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Important Dates

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Kind Kay Schmitt

by Sr. Carol Orf



Chris Grady was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Chris is one of four children. Chris and her siblings attended Catholic schools through their senior years of high school. She realizes that her Catholic education was accomplished through the extreme sacrifices of her parents. Chris will always be grateful for this opportunity.

Chris truly feels that the end result of her Catholic education is excellent religious values and life-long friendships. She feels that these are the reasons that she is the person that she is today.

Chris is a Catering Director. She has been in this industry for over twenty years. As a Catering Director, she has been able to realize how much her past experiences as a Catholic, has assisted her on a daily basis. This has been accomplished by practicing and a better understanding of the gift of reconciliation. Chris has a staff of over one hundred people, from all walks of life, and through them, she realizes how important the gift of reconciliation is.

Chris firmly believes that being involved with the Partners in Mission, she realizes how her job has made a difference in the lives that she has touched and lives that have touched her. Chris belongs to the Small Faith Community, New Beginnings. Chris feels that their group has great people who share their faith and life experiences with each other!

by Lori Larkin

CPPS Partner in Mission, Kay Schmitt, died on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the age of 83. A funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at Assumption Catholic Church in O'Fallon, Missouri. Kay's family asked that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a testament to Kay's love and care for children.

Kay was a Mother House Volunteer with the sisters of St. Joseph Community on third floor of the Retirement Center for many years, and in 1995, a sister invited her to be a Partner in Mission. Every Wednesday Kay visited with sisters who could not carry on a conversation or respond well and played pinochle with other sisters. Next year Kay would have celebrated 20 years as a Partner in Mission. Rest in peace, Kay!



Formation - A New Chapter

by Lori Larkin

The Partners in Mission Candidates are beginning a new chapter in their journey to become partners. The next phase of their journey is the formation and discernment phase. The formation process presents the candidates the opportunity to deepen their relationship with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, the sister's history, charism, mission, prayers and ministry. The formation groups will meet monthly from now until June 2015. At the end of the formation period, these candidates will make a very important decision. This time of formation offers the candidates the time to discern their call to Partners in Mission.

The St. Louis candidates are Robyn Dannenmueller, Nancy Haselhorst and Cathy Brewer. Sr. Joyce Schramm is the Sister Prayer Partner. The facilitators for this group are Sr. Carol Orf and Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz.



O'Fallon candidates are Lindsey Reckel, Connie McKoskey and Arline Nallon. Sr. Viola Marie Spire is the Sister Prayer Partner. The facilitator for this group is Sr. Marie Orf.



At this time, we welcome these candidates into the next chapter of the Partner in Mission process. Our promise to these candidates is to pray for them during their exciting journey. We wish them many blessings, friendships and prayers throughout their journey. As a community, we are blessed with each and every one of these candidates!

A Wonderful Community Experience

by Dawn Boschert

The CPPS Summer Community Days were held at Mercy Center June 29-30, 2014. The Sisters welcomed Partners in Mission, Liz Allmeyer, Dawn Boschert, Susan Buerkle, Lorraine Cully, Barbara Groneck, Rick Heitman, Carol Jung, Linda Moehrle, and Betty Mues.

Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM, our facilitator and presenter, spoke to us about communal contemplation. Her presentation also included several opportunities to experience communal contemplation. In addition to prayer, the sisters and partners reflected and shared about the coming to completion facing the sisters. In both small and large groups, sisters and partners shared the sadness that comes with completion yet realized the hope of new life that comes from being faithful to the cross of Jesus. The culmination of these days was the very joy-filled celebration on the Feast of the Precious Blood, July 1, 2014.

We hope to have another great showing at our next Community Day Saturday, October 18 at Trigg Center. Mark your calendars, please!!

Our Finland and Estonia Partners

by Maureen McGrath

The Partners in Mission from Finland and Estonia meet together only once a year, but it is wonderful for all of them at that time. They take turns meeting one year at Inger Honkaranta's apartment in Helsinki and one year at Kersti Nigesen's school in Tallinn. Upon gathering they share their lives and their thoughts over coffee and some special dessert prepared by one of the partners. While they meet only once a year, it anchors them together and they find that they can take up where they left off at the previous gathering. Warmth and deepening of awareness of the gifts of each partner are enriched at the repeating of their commitment. They set goals for the coming year and are once again united in purpose to serve the Church, the people of God and our war-torn world. They renew a sense of resolve to unite as many peoples of the universe as can be gathered in prayer, no matter who does the praying.

They feel that it is in sharing of beliefs, hopes and, yes, fears that sustains them for the coming year. Each partner promises to live these beliefs and to disseminate the life generated in the group. In trying times whether personal or international, they rely on the strong truth that He will prevail.

By praying and living life triumphantly we can all share in the grace and love of Christ. As Partners in Mission we can be inspired by our fellow partners in Finland and Estonia. Their effort to gather as one and the commitment expended by all seems a glorious sign of our many blessings and abundant gifts from Him.

A Cornucopia of Foods

by Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz

"A good time was had by all" is a cliché that certainly was true Saturday, August 9, 2014, at the annual Partners in Mission Potluck Barbecue. A cornucopia of sumptuous foods graced our serving table...fresh crisp salads of every kind, a variety of delectable casseroles and baked beans, tender fresh juicy fruits, delicious seasonal vegetables, desserts beyond compare and much more made our potluck barbecue a time to remember. The atmosphere was one of high energy, laughing, talking, and teasing one another as partners and sisters delighted in each other's company while enjoying the tasty foods and drinks.

As in the past we had been gifted by the generosity of the St. Joseph Cottleville Men's Club who graciously provided us with an assortment of cold drinks, and mouthwatering barbecued pork steaks as well as a place to gather. We definitely appreciate their generosity and assistance.

This seventh annual potluck event was planned and orchestrated by the TLC small faith community whose members include Dawn Boschert, leader, Mary Martin, Sandy Meyer, Sr. Charlene Grieshaber and Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz, sister mentors. The purpose of this annual event is to provide a venue for partners and sisters to get to know each other better by sharing a meal and socializing. With the growing number of partners and sisters participating each year we believe we are achieving this purpose.

Hope to see you again next year at the eighth annual Partners in Mission Potluck Barbecue.



Sr. Carolyn Pozarich and Patricia Belmont



Ellen Jones and
Toni Dressel

Wisdom and Perryville Circles

by Sr. Delores Schilli

On May 18th Wisdom Circle and Perryville partners gathered at the home of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in Perryville. They met and greeted one another and became acquainted. Next partners and sisters drove or walked down the street three blocks east on St. Joseph to the home of Kathy Fullmer. Kathy had prepared a very beautiful table setting. All enjoyed a delicious meal to which everyone had contributed. The group enjoyed fellowship and sharing with one another. Following the meal those gathered prayed the Litany of the Blood of Jesus by Al Naseman, C.P.P.S. and shared something meaningful in our lives as a result of being/becoming Partners in Mission.



Back row: Connie Bisnack, Carol Jung, Sherry Smith, Amanda Schumer, Sr. Rosemary Oellermann, Marie Clifton, Sr. Delores Schilli, Elaine Pinar, Maureen McGrath

Front row: Sr. Marilyn Schneider, Kathy Fullmer, Jean Welker, Sr Janet Dohr, Sr. Fran Raia

Together in Mission— Sisters and Partners

by Debbie Whited

The Annual CPPS Partners in Mission Assembly Day was held on Sunday, September 7, 2014. Within the celebration of the Eucharist, Denis Wilhelm, Helen Brown, Bernie Donnelly, Mary Donnelly, Julie Schlichting, Mary Mann, Patricia Belmont, Jim Baur, Jean Welker, and Connie Visnack, made their initial commitment to become CPPS Partners in Mission. Other Partners in Mission present renewed their commitment.

Before Mass, Sister Rosemary Russell, presenter, shared a video about the work of the English Tutoring Project. She along with Sr. Carolyn Pozarich and Sr. Joyce Schramm and other staff ministered to 106 students last year.



After lunch, the ad hoc committee presented their work on a vision statement, mission statement, and a new CPPS Partners in Mission leadership structure. The proposed structure includes an overseeing governing board of three or four partners and one or two sisters; a part-time, salaried director and several committees. After praying for discernment, those who feel called to be a member of the Governing Board or to apply for Director were asked to contact Sr. Fran Raia by September 30, 2014.

The day concluded with several business items including a report from the Finance Committee. Last year \$7,200, mostly money gained from the Trivia Night, was given to support the missions of individual CPPS Sisters.

On a social note, a PIM Bunco party is being planned with a tentative date of the first Saturday in February in Alpine Heights.



Audrey Lauenstein celebrates 20 years as Partner in Mission.



New Partners in Mission 2014

Back row: Mary Mann, Helen Brown, Mary Donnelly, Bernie Donnelly, Denis Wilhelm

Fron row: Connit Visnack, Jean Welker, Patricia Belmont, Jim Baur, Julie Schlichting



Partners in Mission recommit to be a reconciling presence