

SUPREME COUNCIL **COLUMBIETTES** COMMUNICATOR



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Message from Our Supreme President

My Dear Sister Columbiettes,

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us remember to thank baby Jesus for coming into our lives. Let us together prepare ourselves to welcome Him into the loving homes of our hearts.

On behalf of the Supreme Board of Officers, Directors, Past Presidents and Territorial Deputies, we wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Wishing you Peace Always. Micki Micki Magee. Supreme President













Mensaje de nuestra presidenta del Consejo Supremo

Mis estimadas hermanas Colombinas.

Mientras celebramos esta bella temporada Navideña recordemos darle la gracia al niño Jesús por llegar a nuestras vidas. Preparémonos todas a recibirlo en el cariñoso hogar de nuestros corazones.

Por parte de la Junta Directiva, las Directoras, las Presidentas Pasadas y las Diputadas Territoriales les deseamos a todos nuestros miembros y sus familias una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero y saludable Año Nuevo.

Deseándoles siempre La Paz, Micki Micki Magee, Presidenta Suprema



May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Ronnie Albert Past Supreme President



May that spirit of love never end As you spend your time Among your family and friends

Christmas is coming May all your dreams come true And now if I might say

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU

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Ronny Pliszak Supreme Vice President



Merry Christmas Blessings to all Columbiettes.

Anne Sullivan, Supreme Secretary



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Jean Breyer Supreme Financial Secretary



"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand."

Wishing All a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jeanne Mucci Supreme Treasurer



My Christmas wish for friends who make the season bright -

At Christmas when thoughts turn to people who've brightened life's journey, friends like my sister Columbiettes come warmly to mind. Remembering all Columbiettes and wishing each of you the joys and blessings of this holy season.

Love, Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous Happy New Year!

Carole Samperton, Supreme Advocate



My sincerest wishes to everyone for a Blessed Christmas with family and friends and a joyous New Year! And let us remember, each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus. God Bless you all.

Janet Schuler, Supreme Sentinel



To All our Sister Columbiettes.

Christmas Greetings from our Houses to yours, May the Season be bright and the year that's ahead turn out to be just right.

With warmest wishes for Good Health and Happiness.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Love, Peace and Joy! Past Supreme Presidents

Sandy Bohinski Rose Marie Oliveri Barbara Ann Lucarelli Ann Seletski Pam Desaulniers Patricia Zellner



All my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous Christmas and a new year full of blessings

Carol Bohinski, Supreme Director



Wishing all my Sister Columbiettes and their families a most Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mary Ann Sweet Supreme Director



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
To All My Sister Columbiettes
May Our Blessed Mother Keep you in her arms
St. Therese shower you with Roses
And St. Joan of Arc protect you
Blessings from my house to yours
Fraternally Yours
Vicki Sandin
Supreme Director



Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year

Fran Corcione Supreme Director May the Prince of Peace fill you and yours with love and joy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Pat Vahlsing, Supreme Director



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Dear Sister Columbiettes,

We are all so blessed to be united as a truly Catholic group of women who share common goals for the betterment of all. At Thanksgiving, may we humbly bow our heads in thanks and pray for God's guidance in our purpose to serve. Likewise, Christmas is the perfect time to acknowledge our vows to do God's work on Earth, and rejoice in our Lord's birth. In the New Year, let us grow closer to the Holy Family as we strengthen our love of humankind through Faith, Hope, and Charity. May you enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends and thank God for our precious lives.

With love and humility, Jacqueline Ryan; Supreme Director



Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year From our House to yours. Barbara Maier and Family



Dear Sister Columbiettes

Merry Christmas

Sending all of our Family and Friends a large helping of Christmas cheer, a warm cup of love and a stocking full of Happiness. May joy and happiness snow on you, may the bells jingle for you, and may Santa be extra good to you!!

This year we have been so lucky to have all of you in our life. Without all of your friendship, love and support, it just wouldn't have been the same.

May this Christmas be the best Christmas ever and lead you into a very prosperous 2020.

Hugs

MaryAnne Alessio Supreme Director Vicky Porcelli Supreme Director

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you a wonderful Christmas filled with moments you'll always remember.

Marlene Korn, Supreme Director

Christmas Greetings 2019

Christmas is a time for family and friends and most of all for loving our Lord who came into the world for our salvation. On behalf of all sister Columbiettes in the state of Pennsylvania, I wish all sister Columbiettes across the nation the love of family, the joy of the season and most of all the peace of Christ now and always. Remember, Jesus is the reason for this season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God bless you all. Joellen Dodson, Supreme Director.

Irísh Christmas Traditions

THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW

A tradition that was very widespread in the 1970's but which seems to be dying out somewhat and especially in urban areas is the 'candle in the window'. Symbolically the candle represented a welcome to Joseph and Mary as they wandered in search of lodgings. The candle indicated to strangers and especially to the poor that there may be an offering of food in the house within. Please look for my candle and welcome to my home.



THE LADEN TABLE

The central piece of the Christmas holiday in Irish families is the Christmas Dinner. After the often-lavish meal the kitchen table is again set and on it placed some bread and milk and the table is adorned with the welcoming candle. If Mary and Joseph, or any wandering traveler happened by then, they can avail of the hospitality.



IRISH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The widespread practice of placing a ring of Holly on a front door started in Ireland. Holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time in Ireland and gave the poorer population means with which to decorate their homes. **Deck the Halls**

LITTLE CHRISTMAS

All Christmas decorations are usually taken down and put away on 'Little Christmas' (January 6th.). **We must wait for the Wisemen to Come**



May the Spirit of Christmas be with you all throughout the year. Keep your candle in the window and welcome all to your home. Let everyone be filled with love and happiness and joy like a Christmas Angel

Love & Blessings Johanna "Mahoney" Anzalone - TD Alabama

Let's Learn Together

Did you know . . .

The Administration Manual contains the Constitution and Laws of the Columbiettes, Incorporated governing the Supreme, State and Subordinate Auxiliaries and Chapters. The current issue of the Constitution and Laws was issued in August, 2015.

At the annual meeting of the Supreme Council, resolutions can be presented and voted on by the membership which, if approved, would make changes to the Constitution and/or By-laws.

The Constitution is contained in your Administration Manual on pages one through 11 with the By-laws starting on page 12. To make a change to the Constitution, a resolution must be presented at the annual meeting and approved; then, the resolution will be brought forward for a vote the succeeding year. After it is approved at both meetings, the Constitution will then be changed.

Resolutions presented and voted on to change the Bylaws only require a vote at one annual meeting.

In either case, the resolution to make a change does not go into effect until 60 days after the resolution has been approved.



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CARING AND SHARING

Christmas is almost upon us. This is the time when we, Columbiettes, have the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important people around us. It is a time when we can look back on the past year and prepare for the new year ahead.

The caring and sharing spirit of Christmas is a part of who the Columbiettes are and is exemplified in all the good deeds we do for our organization, our parishes, our Knights and our communities. We celebrate Christmas to reaffirm our Faith and to share. We do it by engaging in the most ordinary acts of love with joy: sharing food, spending time with those closest to us, and offering gifts so that they might bring happiness to someone.

Chapter, Regional and State meetings give us the opportunity to share the projects each auxiliary is working on which help our parishes and communities. Whether it's feeding the hungry at food pantries, serving lunch at senior centers, making sandwiches for Special Olympics participants, cooking meals for families of Hospice patients, taking care of families after a disaster, supplying school supplies to children in need, donating to seminarians and postulants, educating the public on human trafficking by monthly vigils, supporting local domestic anti-violence programs, providing needed items to residents in assisted living centers, supporting "special needs people", offering prayers or sending cards to Sister Columbiettes, these acts are in the spirit of caring and sharing.

As we prepare for this Christmas season, let us not forget those who will spend Christmas alone. Reach out! Check in on your Sister Columbiettes who might not have been attending meetings and make sure all is well with them.

Let us continue to share the love in our hearts. Let us keep the Spirit of Christmas going all year long.

Merry Christmas everyone!





Just a reminder for all that file with the year ending December 31 to file the 990 – N (e-Postcard) after January 2020.

Note from Supreme Financial Secretary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The 2020 Travel Cards went out to all Auxiliaries on November 7th along with their bills. Remember, you don't need to make a motion to pay these bills from Supreme. If you haven't received the Travel Cards by the end of November, please send an email to Supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com.

Jean Breyer Supreme Financial Secretary

Note from Supreme Treasurer

Our Columbian year is in full swing. As Treasurer it is important to keep your PV's and RA's organized and to keep accurate records to reconcile with your bank.

It is also very important to work closely with your Financial Secretary. Keep in constant contact with her to make sure your figures match each other.

Please remember our By-Laws state that the Treasurer has ten (10) days from receipt of funds from the Financial Secretary to deposit funds into the bank.

Jeanne Mucci, Supreme Treasurer





Note from Supreme Advocate

As your new Advocate, I have been reviewing and approving revisions to By-laws for Auxiliaries and Chapters. I am asking that anyone who will be revising their current By-laws to please include a brief cover letter with your contact information (name, address, phone number and email) with the change(s) to the By-laws. This will help speed up the process if there are any questions that I have regarding your requested change(s).

Also, if you are not familiar with the procedure to change your By-laws, please contact me and I will send you a copy of the format to amend or revise By-laws as well as a sample copy of By-laws.

You may contact me at <u>SupremeAdvocate@columbiettes.com</u> or <u>csamperton@nc.rr.com</u>.

Carole Samperton Supreme Advocate



Supreme Board of Officers at
Past Supreme President Ronnie Albert's
Testimonial Dinner
November 16, 2019
Boca Raton, Florida



From Left to Right Supreme Treasurer Jeanne Mucci, Supreme Advocate Carole Samperton, Supreme VP Ronny Pliszak, Supreme Past President Ronnie Albert, Supreme President Micki Magee, Supreme Secretary Anne Sullivan, Surpeme FS Jean Breyer, Supreme Sentinel Janet Schuler

Are you going to be one of the 6 winners?

GET YOUR TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

Drawing will take place on January 18, 2020. Make check payable to: Supreme Council Columbiettes and return no later than January 8, 2020. ANYONE can purchase tickets and winner does not need to be present. For additional tickets or information contact MaryAnne Alessio, RN721@aol.com. If additional tickets are needed copies can be made of the ticket below.

Name:					
Telephone #:					
Winner need not to be present Donation \$10.00	1 st Prize \$1000.00 2 nd Prize \$500.00 3 rd Prize \$400.00 4 th Prize \$300.00 5 th Prize \$200.00 6 th Prize \$100.00	SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES 2020 RAFFLE Drawing January 18, 2020			

Return ticket stub and money to: Supreme Council Columbiettes, 297 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501, Attn: Supreme Raffle

Auxiliary Exchange

St. Michael the Archangel #15250 at Fort Bragg, NC sponsored a Mass at the All American Chapel for All Saints Day. Children were asked to dress as their favorite saint. Potluck dinner followed by games, crafts and treats for all ages.

San Marco Columbiettes Auxiliary #6344, is holding a Winter Wonderland Dance - January 25, 2020, San Marco Church Parish Center.

The Auxiliaries of Staten Island Chapter in New York State made Stocking for Soldiers a program that is run in their Community (Assumption-Msgr. James Dorney, Fr. Vincent Capadanno, Fr. Drumgoole, Madonna, Manressa, St. Joseph St. Mary Immaculate, Staten Island & Stolzenthaler)







Around the States

Delaware State Columbiettes Annual Christmas party is Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. Party will be at Vincenzo's Restaurant, 1030 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE.

Connecticut State Council Columbiettes held a testimonial dinner in honor of Immediate Past State President Loretta Spataro on November 10, 2019 at Zandri's Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT.

Florida Columbiettes held a Mad Hatter's Tea Party luncheon in Winter Haven, on November 2, 2019 honoring Immediate Past State President Sue Pfleger.

New York State Council Columbiettes held a testimonial dinner in honor of Immediate Past State President Natalie Walsh on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at The Manson on Broadway, White Plains NY.



Congratulations on 50 years:

Marilyn Cahill	Albany	NY
Dolores Hahn	Don Bosco	NJ
Diana Mallon	Shrine of Saint Anne	NY
Ada Marotta	Farmingdale	NY
Elsa Martyna	Farmingdale	NY
Gertrude Schuster	Fr. John La Farge	NY
Anne Sullivan	Our Lady of the Rosary	NC

How to Contact Us!



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For Supply Orders and any related questions email SupremeFinancialSecretary@Columbiettes.com

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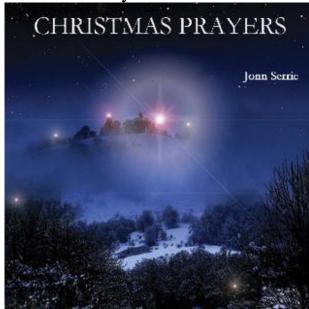
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Prayer Corner!



I said a Christmas Prayer for you because the season's near.

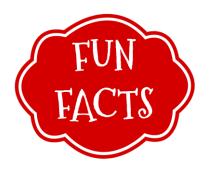
I didn't ask for riches but for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings with your family all around, and for carols to inspire you with their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments in your heart on Christmas morn, for a special time to celebrate the Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best that you might know they care. . . I asked for peace & love & hope; and I know God heard my prayer.

Nancy Brummett



The first Supreme Convention (a one day convention) was held on August 15, 1959 at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City. Msgr. John Fleming was appointed to be the first Supreme Chaplain by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

Upcoming Conventions Dates



CA - June 20 - Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point

CT - June 13 - St Augustine Council, Stamford

DE - May 2 - St Jude Parish Center, Lewes

FL - May 1-3, 2020 Embassy Suites, Boca Raton, FL

GA - June 19-20 - St Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw

ME - April 18 - Van Buren

NJ - June 26-28 - Embassy Suites, Piscataway

NY - June 12-14 - Villa Roma, Callicoon

NC - April 24-25 - Hampton Inn, Raleigh

PA - April 25 - St Rose of Lima, York

SC - June 26-27 - St Theresa. Summerville

Supreme Convention

Aug 14-16, 2020 Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, New Castle, DE



Squirettes of Mary

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate Squirette Circlette in Oakley, California.





Newsletter Information Supreme Committee Chairs: send information on your committees.

States: send in information on your activities, i.e. raffles, etc.

Auxiliaries: send information on recruitment ideas, retention, fundraising ideas, helpful hints, etc.

Send in helpful hints.

What would you like to see covered?

All information should be sent in Word format!!

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM

NO LATER THEN THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!















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Computer Tech Support



This is a tip for Financial Secretaries on how to update their Auxiliary information:

Did you know each Auxiliary has the ability to update information about their Auxiliary on the columbiettes.com website? The Financial Secretary can do so by going to the "Admin Account" tab (the picture of the computer monitor), then clicking on "SiteTab", then on "Edit Auxiliary Page". Here you can put information you would like everyone to know, such as what day and time you meet, the location and any information on joining the Auxiliary and who to contact. This is your page and opportunity to let everyone know about you! If you have questions or need help, don't hesitate to send an email to supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com.

Janet Schuler Supreme Computer Help



Reminders:

- ✓ Travel cards were mailed to all Financial Secretaries. Also included was the invoice for the cost of the travel cards. Please note: Travel Cards are mailed out in November and should be received by December 1st each year. If the Financial Secretary does not receive the travel cards by December 1st, please send an email to Supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com.
- ✓ Check to see when you are due to file the 990-N form with the IRS. For all that file with the year ending December 31 are to file the 990N epostcard after January, 2020.
- ✓ Financial Secretaries are to notify Supreme of any changes to their Officers, Delegates and Alternates. This also includes updating email addresses for all the officers. Changes can be made on the Supreme website. If you have not listed your officers for this Columbian year, it is very important you do so!
- ✓ When you send Supreme A-100 forms please check to make sure the auxiliary information is completely filled in. If the A100 is for a new member please make sure the degree date is also filled in.
- ✓ Don't forget, invoices received from Supreme or your State do not require a vote and should be paid immediately to avoid a late charge.
- ✓ When issuing checks, please remember our Bylaws require two signatures.

Who are our Officer's and Director's

Where are they from?

President

Micki Magee-(NY)

Past President

Ronnie Albert-(FL)

Vice President

Ronny Pliszak-(NY)

Secretary

Anne Sullivan-(NC)

FS

Jean Breyer-(NY)

Treasurer

Jeanne Mucci-(NY)

Advocate

Carole Samperton-(NC)

Sentinel

Janet Schuler-(GA)

One Year	Home State
MaryAnne Alessio	NY
Marlene Korn	NC
Vicki Sandin	FL
Mary Ann Sweet	NJ
Two Year	
Fran Corcione	NJ
Joellen Dodson	PA
Lisa Koenig	NY
Barbara Maier	NY
Crystal Vliek	GA
Three Year	
Carol Bohinski	NJ
Kathy LoFrese	NY
Vicky Porcelli	NY
Jackie Ryan	СТ
Pat Vahlsing	DE



Come sail away, Come sail away with Supreme Council Columbiettes

Sail Date: October 18 – 24, 2020

Holland American – Eurodam

Departs from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

7 NIGHT EASTERN CARIBBEAN Day 1 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL Day 2 - At Sea,

Day 3 - Grand Turk- Turks & Caicos

Day 4 - San Juan Puerto Rico Day 5 - St. Thomas U.S.V.I.

Day 6 - At Sea

Day 7 - Half Moon Cay Bahamas Day 8 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Interior Cabin - \$ 700.00 per person Oceanview (obstructed) - \$ 800.00 per person Balcony Category VD - \$1,000.00 per person Non-Refundable Suite Category SY - \$ 1600.00 pp Suites - \$ 2600.00 per person

DEPOSITS OF \$ 175.00 pp are due

December 17, 2019

Balance Due July 14, 2020

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If you book by Dec. 7th you get a shipboard credit of \$125.00 per cabin and gratuities for 2 are included.

Contact travel agent Jaszy Robinson at VacationsToGo 1-800-514-9986 Ext 7298

Holiday Challenge:

I challenge all my Sister Columbiettes to try this new tradition. Let's see how we feel after we have accomplished this challenge.

New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st, Read one chapter of the **Book of Luke** in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up on Christmas Morning knowing **WHO** and **WHY** We Celebrate!!

Thoughts for the Holidays: So many people find the holidays very difficult to deal with because of something that may have happened in their life, loneliness or illness. I saw this on Facebook and boy did it hit close to home. I hope if you struggle with the holidays, you'll take this to heart.

The Five W's of Life

WHO you are is what makes you special.

Do not change for anyone.

WHAT lies ahead will always be a mystery.

Do not be afraid to explore.

WHEN life pushes you over, you push back harder.

WHERE there are choices to make, make the one you won't regret. **WHY** things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride and move forward.

And remember that you have Sisters who love and care about you. Please enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God bless you and your families with all the joy and splendor of this season. But most of all *Jesus is the reason for the Season*.

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