

FAMILY LIFE REPORT
Prepared for Parish Council Meeting November 2012

LADIES CLUB

Barbara Fallin

Mission: To support the parish community, as a dedicated group of women, by providing spiritual and social functions resulting in both personal and community growth.

Officers are the same for 2012/2013 Ladies Club Members Barbara Fallin – President, Barbara Rascon - Secretary and Rebecca Willis - Treasurer

(80) email distribution list. Only about 15 women regularly attend meetings and/or participate on a regular basis.

Highlights for 2012

We held:

(1) Dinner and a Movie (February)

(1) Saturday Coffee March: Diet Dilemma: which plan is best: speaker Janet McDonald

Collected donated fabric/ sewing notions for our Sister Parish in Nicaragua

Helped Joann Scanlan with the Irish Pong fundraiser in March

Cook book "Taste of Heaven Vol.2" sales for 2012 \$314 (on going sales since release in fall of 2010)

September: Annual Church Picnic: receive food, set out, replenish and clean up

Secretarial Desk Raffle (donated by Rocky Ragano) (Nov/Dec) raised **so far** \$130.00 (drawing will be December 15th)

November 10th : Craft's sold at Craft Bazaar by Ladies Club \$513.00 (Family Life Center gets the craft table sales/snack bar sales and admission fee)

Bake Sale \$502.00

Home Vendor Table Sales \$1,215.00

December 15th : Annual Christmas Party for all ladies in the Parish

April – October: Craft making days: Every Monday 12-2pm Sept /Oct Friday Evenings 6-9 pm

Angel Tree Drive 2012 : **will be** collecting gifts for 100 children, and a total of 45 for the Nursing home and Friendly Adult Day Care Center (November 24th thru December 9th)

MENS CLUB

Vic Wisniewski

I do not know what else to add to last years report. Thanks for your concern and God Bless. Vic Wisniewski

Last Years Report on Men's Club — Victor Wisniewski

Mission

We are a social, devotional and service organization. As such, our function is to support and help the Pastor, staff, and ministries carry out their functions. We also serve as a locus for social interaction for our members and the parishioners of St John Vianney through various scheduled and spontaneous events and functions. Our member contributions in time, expertise and other resources have benefited the parish by reducing costs usually associated with these renovation, maintenance and construction projects.

Highlights of the past year and activities planned for the coming year

- Our members were directly and indirectly involved in the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Mothers Day Breakfast, Men's Retreat, cooked for the Parish Picnic, participated in the Youth Work Camp, Safe Nights and the First Sunday Breakfast.
- We also cleaned both kitchens in the Vianney Room and the Family Life Center, helped cook for Safe Nights, financially supported the youth group, and the retreat house in Wash., DC,
- We also sponsored a golf outing and a fishing trip, held our annual crab dinner in Oct. and our seafood dinner in Dec.
- Some of our members helped move elderly parishioners from their homes to other quarters.
- Members helped build shelving, stocking food and serving clients in the Food Pantry.
- This year the Men's Club is taking over the planning and hosting of the Valentines Day Social. It will be held on Saturday February 11th, 2012.

Involved parishioners

- All men of the Saint John Vianney parish are considered members. We define active members as those who lead or assist in at least one function during the year and attend our monthly meetings.

GIRL SCOUTS

Laurie Bryner Girl South Ambassador Troup 2522

I lead Girl Scout Ambassador Troop 2522. We have ten girls in the troop, all in Eleventh and Twelfth grades.

Officially, our girls meet on Sunday evenings at SJV- although lately we've been doing several community service projects outside our meeting room.

In the last year, we've had two scouts complete their Gold Awards (the GS equivalent of the Eagle Scout). For the first, we traveled to Boston to build a fire ring and picnic tables for an Open Heart Camp. For the second, we hosted an environmental workshop at Cypress Swamps (building 40 bluebird houses with youth from the community), and built an educational habitat for a permanently disabled screech owl.

Two additional scouts should complete their Gold Awards in the next two months. One has built puppet theaters for Flag Ponds and Cypress Swamps to use in their educational programs. The other is constructing and installing predator baffles along the bluebird trails at Jefferson Patterson Park.

We have two Gold Award proposals submitted to council (both environmental), and two additional proposals in draft.

As a troop, we've volunteered each year at the Calvert Hospice Festival of Trees (making ornaments and decorated a tree) and at the Marine Corp marathon (manning a water station).

This year, the girls also made the memorial bricks for Calvert's Relay for Life, ran in the Jingle Bell Run (one of our girls has Juvenile Arthritis) and spent a day packaging books with BIG (Books for International Goodwill) in Annapolis. We also hosted our Service Unit Encampment in April for eighty younger girls.

Seven of the 10 have been awarded the Silver Trefoil for Community Service, the highest honor available from the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. One was named the Maryland Governor's Youth Volunteer of the Year for her Gold Award project.

We plan to travel to San Antonio, Texas over the January school break to see the Alamo, River Walk, and the Mission trail.

Monica Mower
Troop 4801

I have a mixed troop of Juniors & Cadets (Troop 4801) - we currently have 2 Cadets and 7 Juniors. All my parents are assistants in some capacity - cookies, first aid, art projects, camping, organizing meetings - although we're girl led so the parental planning is down - we just have to help them execute successfully.

Last year we met a PFVRS and did a service project at CAWL raising awareness and funds for the specialty foods some of the rescues require. We attended Girl Scouts Rock the Mall in DC and other 100th anniversary events. Katie and I joined late so I don't have all the events.

Our goal for this year is to do an environmental/energy conservation service project this fall (we'll be looking for ideas around the parish) and our Bronze Award in the spring. For the Bronze the girls are considering the Food Pantry or helping ACLT with the trails. We also hope to take back over the flower bed around the flag poles and help with the parish clean-ups again.

We need to recruit more girls - especially Cadets. We only had two bridge last year and they don't want to leave our troop but it would be easier if we had a few more 6th graders for them to work with. We also need service opportunities for the girls - it's hard because everyone wants older kids - now that we're mostly 5th graders it may be easier.

We'd love to have a Brownie or Daisy troop at the church that our girls could mentor. I know there are 7 unplaced Brownies in the PF area that no one has volunteered to lead. If someone from the parish could step up for them that would be great. It would help our girls learn leadership skills.

DRAMA MINISTRY

Rita Leclerc

Mission Statement:

The St. John Vianney Drama Ministry offers an opportunity for everyone to nurture and utilize the gifts God has given us and to be involved in the production of plays and musicals dedicated to the continuing advancement of the performing arts within the faith-based community. Our ministry promotes strong moral values, cultural awareness and cooperative acceptance among diverse individuals.

Highlights:

“Encounters with Christ” consisted of monologues of various people that were touched by Christ. It was a big success! It was a big cast and we recruited many new actors.

Our fall play “Bless Me Father” is in the middle of performances.

One of our goals is to make sure we have new people involved in both the Easter and fall play.

The last meeting we have again discussed organization and space for all the sets. In the past we have had to dispose many of our sets due to lack of storage. This year Father has given the ok to open up space under the stairs, so we can place our sets/walls. Also on an inspection he suggested we clear out the center of the storage upstairs and use the office as storage for bins with wigs etc. We still need to purchase a 6’ ladder to be able to reach the top of the storage shelves upstairs. We have had to clean out the upstairs last year and earlier this year when others had used items and not return them to their place. Many of the borrowed items have not come back or if they are returned – not in the same condition, hopefully we can eliminate this problem.

Key Members:

President: Rita Leclerc

Vice President: Gisela Victoria

Chuck Knapper, Carlos Victoria, Linda Pixton, Scott Vogan, Jerry Cleveland, Maria Queen, Cathy Hogenson, Jason Williams, Jackie Willaims, Larry Smialek, Darrell Ahne, Don Mueller, Noah Victoria, Cindy Brown, Brenda Rodreguiz, “JC” Rodreguiz, Liz Snyder, Lillian Lopez

Videographer - Harry Gielske.

Goals:

We will have Easter performance March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. This year Easter season is early. I have suggested that we a play we had previously done, actually it was our first Easter play “No Name in the Street.” It does not have the large cast as we usually have.

There will be a fall performance, but we have yet to decide on what it will be.

We are always encouraging St John Vianney parishioners to take part in the drama ministry. We have had several parishioners join and some have showed interest.

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER

2012/2013

Joann Scanlon

Building Manager

Mission:

- To support our Church (Families, Youth, Ladies Club, Men's Club, Scouts, K of C, etc.)
 - A. St. John Vianney Parish (DC 'Hood game, St. Patrick's Day Celebration)
 - B. Other Catholic Churches (OLSS basketball practice)
 - C. Community (ECHO, Hospice, NAMI, Daughters of Abraham)
 - D. Non-profits (ACLT, CMH)
 - E. Schools & Government Agencies
- To offer free and/or affordable programs/entertainment to the parish (plays, camps, sports).

Highlights:

- The Drama Ministry will perform 2 plays. In November they will perform "Bless Me Father" and then another play during the Eater season. The Drama Ministry is a ministry – not a money maker. The Drama Ministry breaks even at the end of the fiscal year. All plays are by donation.
- CYBL program continues to grow. Again, like last year, we had a waiting list. The increase in enrollment is by word of mouth. Scholarships available to parishioners. Adult volunteers for the program are overwhelming. The snack bar is a big hit and a financial success during the Saturday games. CYBL practice Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri - with games on Saturday. Charlie Russell retired a coordinator of the league. Jim Rodenhaver will take over.
- First Sunday Breakfast continues to be a favorite monthly event. Attendance is the same - but, donations are down. (Sept thru June)
- Adult Volleyball (Monday nights) – the attendance is down, attended mostly by non-parishioners.
- Open Gym (Tuesday nights) continues to be successful programs for the community. Both nights bring in a steady income.
- Soccer fields are well used. Soccer practices and games are held Spring and Fall, Mon – Fri. We had 1 (rented) soccer summer camp this year. Pre-School uses the fields for Dino Fair and Fall Festival. K of C uses the fields for their "Soccer Shoot Out"
- The Pavilion is used by all groups in the parish.
- We offered Drama Camp, Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, Everything Under God's Sun Camp, this summer. Volleyball and Basketball Camps were cancelled due to low enrollment. Too much competition from the local school summer camps. Scholarships available to parishioners.
- This year the FLC ran Vacation Bible School "Daniel and the Lions Den." It went well. I plan to run the program next summer. I already have a volunteer staff in place.

- Back by popular demand. DC 'Hood basketball game. This year the SJV "All Stars" basketball team will play DC 'Hood (as in priest-Hood) basketball team on Friday, Oct. 26.
- Also, back by popular demand - St. Patrick's Day Celebration to be held Saturday, March 16, 2013. I have lots of new ideas for this year.
- Crystal Moore cleans the FLC on Monday and Friday of each week. This is a big help to me and TP. Crystal is dependable and does her job well.
- We have a new Teen Club staff this year. The teens use the FLC on Wednesday before Rel. Ed. and occasionally Sunday's.

Key Members:

- Building Manager – Joann Scanlan
- Monitors – Dickie Hayes, Conrad White & Al Posey (Open Gym), Sabrina Wright (Adult VB).
- Kitchen – Larry Donnelly
- Sound Booth – Cindy Brown
- Drama Ministry – Rita Leclerc and Gisela Victoria
- CYBL Coordinator – Jim Rodenhaver
- Rel. Ed. – Jan Pedone (Wed. nights)

Strengths:

Parish support, my strength still rests in my volunteer staff. The volunteers are amazing. I receive compliments on the building all the time:

- How clean the building is.
- How organized we are.

Weakness:

Providing programs for the children during the summer months. We dropped Volleyball and Basketball camp this year. We keep summer camps at a reasonable rate – compared to other community camps. I always check the price of other camps in the community to compare rates.

Weakness (as always) is the yearly financial deficit. Last year we held "Irish Pong" St. Patrick's Day raffle and celebration. We raised \$10,000 for the FLC. I hope to hold another St. Patrick's Day event this year. "Irish Pong" was well attended and we received lots of compliments. We ran out of Corned Beef and Beer.

The FLC receives many requests from groups/organizations to use the facility for free. We can not help all these groups with free rentals. Our operation costs are approximately \$350 per day. If the FLC honored all the requests for free rentals I would be over-whelmed.

The FLC lost 2 rentals to the new Vianney Room. The ACLT Auction and CMH Casino Night. Since Lorenzo retired I need someone to help keep the bushes and flowers looking nice and neat at the FLC.

Goals:

- All groups and organizations to submit their yearly calendar on time. This will allow Mike Lewnes and me to schedule events without any conflicts. And, if any changes are made to their original calendar - please notify us so we can adjust the master calendar. Planning is critical with so many parish groups using the building.
- Break even financially at the end of the fiscal year.
- Fr. Daly would like to have a regular “Movie” night at the FLC. Our first movie is “The Way” to be held Saturday, Oct. 13, 7 pm. I plan to show the next movie in January 2013. (different spiritual movie every 3 months).
- Some type of summer program for the children in our parish (and the community) since we have dropped Volleyball and Basketball Camps. I will do some research and see what I can come up with.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Trish Villare
Team Captain
Spirit of St. John Vianney

This past year the Spirit of St. John Vianney received contributions in excess of \$13500 making **Jade** membership. There were 27 members registered on our team who contributed their time and talent to this worthy cause.

2013 RFL is starting up. Will be inviting past team members and new members to join us on June 14, 2013 at Hallowing Pt. Park.

We will be having kick off “Breakfast with Santa” for 2013 Relay on December 16th. We will also be hosting another breakfast event sometime in spring.

Team of St. John Vianney will be taking contributions again for yard sale similar to event held last year.

The Ledos fundraiser last year was very successful. This fundraiser is also being reconsidered for this year.

YOUTH GROUP

Cathy Berger

Youth Group which was re established with this spring 2012 with a “team” of adult leaders.

The Youth Group Team leaders work very closely with Religious Education Program - and the Catholic Heart Work camp leaders. Many of the Youth Group Leaders also volunteer their time and talent as teachers and or adult leaders.

Team Leaders include, Don Stockton, Cee Cee Welch, Beth Butler, Bonnie Brown, Bernadette Supanick, Bobbie Woolen, Christine Smallwood, Stephanie Seay, Nick Walmark, Adam Tippet and Cathy Berger.

Youth Group is open membership to teens entering 9th Grade (Confirmation) and up.

Timothy 4:12 "Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity."

We hope the youth will develop a relationship with God (if they don't already have one and if they do, we hope this group strengthens it). We hope that as a result of having a greater relationship they will be moved to contribute their time and talent to serve the Lord through ministry and stewardship. They are an integral part of our church family. They are our future.

Activities (Faith, Fellowship, Food, Fun)

May 2012 – Cinco de Mayo – kick off party. This created opportunity for Youth to meet Adult Leaders in relaxed forum.

Lock In 6/1/2012 – Approximately 32 Youth stayed the night and participated in team building activities to include adoration at Chapel. There was also an opportunity for youth entering 9th grade to acquire service hours by preparing fabric for Upcoming Vacation Bible School.

Youth Group Meetings – Youth Group Meetings have been planned for at least once a month and include team building activities and games. We have had about 5 meetings thus far averaging 20-25 youth per meeting. Meeting last month was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. Now that CCD classes have begun and school is back in session, we have moved the meetings to Sundays. Youth and Leaders attending the meeting celebrate 11:15 mass then proceed to FLC for meeting. We are working to incorporate youth into Mass activities (Choir) soliciting the help of Jan Pedone and Peggy Braham. As we become more established, we are hoping some of the Youth will become more active in planning YG service and activities (Youth Committee).

Service

9th Grade Youth have a need for service learning hours. Many of the Youth Group members and their advocates have been lending their time and talent to many other SJV ministries to acquire hours or just volunteer time for a good cause:

- Catholic Heart Work Camp (away)
- Work Camp (SJV) unloading trucks and setting up.
- Vacation Bible School
- Food Pantry
- Face Painting at SJV Family Picnic
- Setting Up/Cleaning 1st Sunday Breakfast
- Setting Up/Cleaning All Star Basketball Game

Youth are encouraged by team leaders to be involved with the service needs of our church and solicit the opportunities to get them involved from all sources.

Special things to note (Advantages and Difficulties)

- Files and information from previous Youth Group Leader was boxed and moved; therefore when we started up, we did so from scratch. We are still trying figure out policies and procedures. We are not exactly certain of budgeting and what is available to the group. Leaders have gone out of pocket to finance to pay upfront costs (some reimbursed).

- Fundraising for activities is always a question and we have considered many different ways and events to secure additional funds. YG Fundraising subcommittee provided list of activities for year, was advised to scale down and list specific upcoming fall activities due to time constraints—due unforeseen circumstances list was not presented and fundraisers for fall have been cancelled or scaled down to minimum. Need to meet again and revisit ideas for Winter/Spring and Summer. We have had:

- Car Washes for funds for Catholic Heart Work Camp
- Selling Christian Wrapping Paper – Advent calendars, Advent Wreaths at Craft Fair and subsequently in Festival room (in process).

- Youth Group needs space? Team leaders find themselves dragging boxes and material back and forth from home to the FLC. We would like to have a little nook of space for storage?

- Communication – we still need to revisit and establish an avenue to communicate. Need pursue electronic means of communication. Social media plus and minus(s) were discussed and there is still a push to use SJV website youth group web page.