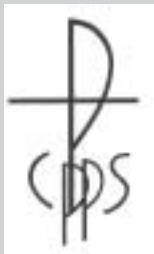


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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



If the name Donna Pulliam isn't familiar, her face certainly is. She has been in the front lines of major Partners in Mission projects. Donna also sat on the Advisory Board and was one of the founders of a major annual event...the CPPS Partners-In-Mission Trivia Night. Donna has asked to move into a "prayer and presence" relationship.

Donna was born in St Louis, raised in North County, and attended Hazelwood High School. After high school Donna secured a nursing degree. As a nurse, she became involved with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and the Catholic Church. Though raised a Presbyterian, Donna found herself searching for answers after a painful loss. With the help of sister friends and Fr Joe Kempf, she found what she was looking for.

Donna finds being a partner exceedingly fulfilling. "I am happy to get to share in the relationship with the community. I have found my place," she says. One thing she learned and prizes is the knowledge that she can receive much from God by being quiet.

She says she felt blessed to be able to attend the Precious Blood Convocation and the summer community days. She would encourage partners to share in all that the sisters offer.

Today Donna uses her nursing skills working in a pharmacy which provides home health care. She loves what she does...helping people.

By Ellen Jones

Why Mess With Success?

By Rick Heitman

Despite our freakish weather, the First Annual Trivia Night was a smash success! Significant funds were raised for CPPS ministries.

The planning committee met and posed a question "How can we top last year's effort?" The answer, "Why mess with success?" The



Second Annual Partners in Mission Trivia Night will be at St. Joseph's, Cottleville. Greg Damon, KMOX radio personality, will emcee our event again. Saturday, April 21, is the date.

The donated gift basket raffle was a great success also. We request your support with this endeavor again! Each small faith community received a list of suggestions. Any basket you can contribute is greatly appreciated.

Whether you gather a table together or wish to work, plan to attend April 21, 2012.



CPPS Partner in Mission Candidates Enjoy O'Fallon Tour

By Sr. Carol Orf

CPPS Partner in Mission candidates arrived in O'Fallon on Sunday, December 10, 2011, for their annual tour of various sites on the O'Fallon campus. CPPS Partner in Mission candidates, Susan Bruker, architect for Villa Theresa and her father, Betty Mues, parishioner at St. Pius V, Lori Larkin, St. Mary's Academy Alum and Mary Reynolds, parishioner at St. Patrick's in Wentzville, were in attendance. CPPS Partner in Mission candidates, Kathleen Bouldan, Jeanne Palombo and the three candidates from Perryville, Missouri, were unable to attend.



(Lori Larkin and Sr. Josepha Bauer)



(Lori Larkin, Mary Reynolds, Lori's mother, Betty Mues)

Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz introduced the group to the splendid windows in St. Joseph Chapel; Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson shared the beauty of the ministry in the Ecclesiastical Art Department; Sr. Carol led the tour of the O'Fallon Cemetery focusing on the grave of Sr. Seraphine Zwissiz, row 2, grave 17. Sr. Seraphine is the only sister who resided in all of our foundations sites: Steinerberg, Ottmarsheim, Gurtweil and O'Fallon. After the visit to the cemetery, Sr. Marie Orf showed several of the sisters' apartments and Sr. Luella Dames ended the informational tour with an explanation of the new Precious Blood Chapel. The guests then went to the dining room for a delicious meal!



(Lori's mother and Lori Larkin)



(Betty Mues and Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson)



(Susan Bruker, Mr. Bruker and Sr. Josepha Bauer)



October Community Day: Membership

By Dawn Boschert

On October 22 six Partners in Mission participated in the Community Day held at Assumption parish. The topic was membership. This day marked the beginning of a process which will extend through the 2012 Summer Community Days. Stimulating discussion took place during the table talk time. Articles dealing with the topic of membership were distributed for discussion in our small faith communities.

Included in this topic will be the Partners in Mission relationship with the community. I hope to see more of us at these upcoming days. Partners, this is a great time to interact and deepen relationships with the sisters and other partners.

NACAR (North American Conference of Associates and Religious) will feature Joyce Rupp, OSM as the keynote speaker. The conference will take place at the Hyatt Deerfield in Chicago, Illinois June 1-3, 2012.

Journeying in the Land of Don't Know

Religious life today presents more questions than answers. This liminal space of "don't know" regarding the future holds both challenge and opportunity for personal and communal growth. Amid the search for clarity and direction, this journey requires visionary leaders and trusting travelers willing to risk the road for what lies beyond. Vowed and associate members of religious communities in this current era of uncertainty are much like the Exodus people, leaving a secure frame of reference and setting out on a journey laden with possibilities for spiritual transformation. This journey requires the strength of individual and communal creativity and wisdom. Joyce Rupp will address these areas of "don't know," along with encouraging a confident, nurturing relationship with the Holy One and with each other.

For more information, go to nacar.org

CPPS Partners in Mission, we hope you will prayerfully consider attending this conference!



Announcement and Reminder

CPPS Partners in Mission Reflect on Future
of Partners and Sisters

Input from Small Faith Communities is due

January 31, 2012

Send to Sr. Carol Orf or Rick Heitman



Partners in Estonia

By Sr. Rose Marie Mersinger



Kersti Nigesen hails from Estonia, a country in Northern Europe, formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R. With the fall of Communism reconciliation between the Estonians and the Russians was most needed. All Kersti's efforts have been toward that end. As president of the school built from nothing

during the Communistic times, she was a leader in founding the school, now the most sought out school in Tallinn. She looks carefully at the individual child's gifts and does her best to develop them. She is especially eager to help the unwanted child in other schools succeed in getting an education which fits with his or her abilities. Kersti specializes in ADD pupils and in gifted children.

Maila Berchtold is under the wing of the Partners in Mission in Estonia, although Mailia lives in Finland, a neighboring country. Mailia leads a group from Finland that support the missionary endeavors of our Sister Mary Venard who lives in Estonia but is the Sister Prayer Partner for both of these active women. This November Mailia recommitted to the Partners in Mission in Estonia.



The leadership qualities of both these women are listening, understanding, kindness and support of our Charism of Reconciliation. That a'way to go Partners!



Kersti Nigesen, Teresa Regresado, Inger Honkaranta

Finland and Estonia

by Sr. Lucy Meissen

The Sisters and Partners in Finland and Estonia gathered when Sr. Lucy visited in the fall of 2011. This was no small endeavor. Sr. Mary Venard and Kersti Nigesen journeyed by car and ferry from Tallinn, Estonia. Sr. Annikkii and Theresa Regresado came from the far side of Helsinki by taxi and public transit. Sisters Monica Marie and Theresa Jezl traveled by train and bus from Tampere. All arrived at Sr. Renee Brinker and Inger Honkaranta's apartment who welcomed us with open arms.

After all arrived and renewed acquaintances, the Partners-In-Mission renewed their commitments. During the prayer each was asked to share how she lived reconciliation in her life then signed her commitment card. The day ended at a Chinese restaurant with a delicious meal.

Unfortunately, Maila Berchtold could not be with us.

