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## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Greetings! I hope you all are healthy, staying home, wearing masks, and socially distancing. It's hard to believe that on June 15<sup>th</sup>, it will have been 3 months that we have been asked to stay home. Governor Polis "Safer at Home" order expired June 1<sup>st</sup> and a new order has not been issued. I was called to attend Mass yesterday in my parish, we had the priest and 10 parishioners, no books, no holy water, no music with everyone socially distancing and wearing masks. I hope all courts had successful elections and the Board congratulates your new officers and thanks the outgoing officers for their hard work over the last 2 years! This year's Officer Workshop was canceled due to Covid-19 and the State Board felt it was necessary to prevent the spread of the virus and protect our members. We were working on a new, fun and informative agenda but know that your outgoing officers are more than qualified to train your new officers and your State Representative is always there to assist you. These are challenging times but we are strong women of Faith and we will move forward. Please remember that June 9<sup>th</sup> is Priest Appreciation Day and CDA recognizes all clergy for all they do for us.

My hope is that you will have a wonderful summer, get outside, enjoy the world God has created for us, and be energized to continue our goal of spirituality and service in the Fall. May God bless you,

Lucy Gasaway

## STATE CHAPLAIN

Monsignor James Koenigsfeld has kindly agreed to be our State Chaplain for the remainder of Father Pat's term. Thank you, Thank you!!

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[catholicdaughterscolorado.org](http://catholicdaughterscolorado.org)

### MISSION STATEMENT

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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**STATE NEWS**

**COLORADO STATE WORKSHOP**

The 2020 Colorado State Workshop has been **cancelled** for 2020.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

National Convention in Dallas, Texas has been **cancelled** for July 2020. Please see letter from National Regent, Olga Samaniego on page 3



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.

**NEW OFFICERS**

If you have not already done so, please send your new officer lists to National and to Lucy right away.

Remember that new officers take on their duties 30 days after elected whether they have been installed by then or not. Please note that installation must take place no later than your first meeting in September.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Financial Reviews need to be done right away. Please send a copy of your financial review to National, to Lucy, to Cathy Patch, and to your State representative. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

The membership form only goes to Sandy Cozad.

We are unable to get rosters from National as their office is still closed. We have developed a form for you to send your state dues in (it is attached). Please, for this FINANCIAL REVIEW use the number of members according to your financial secretary as of March 31, 2020. Please send this form with your check to Cathy Patch. Keep a copy for yourself as a voucher for your state dues payment.



## LETTER FROM OLGA ABOUT CONVENTION



Worthy State Regents,

I hope you are well and safe. It is with sadness that I inform you that as of June 1, 2020, the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is cancelled. I hope that you know that we tried in every way that we could to hold a convention, but the decision was made for several reasons, most importantly, the following:

Dallas is still experiencing a spike in Corona Virus, and we could not be sure that the curve would flatten by July. We were not comfortable with the possibility of even one person becoming ill or taking the virus home to her family.

The hotel is not fully open and cannot guarantee a date when it can hold large gatherings.

While we had 300 reservations and more coming every day not all were delegates. We could not be sure that we would have quorum of delegates to be able to conduct convention business. While we were adding registrations every day, we were also getting emails from people who had decided not to attend after all. So, we could not really determine how many would be in attendance in the end. With courts electing nearly 600 delegates, we were not comfortable with 100 or fewer delegates voting on elections and bylaws that would affect the entire organization.

Our office is not open hampers the possibility of being ready for the convention.

The good news is that because we waited until June 1 to make the final decision, we were able to invoke the force majeure clause in our contract. If we had cancelled earlier while the hotel believed the convention could still be held, we would have been forced to pay \$500,000 dollars in fees and penalties. At this time, we are able to cancel our contract without fees.

The hotel is in the process of cancelling all reservations. If, however, you did not book through us—for example you used Hotwire or a rewards program to make your reservation outside our block, you will need to cancel those reservations yourself.

Refunds for meals and reservations will be processed as soon as possible when the office is fully open. The latest news we've heard for reopening of New York City is early June, so we are hopeful that the office will be open soon. If your check was not cashed, it will just be mailed back to you. If you mailed it in early on and it was deposited, a new check will be issued.

Since a National convention has never been cancelled before, there are no procedures or precedents in place. There is, however, a bylaw.

**Article VII Sec. 8**

In the event of an emergency, whereby it becomes impossible to hold a convention of the National Court, the National Board shall have the power to transact any business that would come before the Convention. A vote of the voting body of the National Court shall be taken by proxy for the purpose of electing the National Officers, National Directors and Nominating Committee for the ensuing term.

Some convention business will be conducted by the national board as allowed by bylaw. We consulted our CDA lawyer to ensure that business, especially voting, is conducted properly. The lawyers recommend a mail-out ballot. Each court that sent in a delegate form by March 15 will receive ballots for however many delegates were elected. Further information will be on the printed ballot that you will receive. If you elected and sent in a delegate form and you do not receive a ballot by July 10, please contact the office.

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### LETTER FROM OLGA ABOUT CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

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The slate of officers appears in the June quarterly which you should receive shortly. The slate is also on the website. There are several openings on the slate, and any position except that of National Regent can be opposed. If you are interested in running from the floor for a national office or for director, please consult the bylaws for complete procedures. You will need to send in a packet. The packet should contain an announcement of the office you are seeking, an endorsement by a majority of state officers, [a statement of qualifications](#), and a consent to serve if elected. Since we are not voting in person, a photo is required with your packet. Additionally, send a résumé with a picture suitable to be mailed out with the ballots.

Packets for those running from the floor are to be sent to me emailed or postmarked by June 20, 2020.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent  
olgasamaniego@hotmail.com

Any unfilled positions will be filled by the incoming Regent in consultation with the Executive Board.

States Regents are also eligible to nominate a candidate for the nominating committee. If you have a nomination, please send a nomination in the following format:

**I (Name, title, State) nominate (Candidate, State) for a position on the nominating committee.** Mail or email your nomination to me to the same address above. Nominations must be postmarked or emailed by June 20, 2020.

The Convention Program, the Awards Booklet, and the Report Booklet will be printed and mailed in addition to the treasure's report and other reports deemed necessary. Each court that sent elected delegates, each state board, and those courts that sent in ads, will receive a copy of the all books.

All certificates and checks for contest winners, all pins, and all plaques will be sent out as soon as possible.

The Executive Board is meeting next weekend to finalize all procedures and plans. We will determine things like making our usual donations and honoring our Woman of the Year.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me. If I don't know the answer, or if it something we haven't thought of yet, I will bring it before the board next weekend.

I have every confidence that the board will be able to end the term and that we will take care of business efficiently. My only disappointment is that I will not be able to say goodbye in person to our membership. I am honored to have been allowed to serve as your National Regent, and I thank God for each of you and for all you do for God's people through Catholic Daughters. I encourage you to keep praying and listening to God, together, and to remember that Catholic Daughters under the guidance of the Holy Spirit **Can Do Anything**. May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with you always!

Olga Samaniego, National Regent



May God grant you and your family peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. May we all remain confident in the love of Mary, our Mother, who faithfully intercedes for all God's children. May we be the witnesses of hope that flows from the merciful heart in every generation.

Bishop Brendan Cahill, National Chaplain

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**LOCAL COURT NEWS**



**COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING:** The May meeting was held via zoom due to the COVID 19 stay at home orders. Notice was sent to all members that elections would be held at this meeting. A quorum was present, so election of officers was held. Installation of officers will be at the June meeting if restrictions are lifted by then. If not, Installation will be at the September meeting. The financial review will be on May 28 with the state officer invited to join via skype, phone, or zoom.

**COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #2728, WOODLAND PARK:** Officers were elected and installed in February. The parish has a new priest, Father Erin Kochivar and a new Deacon, Dave Illingworth. Circle of Love teams were established at the February meeting. Some of the circle of love activities members have been involved in during the pandemic are: making masks, helping the elderly, providing meals to the front line workers, increasing our daily prayers, taking meals to the sick and elderly. Donations of food have been delivered to the Senior Coalition and taken to One Nation Walking Together. Another delivery of food and clothing will be taken to them this month. Some of the ladies are tending to the "Mary's Garden" by the Shrine of Our Lady at Our Lady of the Woods Parish. Members have been visiting the Adoration Chapel. Court members were asked to pray a Rosary on May 22 around 2:00 in honor of our Blessed Mother in order to be a part of the Crowning of Mary Ceremony.



**Newsletter Editor Note:**

Our next newsletter will be September 1, 2020.

Here's hoping that you have a restful summer and that the Corona Virus Pandemic will be done or at least winding down. Do what you can to prevent it from getting worse again: Practice good handwashing, Cover your cough, Minimize large group contact, Practice good social distancing, Eat well, Get good rest, and start enjoying life carefully and wisely. Prayers are always great!!

The summer is a great time to plan your Installation if you have not been able to have it. Please note that officers need to be installed by the September meeting, but they take over 30 days after elections.

You have all done a wonderful job of keeping in contact with your members and getting the business done that needed to be done.

Happy Summer! See you in the fall.

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### PAST REGENTS' CLUB MESSAGE:

Spring Time Greetings from the Past Regents Club of Colorado.

This message hopes to find that all are doing well during this trying time of social distancing... This is a perfect opportunity to reach out to our CDA sisters with a card, phone call or "even" social media (for those of us that are tech savvy!"Not Me!").

As elections of local courts are taking place we will be welcoming some new, now, past regents to the Past Regents Club. And of course, to present past regents serving their courts as an officer thank you for serving. A tad bit of information from Past Regents History: In 1979 when Renal Laury was State Regent from Court St. Mary in Colorado Springs, Agnes Savoldi from Mount Holy Cross asked if a Past Regents Club could be organized. The purpose of the Past Regents Club would be to unify our past leadership and to utilize the experience and knowledge of these leaders. In 1982 the club was formally organized with Hazel Lauby and Agnes Savoldi elected as officers. As noted last month much more information can be found about Past Regents Club on the Colorado State CDA website page for everyone's enjoyment.

Outgoing court regents will receive a letter with more information about who we are and what we do. Even though we may not have the opportunity to welcome you at Workshop due to the present circumstances we are all experiencing we do extend a joyful welcome to past, current, and new members.

Mary Jane Armstrong  
President

Rachel Brown  
Secretary

Evelyn Irving  
Treasurer



### PRAYERS:

Prayers go out to Rosemary Heaney, Ct Mt. of the Holy Cross for a speedy recovery.

Prayers for all of our Catholic Daughter Sisters and their families who are suffering physically, mentally, and financially during this pandemic.

Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for all those who are essential workers that they be kept safe.

Prayers for our religious leaders and for our seminarians. May their faith be strengthened.

Prayers for our leaders that they may lead wisely and with faith and compassion.