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Isn't it wonderful to spend these spring days in the wonderful glowing sun that our Lord has given us. Even the rain brings us amazing flowers. The best place to see God is in a garden.

We want to thank all of our new officers for sharing your time and talents with your Court. Our Courts are good, because of the wonderful women who serve as leaders. Serving as a Court officer can be a rewarding learning experience and those that served previously are willing to serve as your mentors. Our motto of Unity (being in fellowship with other CDA members in work and play) and Charity (giving of our treasures to those in need) helps us to share our love with all.

The National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska will soon be here. We are looking forward to seeing Boys Town, the Shrines, and Omaha sights. If you have never been to a National Convention, please put it on your “to do list.” It is an outstanding experience. You meet CDA members from all over the country and make friendships which will last a lifetime. You also have the opportunity to vote on issues that affect us all.

Courts have contacted me concerning the Life Members in their Courts. Once a person has been elected a Life Member, this title cannot be taken away. If your Court is having trouble paying their dues, please contact me for some suggestions on how to handle this problem.

Our State Workshop will be here shortly. Please encourage your members, as well as your officers, to attend. We will be introducing new ideas at the sessions, as well as other innovations. We look forward to seeing you there.

May the Love of Mary, our Blessed Mother, be with you this summer.

Margaret

MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

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STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT'S THOUGHTS

SUBMITTED BY: REV. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME, STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT

Easter and the Easter Season is calling all Christians, including the Catholic Daughters, to a greater realization of who Christ is to us. We must enter more deeply into the mystery of the Resurrection. We need to allow Christ to be more than some intellectual idea.

Don't worry if this seems hard; the earliest disciples had a hard time with it too. Take the first visitors to the tomb of Jesus, the women. They fully expected to find a sealed tomb ("Who will open the tomb for us?") and the deceased body of Jesus. They find the tomb open and the body of Jesus missing. What are they to think? Of course they think it is the action of grave robbers. They run off to tell their leaders, Peter and John. The question for us is: What preconceived ideas do we have about Jesus, that keeps us from deeper belief?

Peter and John run to the tomb and find it empty, but when they enter they see something that causes them to believe. What they saw were the burial clothes and cloth that covered Jesus' head rolled up in a separate place by itself. What they did not see were the actions (the desecration) of grave robbery. Do we experience the evidence of Christ in our midst, of Christ active in our daily living?

On a lonely country road to Emmaus, two distraught disciples commiserate over the loss of Jesus. An unrecognized person joins them and helps open their minds to the scripture that refers to the Christ. It is only after inviting Him to stay with them for dinner, that they recognize Him in "the Breaking of the Bread," in the Eucharist. This is almost what we do every time we attend Mass; scripture is presented to us (perhaps with an explanatory homily) and we are invited to share in the broken bread of Holy Communion. Do we let Mass become a special place to encounter Jesus?

When these two disciple hot-foot it back to Jerusalem with their exciting news, Jesus reveals Himself to the gathered disciples. Besides calming their superstitious fears about ghosts, Jesus shares His peace and the Holy Spirit with them and commissions them to preach repentance of sins. Only absent Thomas will refuse to believe, to accept the words of others. Thomas has his own agenda and requires personal proof. This proof is given him one week later, but "blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do we require personal proof? Do we fail to believe on the words (the testimony) of other witnesses? Do we accept our commission to witness and testify to our own experience of the Risen Christ?

STATE NEWSLETTER NOTES

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To the left of this article is the Newsletter Schedule and Information. Please note, the submission deadline is minimally 30 days prior to the actual publication. This will be important to you, as you write your article; by keeping in mind the actual publication month, you will be able to keep your article as current as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

COME ONE ... COME ALL TO THE
2013 STATE CONVENTION!

54TH BIENNIAL
NATIONAL CONVENTION — 2012

Your State Board is happy to announce that our 50th Biennial State Convention will be held at the PennStater Conference Center in State College (the home of Penn State University) from April 26 through April 30, 2013. Come and you might even get a chance to taste the famous Penn State Creamery ice cream. Penn State has been teaching how to make ice cream since 1892! Start your fund raisers now, so you can send even more members to this Convention. We were happy to see that all eight Dioceses were represented at the 49th Biennial Convention this year. Let's make this happen again in 2013!! More information will follow as 2013 approaches.

When doing your planning for 2012, please mark your calendars for the 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, July 18 – 22, 2012!

There was a large representation of Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters at the National Convention in Buffalo, New York in 2010. It would be wonderful to see many of you attend the Convention in Omaha as well. Please put it in your calendar. Come and see the goodness of the Lord through *Unity and Charity*.

NOTE TO REGENTS

PLEASE, SHARE AS MUCH OF THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR COURT AS YOU CAN.
IMPORTANT ARTICLES YOU SHOULD SHARE WITH YOUR COURT, ARE SET INSIDE A DOTTED BORDER.
IF THIS NEWSLETTER IS PRINTED IN COLOR, these specific articles
are also noted in the Table of Content in this deep purple color.

EDUCATE YOUR MEMBERS AT THE 2012 STATE WORKSHOP

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

The theme for our State Workshop is “Come to the Mountains, Refresh and Renew.” Your State Officers hope that this will be a time for you to settle into the routine of a new office; learn more about our wonderful organization; and, renew old acquaintances.

When: September 28 and 29, 2012.

(Please, note the change of dates, originally scheduled for September 15 and 16, 2012.)

Where: The PennStater Conference Center, State College.

Why: To inform and educate our members about CDA.

What: Enjoy two days full of challenging sessions; innovative ideas; and, fun and fellowship.

Although you will not be able to get into your room when you first come to the Center, you can register when you get there. When we break, you can get your room key and get unpacked before dinner.

Along with the usual components of a State Workshop, below are some new ideas that will be introduced at the Workshop.

We have set aside time to discuss **Fundraisers** in your local Courts. Anyone wanting to make a presentation during this time, please contact me so we can discuss your idea. We want to be able to share good money making ideas with everyone. We will look at **budgets and local standing rules**; discuss how to organize a **Color/Honor Guard**; and, loosen up our vocal chords for the **State Convention Choir**! We will discuss our **Website and Newsletters**, what you like and what you don't and **Communication skills**, some learned by your State Officers at the National State Officer Conference. A *Question and Answer* session will be held before the *Tombola* and *Share the Wealth* drawings.

Since all work and no play is not encouraged, we will have cookies and punch to close out our evening on Friday and we will be finished with the State Workshop by 4:00 PM on Saturday, so everyone can be safely on their way home.

Please try to send at least one representative from your Court to the State Workshop. The information that she brings home will be beneficial for all!



NEW MEMBERS — COMBINED RECEPTION

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESAN MEETING — APRIL 14, 2012

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Pictured Left to Right — Kneeling: State Secretary Shirley Hall, State Regent Margaret P. Novak
 Row Two: Judy Kurutz, Jean Rose, Karen Anstett, Dot DeAngelo; Row Three: Connie Kollar, Danielle Gibbons, Donna Toldi, Christine Connelly, Sister Karen Duddy CCW, Louise Pompa, Janet Oesterling Membership Chairman; Row Four: Becky Markel, Chris Stoner, Louise Summerville, Michelle Beiswenger, Marion Geremia, Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Kathy Hines, Mary Lyons, Sue Ronan; Row Five: Altoona-Johnstown Bishop Mark Bartchak.

STATE WEBSITE: [WWW.CDAPA.COM](http://www.cdapa.com)

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Our Website has many useful and informative pages on it, including the contact information for your State Officers, State Chairmen, and Local Courts. The Website has several of the Forms we use, State Newsletters, and a Photo Gallery. You can find Fundraising information and a winner's list there too. There is a Site Map, which shows the available content on one page and can be found at: www.cdapa.com/site-map.html. If you need any help, there is a "Help" page available to you; the link is found at the bottom of every page on the Website or visit: www.cdapa.com/help.html.

REMEMBER: WHO WE ARE: CDA AND WHERE WE LIVE: PA.COM.

STATE NEWSLETTER — HELPFUL HINTS

SUBMITTED BY: PATTIE FROMKNECHT, WEBSITE CHAIRMAN/WEB DESIGNER
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There are a few ways you can find information within the PA State Newsletter. If you are reading a printed copy, you can use the "Table of Contents" found on page two. If you are reading the Adobe pdf version on your desktop/laptop computer, you can use the "Table of Contents" there too, but you also have a few additional tools at your disposal, such as Bookmarks, Page Thumbnails, and Search. To learn more about these tools visit: www.cdapa.com/help.html.

You need Adobe Reader to view Adobe pdfs on your desktop/laptop computer; it's highly respected and trusted around the world and, it's *free*! It's available at: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you have Adobe Reader and you are having problems, you *probably* need to update to the *latest version*; you can visit www.cdapa.com/help.html for more information.

So, while reading the Adobe pdf copy of the Newsletter, you have many resources available, to help you find what you are looking for ... and ... you save the PA State Court the cost of printing and mailing you a copy of the State Newsletter, thereby giving them more financial resources to share with those in need!

MESSAGE FROM OUR
SECOND VICE NATIONAL REGENT
SUBMITTED BY: LETTY M. CALVETTI

What a beautiful time of the year we are in; it is the season for awakening to the beauty of the birds singing and the rain, now helping our gardens grow.

New officers bring new ideas and sometimes change, but this is needed. Members need to show support and be CDA positive. Review the *Tools of the Trade II* and *By-laws*. Ask questions and listen, as the mailings that come from National and State officers are read; and, look to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance.

Have you ever wondered or been asked, "Who packed your parachute?" As Catholic Daughters, we look to God for the help needed, to go forth in service. Having joined the greatest Catholic women's organization in the world, become an enthusiastic, active member of your Court. Don't wait to be asked; offer to help on committees that interest you. Remember to **Dream** what can be; **Dare** to seek new ideas and new ways to help our Courts; **Do** by becoming involved in the activities of your Courts; and, **Discover** how the Court will progress and fulfill the CDA mission of 'Unity and Charity' for humankind.

Be sure to make your reservations for the State Workshop September 28-29, 2012! I'll be looking for you.



IRS CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Caution: The IRS Change of Address Form revised in January 2012 currently on the National website, is going to be changing. Wait for instructions from National before submitting form.

MORE SAD NEWS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

During the past three months, the following Courts have been disbanded, **Court Bishop Connare #1853**, Greensburg and **Court Chartiers #508**, Pittsburgh. Age of members and lack of officers were the reasons that these Courts could no longer continue. We now have 80 Courts in Pennsylvania (corrected count.)

TIMELINES FOR DUES PAYMENTS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Please note that National and State dues do not need to be voted on by the Court. The invoice should be paid as soon as the Regent receives it. National Dues are due on June 15 and December 15 with State Dues being due within 30 days of these dates. Your Treasurer should have these dates noted in her ledger, so she knows that the checks need to be written. We realize that invoices get lost or misplaced, but if the officer knows when to expect it, then she will look for it. If your Regent doesn't give it to the Treasurer, then the Treasurer should ask the Regent if she received it from National and State. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Blessings on you all.

REPORTS FROM OUR COURTS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Would you like to share what is happening in your Court with the members in Pennsylvania? In the future, there will be a section of the Newsletter, dedicated to this. It will be listed by Diocese. Please, be to the point, in explaining what your Court is doing. If you have a picture, it helps to tell the story; remember to send it by Email along with the article and identify the date, location, and everyone who is in the image. Send your information to State Regent Margaret Novak. The deadline for the Newsletter is minimally 30 days prior to the actual publication, i.e.: August 1st for the September issue; November 1st for the December issue; February 1st for the March issue; and, May 1st for the June issue. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Novak. See the cover page for her contact information.

TEN WEEK RAFFLE TICKETS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Many thanks everyone who was involved in selling the spring Ten Week Raffle Tickets. We are very happy to say that *most* of the Courts responded by the deadline of April 15. This is greatly appreciated and we expect all of the tickets to be sold. We do value your efforts! Keep up the great work!

"Lifé a song, sing it"

— Mother Teresa

DID YOU KNOW ...

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK,
STATE REGENT

1) Officers are permitted to make **motions**. The Regent must give the gavel to the Vice Regent, go to the front of the table to give her opinion on a subject, and remain there until a vote is taken.

2) As it is not done by a professional, **The Financial Review**, done twice a year, is not to be called an Audit. We use our members to review the books and call it an Audit Committee.

3) We are to have at least nine (9) **meetings a year**. This was changed from ten (10) meetings to help Courts in areas of the country who have really cold winters.

4) **The oldest Court** in the Order is Court Columbia #2 in Meadville, Pennsylvania and has been in existence for 109 years. Congratulations to #2!

5) Every new member who takes a pledge at a meeting is also to attend a formal **Reception of New Members**, preferably within one year. This can be combined with another Court or your whole Diocese. Once they attend this ceremony, they will fondly remember who was installed when they were.

6) If you disagree with a Bylaw, your Court has the right to send in a **Bylaw Change**. These are accepted by National the January before a National Convention. This is your way to improve or enhance the rules of the Order.

7. Two signatures are required on a **Court check**. One is to be from the Admin Officers (Regent or Vice) the other from the Book Officers (Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer.)

8) **All bills** are to be given to the Recording Secretary to be presented to the Court and then given to the Treasurer.

9) The **Banner Bearer** may walk by herself in a ceremony, but the Flag Bearer must have two (2) Guards to walk with her.

10) At the **Installation of Officers**, if a proxy is used, the official officer is still considered installed even though she wasn't present at the ceremony.

MESSAGE FROM LARAINÉ MCGINNIS

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE REGENT

Each May brings the election of local Court officers who have graciously accepted the call to serve and lead their Courts for the next two years, followed by the Installation of Officers in June. Thank you to the newly elected officers for the dedication and commitment that you have made in order to continue the works of the Catholic Daughters; as well, thank you to the outgoing officers who have served their Courts during the past two years.

Regents please keep your members informed of the State and National events and projects by taking a timely article from each quarterly Newsletter and reading / discussing it at the meetings. Valuable information can also be found in *SHARE* magazine which you can include in your agendas for discussion. If there is any action to be taken, your members will be well informed before a decision is made. Most importantly, our *By-laws* and the *Tools of the Trade II* provide you with guidelines to follow as you lead your Court to achieve the goals and ideals of the organization.

You will be receiving information from the State Regent regarding the State Workshop which will be held at the PennStater Conference Center in State College, on September 28–29, 2012. Please be sure to share the information with your officers and members. I strongly recommend that the officers attend this Workshop which is designed to assist them in carrying out the duties of their respective office. Even if an officer is going in for a second term, there is always something new to learn. New members are also welcome, as it is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with the organization, in the hopes that they will eventually accept a leadership role in their Court. You will also have the opportunity to meet your State Officers – and put a face to a name – as well as the officers and members of the local Courts in Pennsylvania and to share ideas and information which you can take back to your own Court. The camaraderie among the membership and friendships made or renewed are priceless!

Most importantly is the recruitment of new members. Each Court should appoint a Membership Chair to seek out prospective members who will lend their time and talents to foster the goals and ideals of the Catholic Daughters. While not everyone has the ability or desire to be an officer, we all have unique qualities that will benefit the organization. Each member is considered part of the membership team and if every member would bring in one new member, your membership would *double*! Think of the possibilities – daughters, granddaughters, sisters, nieces, parishioners, new Catholics, neighbors, co-workers – they are endless. *You* are a Catholic Daughter who knows the value of the organization and are familiar with the many good works and projects available to Catholic women. Additionally, the State Membership Team has prepared a packet for the institution of new Courts. Should you have any suggestions where a new Court might be instituted please contact Janet Oesterling, Membership (see page seven for contact information.)

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*"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things."*

— Mother Teresa

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THE COURT MEETING ... "HOW TO" IN TEN EASY STEPS!

SUBMITTED BY: PATRICIA GILDEA, STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

- | Step | Opened by: |
|--|--|
| 1. Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ One rap of gavel.♥ Three raps, all stand. | Regent (impartiality important) Parliamentarian (impartial) |
| 2. Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Reading and approval/correction. (No motion needed.)♥ Regent says: "Are there any corrections?" (Additions are corrections.) After corrections, if any, then says, "Minutes stand approved as read (or corrected.)" | Recording Secretary |
| 3. Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Reading only. (No motion needed.)♥ Regent says: "This was read for your information. Are there any questions?" After answering questions, if any, then says, "Treasurer's Report will be filed." | Treasurer |
| 4. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ All notes/letters out of envelopes. Parts to be read highlighted.♥ Read signature first; do not read salutation. | Secretary |
| 5. Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Regent needs to know ahead of time what Chairs have a report.♥ Reports given in third person. Committee did... (Not, I did this...)♥ No motion needed to adopt report.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Any recommendations from a Committee needs action.▶ No second needed (came from more than two members.)▶ Regent handles all recommendations/resolutions. | Chairs (Who have a report) |
| 6. Unfinished Business (Not Old Business) <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Regent calls for Unfinished Business, only if she knows there are unfinished items from last meeting. | Regent |
| 7. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Each issue introduced by motion ... "I move to..." or "I move that we..."♥ Second, Discussion, Vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ All in favor say, "Aye."▶ All against say, "No." (always ask for a no vote.)▶ Always announce result of vote. "Ayes have it, motion carries." or "Nos have it, motion is lost."▶ Regent then says, what the Court will do, if the motion carried. | Regent |
| 8. Announcements | Regent |
| 9. Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ No motion needed.♥ Regent says, "Is there any further business to come before the Court?"♥ Waits reasonable time. Then says, "Hearing none, we are adjourned." | Regent |
| 10. Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">♥ Regent says, "Program Chair (their name) will now present (the Program name.)"<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Never says, "I will now turn the program over to..." | Regent |

ITEMS TO PURCHASE

We had an enthusiastic response to items we sold at the 2011 State Convention, so we are making the following items available to your Court members. Postage will be added to your bill, when your order is shipped.

| ITEM | IMAGE | COST |
|--|---|---------|
| PENS Catholic Daughters of the Americas 1911 – 2011 |  | \$1.25 |
| MAGNETS 5 ½" Round Celebrating our 100 Years. This is impressive looking on the back of our cars. |  | \$5.00 |
| PENNSYLVANIA CDA BADGE HOLDER Great item to carry your keys and money under your robe. Also good for money when traveling; wear inside your blouse. |  | \$2.00 |
| YELLOW T-SHIRT Sizes: Large, XLG, XXLG. Very comfortable; nice to be able to identify other members from Pennsylvania when traveling. |  | \$20.00 |
| LOCAL COURT OFFICER ROBES We have used robes in good condition for the Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer. |  | \$5.00 |

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDERS TO:

CDA; Margaret P. Novak, State Regent; 1187 Oak Grove Road; Breezewood, PA 15533.

AN INVOICE WILL BE IN YOUR PACKAGE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE SHIPPING.

A COURT CHECK (WITH TWO (2) SIGNATURES) SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO CDA AND SENT TO:

CDA; Shirley Hall, State Secretary; 901 West 15th Street; Tyrone, PA 16686.

“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.’”

— Mother Teresa

VENDOR TABLES

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

At our State Workshop, being held at the PennStater Conference Center September 28-29, 2012, we are offering a chance for members who are representatives of a home party company (such as Avon, Scentsy Candles, etc.) to set up a table and sell their products to attendees at the State Workshop. Our Immediate Past State Regent Laraine McGinnis has graciously agreed to Chair this group. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Laraine as soon as possible (see the cover page for contact information.) We would only ask that you make a 50/50 split with the State Court; there will be no charge for the table. If you reserve a table, your State Workshop Registration will be \$15.00 instead of \$25.00.

This would be on a first come, first serve basis, since we will not duplicate companies. We already have Tupperware and Jafra Cosmetics participating.

Please take advantage of this new idea; it will profit both you and the State Court.

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION
SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

We are still being considered as the site for the 2016 National Convention. After the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, National Officers will make a visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We will let you know when an official decision has been made.

We will run a Ten Week Ticket Raffle in September, as we did last year, to increase our funds for this event.

SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD!
SUBMITTED BY: PEG RAFFERTY, SECOND VICE STATE REGENT

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Plans for a State Choir for our 2013 State Convention are being developed. The Committee consists of myself, Peg Rafferty; State Cantor, Johanna Leonard; Regent, Mary Catherine Wydra; and, State Organist, Rosemarie Faller. Any Pennsylvania Catholic Daughter member interested in being a part of the choir, is encouraged to come and meet us at the September 2012 State Workshop in State College, for a briefing on songs to be sung at the 2013 State Convention. Also, let me know if you are a Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass. If you don't know, we will decide at the State Workshop. If you're unable to attend the State Workshop, please contact me. See the cover page for contact information. We're looking forward to raising the rafters and making a joyful sound unto the Lord.

“Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love.”

— Mother Teresa



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To:

— Mother Teresa