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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Spring greetings to all. We have been through and continue to go through very difficult times. Many have lost family, friends and people you may know as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic which is still upon us. Our prayers go out to those most affected by this virus and may God protect us from severe illness and death. We are in the Easter season and rejoicing that our Savior has risen to save us from the sins of the world. Please pray daily that are doing the work of the Lord. Even in our home as we are isolated, remember that God is with us and there are things we can do during this pandemic to help others. Calling CDA sisters and others to check on them, grocery shopping for an elderly neighbor, donating to a food bank to support those that have no money to buy food, and praying to God for help. Don't forget to check on your clergy also. I'm sure they are feeling a loss of church community during this time. Drop off baked goods, a card, or even a dinner for them. They need us as much as we need them. Since we are still under a restriction from traveling and meeting in groups larger than ten until the end of May, I think maybe a Zoom or Skype Financial Review may have to occur.

I have CDA State Board meetings via Skype and it works out very well. I think the reviewers, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and State Representative can do this online if the reviewers have access to the needed books (membership, cash, and Treasurer's), receipts, and bank statements. We should be able to get rosters in May so please make sure any deletions or additions are sent to our State Secretary before then. Your State Representative will send a State dues bill to your Regent.

Life is complicated but we will get through this together with God. I hope your elections go well and the State Board looks forward to working with your new officers and thank you court officers for your hard work these last two years!!!

Lucy Gasaway

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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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**COLORADO STATE
WORKSHOP**

The 2020 Colorado State Workshop has been cancelled for June. We are waiting to hear from the Franciscan Center if they have a cancellation in August and if we are able to have large group meetings by then. Sorry, but we are all on hold also. It is of key importance to us that you all be safe.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention is still planning to be held in Dallas, Texas July 15-19, 2020.

If you are going please be aware that deadline for registrations and meal registrations is June 1 If you don't have the forms they are on National website.

Please send a copy of your delegate/alternate sheets that were due to National on March 15 to Lucy so she knows who is going. Please also send a copy of your registrations to Lucy as well.

Donna has been working hard on the website so if you haven't visited it in a while, you may want to take another look :)



The State Board is looking for a State Parliamentarian for the Convention next year. If you are competent and comfortable with Robert's Rules of Order and think this is something you might be interested in please contact Lucy Gasaway as soon as possible.

Please send your new officer lists to National and to Lucy as soon as your elections are held.

Remember that new officers take on their duties 30 days after elected whether they have been installed by then or not.

While you are "stuck at home" is the perfect time to spend a little time on Circle of Love: Spend quality time with family. Pray alone or with your family. Attend online mass.

Help your children with their schoolwork-research things of interest to you-learn about COVID-19

Organize a food delivery for someone who can't go out, do chores to help someone in need. Call a friend and see how they are doing. Talk to someone on the phone who is in a nursing home, hospital or hospice situation. Spend time on the internet with our youth to let them know someone cares about their lives. Make someone feel that you care-it could save their life!!



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ELECTIONS

Our Bylaws say under Article XIII Local Court Nominations and Elections, Sec. 3 Elections, A. “Written notice and /or notice via electronic mail (email) of at least 10 days from the date of postmark must be given to all members of the court as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.” and B. “Prior to the election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May.” You cannot nominate yourself, so if you wish to run and you were not on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, you need to have someone nominate you so that you can be put on the ballot for the election in May. That being said, if there is no regular business meeting in May, then an alternate way of voting will be done. (email, regular mail, telephone). **REMEMBER** to send in your list of new officers immediately to both National and Lucy.

SAFER AT HOME

Gov. Polis’s “Safer at Home” order came out April 26. It began April 27 and runs through May 27, 2020. This order states there is a continuing stay at home requirement for vulnerable individuals (65yo or older, chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, persons with serious heart conditions, those that are immunocompromised, pregnant women, and individuals determined to be high risk by a licensed healthcare provider), that when in public, a cloth mask should be worn over the nose & mouth and social distancing continue, it prohibits public gatherings of 10 persons or more in public spaces and private commercial venues, it orders Colorado residents to limit social interactions to the greatest extent possible except as required to conduct “Necessary Activities” (grocery shopping, medical appointments, etc.), and also restricts essential travel to within their county of residence or employment as much as possible and restricts recreational travel to within 10 miles of your residence. That means no May CDA meetings will occur and Financial Reviews will have to be done without some State Supervisors present due to the restrictions on travel. However, you can always connect by phone or SKYPE/Zoom in a meeting with your financial review team and your state supervisor. Have court elections by email, regular mail, or telephone and hopefully by June the order will loosen restrictions more. Stay home and Stay Safe.

PAST REGENTS CLUB

There is a very informative article on the State Website about the Past Regents’ Club. Being a member is a great opportunity for past regents to keep in touch, make new friends, and renew friendships formed while they were a regent. There are only 2 meetings every 2 years usually at workshop and state convention. Take a look. :)

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NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE MESSAGE

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How are all my Catholic Daughter sisters in Colorado doing today? Are you tired of “sheltering in” and not being able to join your relatives and friends for a cup of coffee or tea or just a visit? I only go to the store when needed and post office few times a week. We were not able to celebrate the great feast of Easter with our families which only makes our hearts yearn to see them even more. What has this period of time during this great season of Easter and Christ’s Resurrection taught us? Have we prayed more? Have we read more religious books? OR just sat glued to the television set only to hear more news about Mr. Corona and Ms. Virus. Or played more games on your phones? I do hope you utilized this time in prayer as well as learning more patience and caring for your family especially if you have youngsters in the household that are home schooling. My heart goes out to the seniors who are not able to complete their last year in high school with all activities this last year entails. I happen to have a granddaughters, one a high school senior as well as a college graduate who will not be able to walk and receive the “tube” that she has worked so hard for last several years. However, that does not dismiss the fact that she receives her degree. I feel the dear Lord is trying to show us what is really important in our lives. Prayer and sacrifice!!

My husband and I enjoyed praying with the masses and services that were broadcast from our parish as well as other areas, the Vatican and the beautiful Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Last evening, I prayed with St. Mary’s Catholic Center from College Station where they celebrated benediction and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Divine Mercy Sunday. Ladies, it was beautiful. Two young ladies sang and played their instruments-guitar and keyboard. They were excellent. It gives one a feeling of HOPE for our world to see the younger generation so devout in their prayer life.

Yes, Texas is full steam ahead planning for a great national convention in Dallas in July. States are beginning to lift some of their restrictions and it is good that they are being very cautious in this procedure. I am an optimist and I know that the Dear Lord and His Mother will definitely have a hand in making this convention a great experience for all. We are well seated in our faith and love for Christ and our dedication to the Blessed Mother and they will prevail. “Be Not Afraid”.

Registration deadline is June 1, 2020 as well as the meal registration deadline. Cut-off date for hotel reservations at the CDA rate is also June 1. Walk/Run for Love has been rescheduled to June 15. Also, any **CDA member** who is **active military/veteran**, please contact Duchess Collins duchess.drc@gmail.com as you will be recognized during the God and Country Mass at the convention.

Here’s hoping to see all in Dallas in July. God Bless.

Carolyn Malik
National Director
National Convention Chairman

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PRAYERS



FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

KENNETH THURSTON, brother in law of Colorado State First Vice Regent, Barbara Barnes. Kenneth passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 18 surrounded by his family.

ROBERT VALCIK, husband of Immediate Past State Regent, Bonnie Valcik. Bob passed away on April 13.

FOR ALL VICTIMS OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC May they rest in peace.

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Rosemary Heaney, Regent for Ct Mt. of the Holy Cross in Grand Junction, who had been recovering from neck surgery, fell and broke her arm at home on April 3, 2020. She is recovering at the Larchwood Inn which is a post-acute rehabilitation center. Her address is below.

Rosemary Heaney
Larchwood Inn
2845 N. 15th St., Rm. 19
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Please keep Rosemary in your prayers for a speedy recovery. I'm sure cards would be appreciated.

FOR ALL OF OUR BISHOPS, PRIESTS, DEACONS that they may be kept safe from the COVID 19 Pandemic

FOR ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS that they may lead us with wisdom, prudence, and compassion.

FOR ALL OF THE "ESSENTIAL" WORKERS who work so well to give our lives some semblance of normalcy. May they be safe from the pandemic and may we all show them love and respect.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL REGENT

I hope that you are all safe and well. I continue to receive many questions about the convention. Please share the following information with your courts:

So far, the convention is still on for July 15-19. We have been under contract with the Sheraton Hotel for four years, and they are not letting us out of the contract. I cannot cancel so close to the convention without incurring thousands of dollars in fees and penalties to compensate the hotel for loss of revenue—unless we can meet certain “Act of God” criteria. So, the convention is a go. If that changes, I will let you know immediately.

Please send in your registration and meal reservations as soon as possible. Deadline is June 1. Each court should have received a packet, and the forms can also be found on our website.

We will have a special page in our Memorial book for CDA members we have lost to COVID-19. Please bring those names with you to the convention.

Our dues billing will be delayed a bit because our office is still closed. We hope to be able to go back to work in May, but that may be only with a skeleton staff. We will put out a one-time due date for dues as soon as we know when the billing will be ready. We will also revisit the June 1 deadline for financial reviews if we are still under shelter at home orders on June 1.

Please send in your officers' lists asap. We need to get all that into the computer before the convention.

I know that these are difficult and uncertain times. Please continue to stay in contact with each other over phones and computers. Pray together and support each other. The National Board and the Texas Officers and Committees are working hard to make sure that you will find the convention to be both productive and enjoyable. I appreciate your prayers and your support, and I hope to see you and the courts from your state in July!! You are in my prayers.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent
Catholic Daughters of the Americas