 973-838-0250 or Ray Sandoval @ 201-704-2404 if interested.

K of C breakfast on Mother's Day [May 8<sup>th</sup>] and Father's day [June 15<sup>th</sup>] The price is only \$8.00 and you definitely get your money's worth.

— Geri Nolan & Kim Bellantoni



## Bishop Navagh

Bishop Navagh Auxiliary is having a banner year. We have been very active. We had to cancel our Bingo at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa on Jan. 25, but on Feb. 8



eleven of us went and the residents were so happy. We played

many games and everyone went home with at least one gift. We brought refreshments and all the residents couldn't thank us enough.

At our January meeting, we picked our member for free dues in 2015, and Janet Taylor, one of our new members, won. We held our first Family Ice Cream Social on Jan. 31. Only about 60 attended, but all that came enjoyed making their own large sundae. The children had fun playing, especially with LEGOs, and dancing to the music.

The winter, especially this one,

slowed down much of our activities. With the coming of spring we picked up the pace again. On Mar. 2 a group of us ladies joined 700 other volunteers in our town over a 5 hour afternoon period in the Grains of Hope program. We spent an hour packing meals for the hungry. It involved measuring out a rice mixture and sealing the bags, then packing them for delivery. We helped pack 129,000 meals for the hungry in Haiti, the Philippines and right here in New Jersey. What an amazing and wonderful afternoon that was!

On Mar. 14 we joined the Knights of Columbus and presented the Stations of the Cross for the Holy Spirit parishioners. That was a very moving experience. On Mar. 21 we held our Lenten Friday Baked Potato Night. It was a fun evening.





Now we are busy selling tickets for our Lenten Friday Fish & Chips. Tastefully British will be at our hall on Friday, April 11 to delight all our customers. We will share this fundraiser with our brother Knights. We have two more members taking their 1st degree on



March 30 and six taking their major degree.

We added 19 new members this year! We also had 19 take their major degree! We are collecting food for our adopted family to complete their Easter dinner and provide them with food for the next couple of months. We have begun selling flats of flowers and baskets for our plant sale fundraiser. Pickup date is the Saturday before Mother's Day, so it's a perfect time to plant and give to Mom for her Mother's Day. One half of this profit will go toward a donation to our Adopt a Family also. We are selling dollar raffle tickets for our Big Raffle, to be picked on

Memorial Day. We will have three winners, with the winners receiving 25%, 15% and 10% of the proceeds. After we march with the Knights in the town parade, we will enjoy our annual family picnic. We will pick the lucky winners that afternoon. On Sunday, June 1, we are going to honor our altar servers from the four area Catholic churches with a pizza and ice cream sundae party. We are hoping for a large gathering with their parents and siblings. We will thank them for their service to our churches. We will hold a baby shower for a needy mother in May or June. This is always a fun afternoon. We will finish our Columbiette year by attending our annual State Convention at the Holiday Inn, Somerset, on June 27, 28 & 29th. It is so exciting to see all of our charitable donations from the entire state being distributed to the needy that weekend.

We hope everyone will enjoy a relaxing time this summer!

– Barbara Hill  
President



## St. James

St. James had a great start to this New Year. We held a First Degree Ceremony on January 9<sup>th</sup> and welcomed two new members along with nine new members from three area auxiliaries.

February may have been cold and snowy with meetings cancelled, but we heated up the ovens and held our Bakeless Cake Sale. We are warmed by the generous donations from members.

March and April are a flurry of activities. This Lenten Season, we are again setting tables and providing desserts for our Brother Knights' weekly Fish Frys. At our April meeting, we will host "Showers of Love for Baby", a baby shower to benefit the Action Pregnancy Center in New Brunswick. Then, ten members will attend the State Weekend Retreat at San Alfonso's Retreat House. Each looks forward to this time of bonding in prayer and friendship.

Over the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a membership drive, along with our Brother Knights, at St. James Church. Then, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Tea Party will be held at the K of C Hall. Tea, crumpets and a raffle are on the agenda. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, we will honor our Blessed Mother at our traditional May Crowning Ceremony. Immediately following will be our "Pot Luck Supper" when members serve their famously delicious dishes. A Corporate Communion Mass for St. James Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church. A continental breakfast will follow.

Once again, we will honor a Monroe Township High School Senior at their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Program and we will award our Good Student and Humanitarian honorees at our June meeting.

Monthly donations to the local Deacon's Food Pantry



continue as well as collections of pack packs, school supplies, personal items and tab tops for the State Convention donations. Also, the “Pennies for Heaven” banks are filling up.

In June, we will host, together with our Brother Knights, a party for our parishes’ Altar Servers, and we will kick off ticket sales for our Auxiliary’s Charity Raffle. The drawing will take place after our September 11<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary meeting.

## Parsippany

Now that the “winter of our discontent” has finally decided to bid the Northeast a fond farewell, the Parsippany Columbiettes are ready, willing and able to tackle our spring initiatives. During the month of April we hold a Baby Shower for a needy Mother. We know the baby, whose due date is May 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> will be a little boy. It’s always fun to shop for a new baby. Just as spring and Easter remind us

Lastly, Happy Anniversary to us! July 7<sup>th</sup> will be St. James Columbiettes’ Fortieth Anniversary of institution. Plans are underway for a celebration to be held in September. We will be forty but we’re going strong!

To all our Sisters, from St. James Sisters, “Best wishes for a happy, peaceful and safe summer.”  
— Carol Bohinski  
President

it’s time for new life to envelop the earth. Some of our members will be attending the Retreat at St Alfonso Retreat House at the Jersey Shore during the month April. In May we will be hosting a special Altar Server lunch for the dedicated Altar Servers from our three sponsor Parishes, St Ann’s, St Christopher’s and St Peter’s I’m sure they will have a great time enjoying pizza, soda and cookies. A group of us at



tended a modern rendition of the Stations of the Cross presented by The Franciscan Mystery Players at St Clements’ church in Rockaway. They perform every Friday in Lent. If you’ve never attended one of their performances I encourage you to seek them out next year. It’s an experience you will never forget. Our Pillow sales are ongoing and provide a good source of revenue for our charities. Speaking of charities, the funds from our October Tea and our pillow sales enabled us

## Sgt. John F. Basilone

The **Sgt. John Basilone Columbiettes #13264** have worked together to provide several works of charity this Columbian year. We adopted an in-tact family of five this past Christmas and were able to provide clothing, toys, household items, and a grocery store gift card. The family was overwhelmed with the abundance of gifts they received. For Easter, we provided four families from different local parishes with

to donate much needed funds to 10 charities. A committee has been formed to plan a celebration for our 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary as an auxiliary. Another committee has been formed to nominate a new slate of Officers for the next two years. I told you were busy! Wishing all the joys and blessings of the upcoming Easter season to our sister Columbiettes. He is Risen, Alleluia!!!  
— Rae Volpe

Easter baskets that included a complete Easter meal, extra food, candy, goodies, a memorial card, and a palm cross. The four families were chosen from four of the parishes represented in our auxiliary membership. We have continued to support our Knights by assisting them with their Sunday Parish Community Pancake Breakfast, and their Shake-a-Can initiative to raise funds for the Somerset County ARC. We



wish all auxiliaries a successful close to the Columbian year and a wonderful summer! We look forward to the opportunity to “light the way”

## Queen of the Lakes

Despite being snowed in most of the winter the girls from Queen of the Lakes were still able to continue their charity work and fundraising. We started the year off with a First Degree which brought in three new members. We are happy to be blessed with an increase to our membership. The following week we had our annual Pasta Dinner. It was very successful and a good time was had by all.

The Holy Season of Lent started with Soup and Sermon. Fr. O'Connor, our Chaplin, gave a very uplifting talk on the meaning of being a Columbi-ette and Knight. All members donated paper products for the Missionaries of God.

Our Semi annual Flea Market was held in March and was once again very successful.

to faith, love, and fellowship in the new season!

– Mia Sena  
President

Together with our Knights we presented our Confirmation Students with a Certificate and a Stole at a special Mass followed by a Luncheon.

We attended the Western Chapter First and Major Degree and welcomed another new member and seven made the Major.

Palm Sunday we joined once again with our Knights and presented the Missionaries of God with 50 new tee shirts for the unfortunate.

We also sent Easter baskets to Mt. St. Joseph's Boys Home, the Felician Sisters in Lodi, NJ and the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in Purchase, NY.

We wish everyone a Holy and Happy Easter and are looking forward to seeing you all at Convention.

–Elizabeth Pickard



## Vincent T. Lombardi

The Vincent T. Lombardi Columbiettes Council #6552 has progressed to another year and continues to serve the parishes of St. Mary's, New Monmouth, NJ and St. Agnes, Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

The 2013-2014 year brings us to a couple of firsts. In early June, 2013 we participated with our brother Knights in the *Corpus Christi* program at St. Mary's; and later in June, we honored our first, past President Sue Costa. She did an outstanding job to get us organized and running efficiently for our first two years as an organization. The dinner held at *Gaetano's Restaurant* in Red Bank, NJ, had to be rescheduled from the fall of 2012 because of *Superstorm Sandy*.

We helped our brother Knight's Council #6552 with two of their breakfast fundraisers at Applebee's Restaurant, Middletown, NJ, in June and December of 2013, At the December

breakfast, we offered pictures with Santa. The kids loved that. They could get their wishes to Santa in plenty of time before the Christmas rush.

We also participated with our brother Knights with the annual family picnic. This activity is one of the favorites along with the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In case the kids missed Santa at the Applebee's breakfast, they got a second chance to get their wish list to Santa at the annual Christmas dinner held right before Christmas. The Knight's did the main dish cooking at the picnic and at the dinners and the Columbiettes brought the side dishes and the desserts.

We arranged three “evenings out” between us and the First Avenue Playhouse in Atlantic Highlands NJ. The real treat for seeing these shows is that desert is served right before the play begins. We also arranged a priced fix





dinner with three area restaurants: *Memphis Pig Out*, *The King's Arms Diner* and *Walter Mihm's* for those who wanted to have dinner "out" before the show.

We saw three comedies: *Marriage Can be Hazardous to your Health*, in April, 2013 and raised \$256. In July we saw *Leading Ladies* and made, \$277, and in October we saw *Ghost of a Chance* which brought in \$775; which we donated to Abby Acosta Dunn, a young seriously ill woman needing special medical care and equipment.

We went onto hold yet another fundraiser in November with "31", [www.thirtyonegifts.com](http://www.thirtyonegifts.com), a gift and home goods seller, at a home party sponsored by Connie Lopusznick, one of our "Sunshine" Committee members, we raised yet another



\$190.20.

We gave two \$100 scholarships to worthy and grateful students: Kayley Anthony from St. Mary's and to Dana Mc Culloch from Mother Teresa Regional, the school affiliated with St. Agnes' Church.

In February, 2014, we held our annual "Italian Night" fundraiser at Mother Teresa Regional coordinated by past president, Sue Costa and her husband, Past Grand Knight Tony, where \$3,200 was raised for *The St. Thomas More Scholarship Fund*.

We still have a few more fundraisers and activities both by ourselves and with our brother Knights on tap for the 2014 year. We love what we do and it shows in every event we participate in whether it is our own fundraisers, the fundraisers we participate in with our brother Knights, the chapter meetings and any of our parish activities. Pray for us.

[www.vtlcolumbiettes6552.com](http://www.vtlcolumbiettes6552.com)

– Louise Welch  
President



## St. John's

Those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" are almost here, and the Columbiettes of St John's Council 1345 are ready for them!

The year seemed to fly by and what a successful year it was!

September "kicked-off" with Dumont Day, an annual event



where we along with our Brother Knights sell hot dogs and hamburgers at a local town event which helps promote our organization and seek out new members.

The October meeting, Fr. Dominic from St. Mary's Parish, gave us a very interesting talk on sainthood (I don't think any of us qualify though!).

November's meeting our Sister Columbiette, Linda Grana taught us how to crochet a ruffle scarf, makes great

Christmas gifts, and speaking of Christmas, December we had our very own "Christmas Party" with many of us bringing in "pot luck" dishes and our wonderful Columbian Club donating the "adult beverages" for us to enjoy!

We started off the New Year, with what else, a "Post-Holiday Party" at the wonderful *Il Mulino's* Restaurant in Dumont NJ.



February was a good month to gear down and start preparing for our upcoming events, especially since it **SNOWED** and we really didn't have much of choice.

March came in "like a lion" as the old saying goes. We had our First Annual "God & Cod" Lenten Fish Fry and the expected goal of 100 people turned into a **SOLD OUT**



EVENT of over 135 Friday night diners! Also SOLD OUT was our first ever bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City with a stop before to the NJ Renault Winery for a



tour and lunch (and hopefully samples!) I was

even told they had a horseracing event on the bus.....how did they get those horses on the bus?!

April brought our ever popular event...."The Garden Tea Party"...this has been an extremely well attended event

## Long Valley

Long Valley Columbiettes Council #10419 have published a cookbook entitled "A Little Taste of Heaven, Volume 1". It is a collection of treasured family recipes from members and fellow parishioners. It makes a wonderful gift for Mother's Day, Brides and Grads. Or just treat yourself to one for only \$15.00 and start cooking up something new.

Contact Cindy Jones at [cinjim1126@aol.com](mailto:cinjim1126@aol.com) or 908-684-0661.



with over 100 ladies attending each year. We have an assortment of tea sandwiches, desserts, have a hat contest, a mini tricky tray, guest speaker, and of course, *TEA!*

The month of May all of the fruits of our labor come to fruition as we pick out the charities we will be donating to for the year. Many thanks goes to all of the Columbiettes who helped out with our events to make this possible.

As June comes, we wish all a great summer, filled with those, "lazy, hazy, crazy days"...

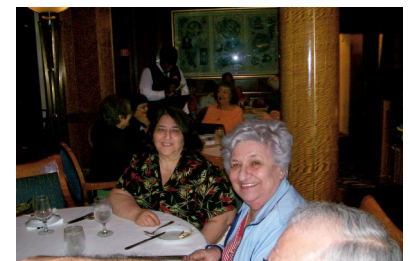
See you in September!  
— Roberta Elwell  
Past President



## Exploring the Seas

The following pictures were taken during the NJSCC sponsored cruise to the Eastern Caribbean in 2014. Enjoy!

— Lorraine Noger





# NJ's First Candidate for Beatification

## Sister Miriam Teresa

### 1901-1927

Miriam Teresa Demjanovič was born in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1901. She entered the Sisters of Charity at Convent Station in 1925. Miriam Teresa died in 1927 at the age of 26. Favors and cures attributed to her intercession are continually being reported.

Because of her saintly life, her striving for perfection in her religious life, her spiritual writings, the mystical privileges accorded her by God during life and the favors received by others after her death through her intercession with God, the Sisters of Charity petitioned Rome for permission to open her Cause for Beatification and Canonization.

On Thursday, May 10, 2012, the Servant of God Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovič, was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI, meaning that she is formally recognized as having lived lives of virtue and may be prayed to for intercession.

On December 17, 2013, Pope Francis approved the attribution of a miraculous healing to the intercession of Sister Miriam Teresa, opening the way to her beatification.

Sister Miriam Teresa will be declared Blessed at a ceremony to be held on October 4, 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ.

At St. Mary's of Dumont, there is a beautiful painting of her in the vestibule Of the Church by the support of St. John's Columbiettes #1345.

– Mattea Truppe

(ref: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teresa\\_Demjanovich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teresa_Demjanovich))



## Addendum to Winter 2013 ECHO

**Editor's Note:** The following were inadvertently omitted from the Winter 2013 ECHO. Apologies to SW Chapter, Bishop Navagh, Parsippany, and St. Augustine.

### South West Chapter

This year started with our officer installation at Saint Augustine's in Kendall Park as we welcomed our new Chapter Sentinel Gina Mastro. State President, Lorraine Noger joined us to celebrate along with Anne Graziano, Elena McFarland, Nadine Lecorchick and Fran Corcione. We are thrilled to have Father Edmund Luciano as our Chaplain once again this year.

We also celebrated the addition of our tenth auxiliary to our Chapter. Saint Cecilia's (Monmouth Junction) was initiated in June 2013. In addition to cake and other goodies provided by Immaculate Conception, we were pleased to be able to gift them a Statue of the Blessed Mother.

Another first for our Chapter was to agree to conduct a coordinated giving program. Saint David the King recommended each auxiliary collect new socks that we would bring to our November and February meetings. These socks would be given to the homeless programs of the Trenton

Diocese. It was fully endorsed by all ten auxiliaries. Thank you St. David for coordinating!

In November, we look forward to a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and a fun Tricky Tray which will be hosted by Father Kapaun and Saint Cecilia's respectively. Moving forward to 2014, we again will conduct a joint major degree with our sisters from the Southeast Chapter on March 23rd at St. David the King.

This year the Chapter is also busily preparing for the State Convention that we will host. Chair Carol Bohinski has gotten us off to a great start lighting the way to our meeting in June.

Our auxiliaries are also off to another good start this year with many charitable works including bake sales, tricky trays, teas and other efforts to raise funds and come together to celebrate our faith and friendship.

From the Southwest, we wish you and your families a holy and happy Christmas Season.

– Lesa Wright  
President, SW Chapter



## Bishop Navagh

Our Columbiette fall season has been very busy already. Most of our officers attended the seminar at Helmetta on Sept. 15. We always enjoy gathering and exchanging ideas with our sister Columbiettes across the state. We held our first fundraiser of the season, a fish and chips dinner, with the Knights on Sept. 20. We used a new local company, Tastefully British, and it was so good we booked another one to be held during Lent April 11. Many of us attended our first Western Chapter meeting on Oct. 2 at St. Thomas in Sandyston. We congratulated the newly-installed officers, including our own Mary Hargraves as treasurer. We were very busy the weekends of Oct. 5th & 6th and Oct 12th & 13th recruiting new members after Masses at St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Holy Spirit. We had several women speak at all the Masses at all three churches. Then we were availa-

ble at the doors with flyers, pamphlets and to answer questions. This has been the most successful recruitment so far. We had 16 women take their first degree before our meeting on Oct. 22. What a wonderful evening we had! We also installed our worthy chaplain that evening, Father Philip LeBeau. We have not had our own chaplain for many years. We are looking forward to Fr. Phil's words of wisdom and guidance. Several of us attended State Past President Susan Kadar's Testimonial Dinner on Nov. 4. That was a wonderful day. We will keep Susan in our prayers as she is presently having some health issues. We will be taking a group of women to Wallington on Nov. 17 to Central Chapter's Major Degree. So far we have one more to take her first and major degree plus eleven for their major degree. We are so proud of our growth. We are presently preparing for our upcoming Baked Potato Night on



Nov. 15. These nights are always anticipated because they are an inexpensive night out. Also, on Nov. 21, we will have our annual Mass for deceased members of our Knights and Columbiettes. This year we lost two of our very active members, Richard Wisneski, PGK and coordinator, husband of MaryJane, and Louise Homentowski, our hospitality chairman and phone squad caller for many years. We also lost two long-time members who moved away - Dorothy Stec and Mary Ellen Choate. They all will be greatly

## St. Augustine

This year we started in August with a family ice cream social with our Knights. In addition in August we installed our officers in the Church Chapel after Sunday mass. We were pleased to have our Grand Knight Tom DeLuca install us with our District Deputy Jeanne Bellas as Chair. A lovely reception followed.

The past few months we have been busily preparing for

missed! We have already begun planning the next Western Chapter meeting which will be held on Dec. 4 at Bishop Navagh's K of C hall. We host a Christmas dinner and Tricky Tray. It is always a great night with lots of fun while raising funds for our chapter. We will enjoy a Christmas dinner at Lina's on Dec. 14 and help serve Breakfast with Santa for Holy Spirit School on Dec. 15. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014!  
— Barbara Hill, President

our Winter Fashion Show to be held on November 9. This should be a fun event for all. Also In November, we are preparing a special Thanksgiving celebration for retention month. All the women will bring their soup bowls and spoons and the Board is making homemade soups and breads. Our birthday ladies will bring their baked goods for dessert.



We have also in the plans to adopt two families for Christmas and have donated money for Turkeys to support our Parish Pantry food baskets. Other efforts underway include – a Memorial Mass for our deceased Knights and Columbiettes (November 19), a bake sale on Nov 24 to join in with our Knights Pictures

## Parsippany

The Parsippany Chapter of the Columbiettes is alive well and thriving. On October 5th had our second annual Tea; it was attended by over 100 women who all deemed it a rousing success. It was a team effort and we were truly rewarded and blessed with great attendance, great food, wonderful gifts and glorious weather. From the proceeds of this event we were able to donate Shop Rite gift cards to Homeless Solutions in Morristown as well as Family Intervention Services of Morris County.

for Santa, a Columbiette communion breakfast to celebrate Christmas and working with our Knights, a Parish Breakfast on December 19.

We are working hard on many things, having fun and making a difference.

Wishing everyone a very Blessed Christmas,  
– Lesa Wright, President

We were also blessed to have seven new members receive their first degree on October 15th. We look forward to have these new members join us in our various endeavors. On October 27 several of our members served ice cream to the residents of the Firemen’s Home in Boonton, N.J. Our sale of pillows and crafts at many craft fairs is ongoing. We look forward to a new year of endless possibilities. We would like to wish all our sister Columbiettes a very Blessed, Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!  
– Rae Volpe



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## A Note from the Editor

Thank you for all your submission to this edition of the ECHO Newsletter. What amazing things you are doing in His name. Sharing them is a wonderful gift! If you haven't submitted anything recently, I'd encourage you all to submit something for the Fall issue.

Submissions can be mailed to me at **13 Banor Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08844** or emailed to me at [echonewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:echonewsletter@hotmail.com). Feel free to contact me at 908-723-0239 with any questions.

I would also like to thank former ECHO Editor Milissa Plescia for her guidance throughout this year, and wish her the best as in her new role as Editor of the Supreme Semantics Newsletter. (You can access this newsletter at the Columbiette website: <http://www.columbiettes.com/> )

If I don't see you at Convention, have a wonderful summer!  
– Yvonne Shimshock

