

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY LADIES' SODALITY

"To Work with Love for Jesus Through Mary"



January 2017

GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

Dear Ladies,

Happy 2017!! It's time to begin a new year. Hope all of you all had a blessed and Merry Christmas with family and friends.

There are a couple of new procedures we are initiating in the month of January. **Our general and board meetings from now on will begin at 7:00 p.m.** This is a big change, so it may take a while for everyone to get used to it. **Also, we will be locking the doors to the Father Keaney Center at 7:15 p.m. on meeting nights.** However, we will keep the interior doors open so that we will be able to see anyone who is running late and wants to get in. Just knock on the door. Those who sit at the front table will be able to see and hear you. One more item, since we are the only organization using parish facilities on the second Wednesday evening of the month, we are asking members who are leaving by themselves to ask someone to walk them to their car. These practices are being initiated as an added precaution for the safety of our members as they come and go in the evening.

Our Christmas Party was a huge success thanks to many of you beginning with our Hospitality Chairpersons, Dolores Taylor and Grace Orf. The hall was beautifully decorated; the poinsettia centerpieces were lush and full on the tables, and the festive holiday apron attendance prizes (made by Dolores Taylor) decorated the windows until the winning names were drawn. Each place setting had a candy cane and a crocheted ornament crafted and donated by Joan Germer's daughter, Donna Stuiifel. The tree was decked out in its holiday attire thanks to Peggy Kuehner and Lillian Fernandez. Our caterer for the dinner was Lukasec Catering, and the delicious desserts were made by Susan Caruso and Carol Iliff. The entertainment for the evening was our mini Quarter Auction, MC'd by Mary Graf, assisted by Susan Gross. All attendees enjoyed participating in this very fun event. Special thanks to all who donated items for this auction. A profit of \$170 was made and will be donated to IHM's St. Vincent de Paul Society. The evening was capped off by the performance of our very talented IHM High Steppers choreographed by Judy Hudson. They once again had everyone tapping their toes, clapping their hands, and thoroughly enjoying the performance. Sincere thanks to all of you who helped in any way. An added thank you goes to Jason Brendel, for coming up to the hall at the last minute to fix the sound system so that we could enjoy the evening without vocal interruption.

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Father Keaney Center. It was wonderful to see so many of our members who have not been able to attend meetings for a while and we invite you to join us as we begin 2017. Wishing each of you the very best in 2017,

Jo Ann Ratermann

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing. Believe in yourself. And believe that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams - just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true."

Sarah Ban Breathnach



REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

A Mt. Grace card was sent to Jo Gaal. Sympathy cards were sent to Marge Kage on the death of her husband Rich and Marilyn Murphy on the death of her granddaughter.

Please keep all our Sodalists in your thought and prayers.

Therese DeMoor, Welfare



REFRESHMENTS

Our guest hostesses for this month will be serving something warm and comforting for the cold winter's nights that seem to have caught up with us.

Grace Orf and Dolores Taylor - Hospitality



ENTERTAINMENT

What is your favorite game? We all have some favorites so bring a favorite game with you to the January meeting and we can all enjoy a Game Night with friends (only friendly competition allowed).



General Meeting
Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11
Monday, January 23

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Jo Ann Ratermann
President

Fr. Kristian Teater
Pastor

Mary Pfeiffer
Corresponding Secretary