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Please remember in your prayers the following members, volunteers, spouses and friends of LOC whom we have lost recently:

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| Fred Cantelmo | Robert Lynch | Ted Denning |
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June 2016 Newsletter



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A Message from our Presidents



Dear Ladies of Charity Family,

“The more things change, the more they stay the same.” As we, co-presidents, sorted through clothing at the clothing blitz on May 21, that thought kept coming back....even in the days to follow when reflecting on the Ladies of Charity.

We continue to be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit; that is a constant and is so evident in the growth that we have experienced and in the people that continue to spread God’s mercy year after year.

Many of our challenges are still the same even though we have grown and expanded and changed along the way in such magnificent ways. We are challenged to keep up with the growing and abundant donations from our community. That was true 15 years ago when we sorted in the old Thrift Shop; it was just a smaller area to be concerned with.

We also were challenged by serving those in need and also allowing our volunteers adequate time to work and leave in a timely manner. We were challenged to be merciful and yet responsible stewards.

Let us pray to God that we follow God’s will in all that we do and that in this year of mercy, we are able to serve those in most need and to continue to change and grow in ways that will allow us to be God’s merciful heart to all that we encounter. Many years ago, when I was president, a good priest friend introduced me to Dorothy Day’s writing and it sustained me for years.

“What we would like to do is change the world - make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended for them to do....We can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing that we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend.”

-Dorothy Day

Thank you to all of you for your generous hearts and hands and your unwavering desire to help the Ladies of Charity and our community. Please continue to pray for our organization and leadership so that we may best serve those in need as well as serve our own community of Ladies of Charity.

Lisa Morris and Christine Luchon
Co-Presidents

***“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
Mother Teresa***

A Message from Father Orr



Dear Ladies of Charity,
Peace! Happily we continue our common reflection on the sure and certain teachings of Holy Mother Church by considering anew the perennial teachings of Christ's Mystical Body. As Ladies of Charity you do so much spiritually and corporally to alleviate the sufferings of the needy poor in our midst. I base these reflections on the social teaching of the Church as presented by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in the volume *The Social Agenda* which is freely and readily available on-line (<http://www.thesocialagenda.org/>). This volume cites various documents from saints, the popes and the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). We continue here our considerations out of sequence with article eight: Poverty and Charity, section three: Charity and the Preferential Option for the Poor.

Saint John Paul II (+2005) in *Centesimus Annus*, 11 (1 May, 1991), builds on *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 42 (30 December, 1987). He invites us to re-read

Rerum Novarum (15 May, 1891) of Pope Leo XIII in light of current events. Leo wrote before the Communist revolutions in Russia (1917) and China (1949). John Paul II personally endured both the Nazi and Communist oppression in Poland. We live twenty-seven years after the fall of European Communism (1989). All the while, Mother Church has cared for and exhorted her faithful to care for all who are especially beloved to the Lord Jesus, namely the poor (cf. Matthew 5:3).

Christian Charity, love of neighbor for the love of God, is not served by greed or envy. Public figures who allude to their great wealth as if such is the end all and be all or those who do not seem to respect the right to private property, willing to confiscate as much as possible through taxation are not based in Charity. The public safety net is not Charity. George Weigel reminds us that now is the time for informed Catholics to serve as a leaven in our public life and culture by adhering to authentic Catholic social doctrine *First Things* (11 May, 2016).
God bless you!

Ladies of Charity has a new flag and stand thanks to our members: Barney, Rose and Tina Baker.

The Bakers are volunteers in the food pantry and are members of All Saints Parish since they moved to Knoxville in 2010. The Bakers have volunteered at LOC for approximately 5.5 years and contribute to the success of Ladies of Charity in many ways. In Barney's words, "I believe that any public assembly should have an American flag proudly displayed. It's also respectful to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before the start of the meeting and LOC members can now face the flag. I retired after 20 yrs. as a U.S. Navy Seabee. I'm a Vietnam veteran and wintered over in Antarctica in 1973. I was also the Leading Chief at our last command and it was my responsibility to observe all flag etiquette. The golden eagle on top of the stand symbolizes our right to live in a free society. The American eagle is free to roam the entire country."



Pictured above left to right: Tina, Barney and Rose Baker.

VOLUNTEERS' CORNER

We welcome new volunteers from all stages of life AND we say goodbye to others when they find it's "time to retire." **Helen Connor** figures it was time to retire from packing food in our Pantry after 12 committed years. She worked with her dear friend & fellow LOC member Jeanne Kennedy under the direction of Marian Bugg in the old Pantry. Proudly declaring that she has just turned 90, she had only missed one of her 2nd Thursdays in all those years! It's a family affair for her too, having one of her daughters or grandsons help in the last couple of years. Helen was "tickled to death" to help! She wanted to help desperate people, especially with their basic need of food. Thank you, Helen, for your loyalty to our LOC mission. What an inspiration you are!



What can I say about **Carolyn Susano**, who also just recently retired?! She has been a longtime member and given 8 years of creative, expert and loyal Housewares leadership, Board member years, and especially her most momentous contribution—planning the dedication & consecration of our 120 W. Baxter Ave facility in 2011 with Bishop Stika presiding, both Knoxville mayors attending, as well as councilmen, and other city dignitaries and community leaders. Carolyn put Ladies of Charity Knoxville "on the map" and minds of many!! She says that it has been "wonderful to see it evolve and grow. Ladies of Charity is a great thing to be a part of." She has made wonderful friends (especially her buddy in Housewares Margaret Crawford) and can't help but continue to be a consultant on antiques and specialty donations. Carolyn was wearing a big grin as she was honored at a pot luck goodbye luncheon. Thank you, thank you, Carolyn! We'll miss you.

A LONG TIME FRIEND OF THE POOR

With his wife Phyllis being an LOC charter member, **Ted Denning** didn't have a chance to ignore the plight of the poor after he retired. Involved since 1985, but really since retirement in 1993, he hauled food and clothes up to Scott County, Williamsburg, KY, Crazy Quilt, and to us! He especially loved helping children & was famous for his Santa Claus ministry to schools. Ted appreciated how LOC accepted & fixed up donations, and the good standards on what we offered in the Thrift Shop. He exhausted several vans and trucks picking up from Publix, Fresh Market, Kroger's, Panera Bread, or whoever else would let him get the leftovers!! What a true missionary of mercy he was! We will miss you, Ted. Pray for us among your fellow saints in heaven!





New Members

New Members were received during Mass at Holy Ghost Church on April 27, 2016. Fr. John Dowling presided over the Mass, and Co-President Lisa Morris, Past President Nancy Scheurer, and LCUSA Southern Director, Lucky Van de Gejuchte assisted with the presentation of the blessed crosses, pins and booklets. We welcome all of our new members. Pictured: Jeanine Colasuonno, Mary Jane Smith, Brenda Burnett, Tamma Reyniers, Samantha Dinwiddie, Marilyn Sobota, Tina Baker, Karen Fitchpatrick, Laura Deubler,

and Elaine Oliver. "More than 50 members attended the General Meeting and Luncheon on April 27, 2016. Appreciation was expressed to those who provided the food for the lunch," stated Kathi O'Hara, Hospitality Chairperson. *Special thanks to Carolyn Fisher and Celeste Reedy for designing the beautiful corsages worn by the new members.*



Lisa Morris, Co-President (left) and Lucky Van de Gejuchte from National LCUSA.

Ladies of Charity has a lot of different programs to help people in emergency situations, but sometimes these are not enough. Yes, we help with food, clothing and medicine but sometimes people just need help in a way that many organizations cannot help with. Could you imagine not having the basic necessities to survive such as clothes, food and shelter and someone says to you go and get a job and everything will be okay? Of course a job is essential but how do you proceed with that without the proper work attire? Many jobs require you to have certain types of footwear in order to start work but how do you do that without money to pay for them. Here at Ladies of Charity we are fortunate to have the ability to buy steel toe work boots or slip resistant shoes for clients that come to us with letters from their employer stating that they are employed but cannot start until they have the shoes they need. So far this year we have given out 101 pairs of work shoes. This is a huge blessing to give to people, it's something small that can change someone life. Hopefully with giving out the shoes people will be able to provide the basic necessities for themselves since they will now have an income and for some a chance to start over. Laura Deubler, EAP Manager



A Message from the Executive Director

Susan Unbehaun

Stamp out Hunger & Second Harvest News



Do you ever wonder what happens to the food the mailman picks up during the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive? Well, some of the canned food items made it back to Ladies of Charity thanks to the volunteers who went to Second Harvest and picked it up. "We were fortunate to be able to recover about 2400 pounds of food from Second Harvest following the citywide food collections by the postal department. We were allowed two different days to come and sort through the donations and retrieve the products that are most needed for our clients. Especially great to bring back was the food for the homeless packs. It was a fun experience and rewarding in many ways. Thanks to all who participated," said Phyllis Cada, Emergency Assistance Program Co-chairperson. Many hands helped this effort: Glenn Cada, Bill Hopwood, Nord Unbehaun, Michael Hicks, Phyllis Cada, Samantha Dinwiddie, Laura Deubler, Mary Phillips, Melissa Slottke, and Susan Unbehaun.

In addition to the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, Ladies of Charity picked up two loads of free milk from Second Harvest. Ingles grocery store donated milk to Second Harvest, and partner agencies were able to provide this milk to their clients. 280 gallons were freely given to our clients at Ladies of Charity, and by having the new St. Mary's Legacy cooler/freezer we can accept these generous donations and store the product safely. The new cooler is working great! Our frozen meat, milk, butter, fruit and eggs as well as food rescue products are all fitting on the shelves. The donated bread products brought in by Bob Bean and others are stored in the other freezers.

Laura Deubler, EAP Manager, actively searches Second Harvest's ordering site for values. This week, Ladies of Charity received fresh eggplant, green peppers and spaghetti squash for our families.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the volunteer truck drivers: Tom Shannon, Bernie Marcotte, Duane Donahoo, Kirk Haning, Bill Rabensteine and Bill Hopwood. When the truck comes back with the Second Harvest order, Michael Hicks, and Breakthrough Corporation volunteers put it up in the pantry. The staff and volunteers have logged approximately 36 hours of Second Harvest training for our food program. The training includes safe food handling procedures and proper food storage.

Next year when the "Stamp Out Hunger" post card arrives with the plastic donation bag, consider filling that bag up. It goes a long way to help our food pantry and others in the area.

SUMMER SHENANIGAN'S # 2 SILENT AUCTION NEEDS



We are hoping to have an outstanding silent auction this year and always in need of gift cards, theatre tickets, spa days, mani/pedi gifts, wine baskets etc. Please check with your favorite businesses and ask them to help. Also, "Think out of the box."

If you get some items, please contact Arlette Haddad 865-438-7917 or arlette123@hotmail.com.

Arlette and Lisa Capps are working to make this an outstanding year.

Thanks, Pat Murphy, Committee Chairperson



Tim Horst is donating this handcrafted bench for the silent auction at the annual fundraiser, Summer Shenanigans II.

Parish Events Benefit Ladies of Charity

The first event is the Christ Child Baby Shower at **Immaculate Conception Church**. This event is coordinated by Connie Healy and the IC Women's Group. They offer a delightful array of sweets and snacks while collecting baby items for the newborn layette program. It is on Father's Day, June 19th.

Sacred Heart Cathedral celebrates Father's Day with a "Daddy Diaper Drive." This annual event collects needed diapers, pull ups and wipes to Ladies of Charity. Over 600 children have received diapers from the emergency assistance program already this year. Ladies of Charity looks forward to the support of this diaper drive and receiving the assorted diaper sizes to offer our younger clients. Geri Sutter has volunteered to bring the items to Ladies of Charity.

St. Francis of Assisi, Townsend, is participating with a donation drive on June 24th. Parishioners are encouraged to clean their closets, and storage rooms to fill the Ladies of Charity truck. The KDCCW women led by Cam King are doing their part to support the Ladies of Charity mission. This is a new project for St. Francis of Assisi and we couldn't be happier knowing their hearts are filled with assisting those in need.

Ladies of Charity Calendar 2016

- ◇ July 2 – 4 Independence Day, closed
- ◇ July 13 – Board Meeting
- ◇ July 31 – Summer Shenanigans
- ◇ August 10 – Board Meeting
- ◇ September 5 – Labor Day, closed
- ◇ September 28 – General Meeting, Volunteer Luncheon
- ◇ September 29- LCUSA National Assembly

Save the Date:

75th Anniversary

Celebration is May 7, 2017



The Consortium for Social Enterprise Effectiveness (CSEE) program is a year-long certificate program that strengthens social mission organizations and those who lead them. Susan Unbehaun, Ladies of Charity Executive Director, completed the CSEE program in May, 2016. Pictured above (l to r): Kitty Cornett, Program Manager, Dr. Cheryl Barksdale, CSEE Senior Lecturer, and Alex Miller, CSEE Director.

Clothing Blitz

Our first Clothing Blitz of the summer was held on Saturday, May 21st from 9:30-3:00. We were blessed with nine volunteers, contributing 29 hours of work in one afternoon, sorting, tagging and hanging clothing!

We had light refreshments and beverages to keep everyone's energy levels up. It was hard work but rewarding and fun, all at the same time. New faces and old faces joined in the team effort. A huge thank you to all that contributed their time and goodies!

Our next Blitz Days are: Saturday, June 11 and Tuesday, June 21. Same time, same place. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Dinwiddie at loveaboston@yahoo.com or Karen Hopwood at khop4@tds.net. We look forward to seeing you!



Jewelry Made from Holy Ghost Church Window

Behind every picture is a story, and this one has two. Last summer, Bill Hopwood (left), assisted in saving this broken window from the old Holy Ghost Church (school, first home of Ladies of Charity). He was able to secure it to wood before bringing it safely back to Ladies of Charity. This was with the blessing of Fr. Dowling and Fr. Orr. A little while later, Ron Metz (right), mentioned he designed jewelry with stained glass. So Ron has made beautiful necklace pieces with the window above and has donated them back for a fundraiser for the elevator/75th Anniversary. If you would like a one of a kind necklace, visit the thrift store. Price is \$25.00.

Handcrafted Items Donated

Another member of Ladies of Charity, Tim Horst, is donating handcrafted wood boxes and other handmade woodcrafts for the elevator fundraising. The wood box pictured above is one example of his handiwork. In the thrift store we have many unique items he has made. They include: picture frames, tea boxes, wood boxes, stools, and wood food mallets. They range in price, so come take a look. ****



Golf Photos



Please Join us for the
Ladies of Charity of Knoxville
"Helping Hands & Generous Hearts"

Summer Shenanigans #2

Sunday, July 31, 2016
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Jackson Terminal
205 W. Jackson Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37902

Music

Beer and Wine

Silent Auction

\$75 per person
Proceeds go to the
Elevator Fund

Buffet Dinner 6 PM

Entertainment

Fun and more...

Make reservations by July 22 with
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Joan Adorno 865-777-0987

Note: Look for your invitation to "Summer Shenanigans II" in the mail later this month. The "enclosed card" is in the invitation.



75th Anniversary

MEMBERS' PHOTOS--SMILE!

If you missed the first photo opportunities, don't worry! The month of June has more photo options:

Thursday, June 23 & Friday, June 24

The photographer will be here **9:30am—4:15pm. Come anytime for your picture. Our photographer is quick and professional.**

Your picture will be in the Ladies of Charity's 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book. **Be a part of history!** If you live out of town, or don't wish to come down to Ladies, then *just send in a picture* (with only you, or you & one other person in it—your face cannot be too small!). Mail to: LOC 120 W. Baxter 37917. Call or text Debbie 865-599-0088 with any questions. Thank you!



Stop in and see Blanche and Gen in the thrift store!

2016 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 8th annual golf tournament was held on April 29, a warm and sunny day. More players than ever before, 92, registered to have a day of fun and friendly competition. In addition, more than two dozen community and business leaders had the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Ladies of Charity through sponsorship or participation. Financially, the event grossed over \$32,000, and netted approximately \$27,000. This success was due in large part to the work of committee members, Joe Sutter, Larry DeWine, Don Hutson, and Kathleen Fenton. A special thanks also to Duane Donahoo who proposed a number of novel initiatives. Of course the day could not have run so smoothly without the help of over a dozen volunteers who set up breakfast, registered players, and served as hole watchers for possible hole-in-ones.

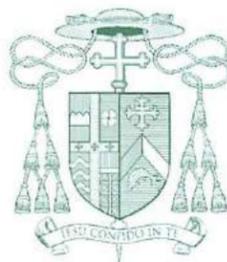


Erika and Joe Fuhr

National Convention to be held in Queens, New York in September

The 2016 National Assembly of the Ladies of Charity USA (LCUSA) will be held in Queens, New York, on September 29 – October 1, and hosted by the Ladies of Charity of St. John's University and the Northeast Region. It will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, NY LaGuardia. The 16th annual convention is titled, "Ladies of Charity: Women of Mercy" and will offer optional tours of the city throughout the convention and on Sunday, October 2nd following the close of the assembly.

This is the 36th LCUSA National Assembly and promises to be a wonderful celebration in this Jubilee year. For more information contact 2016 National Assembly Registration/Hospitality Chairperson: Marge Cashin. Phone: 917-886-8949 or email: cashm611@aol.com.



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May 2016

Dear Friends of the Ladies of Charity,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to the Ladies of Charity Generous Hearts and Helping Hands Annual Dinner, which will be on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Jackson Terminal. The theme for this year's gathering is Summer Shenanigans #2, which sounds like fun to me.

While you are enjoying a great dinner with friends and bidding on unique silent auction items, you will also be raising money that will be used to install a much needed elevator in the Blessed Mother Teresa Ladies of Charity building. While you may be thinking, that is about as exciting as buying a new dishwasher . . . the addition of a properly functioning elevator not only makes the entire building accessible to all people, it also will assist in making the daily workings of the many volunteers more streamlined and efficient.

If you are not able to attend the dinner this year, please consider still making a donation for this most worthy endeavor. In the words of Mother Teresa, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Thank you for considering this invitation. Be assured of my prayers for you as we enter into Ordinary Time in the life of the Church. Blessed Mother Teresa, pray for us as we strive to be the hands and heart of Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika
Bishop of Knoxville

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we expand, shift, streamline, and go on vacation, our Thrift Shop & Warehouse **need volunteers!**

Cashier/helper.....Thursday AM, also the PM

Pantry and/or stocking food shelves...scheduler decides

Housewares.....Tuesday; as helper on Mon or Friday

Christmas.....pricing ornaments and small items

Intake....both shifts, take your pick!....Monday or Saturday

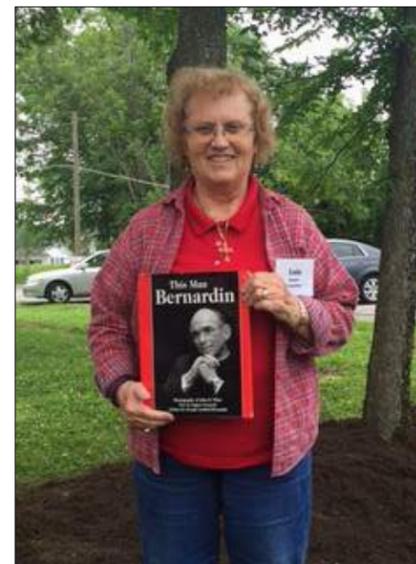
Clothing Vouchers...Tues, Fri—AM or PM; Wed, Thurs.—PM

Clothing Sorting....Tues, Wed--AM; Friday—all day any time

Shifts vary depending on the area. You will be trained when you first come. Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Donahoo will inform that area's chairman of your choice, then the chairman will call you directly. Can't decide?? Call Debbie for the latest needs—865-599-0088, or even a tour of the facility!

THANK YOU

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS



Ladies of Charity's **BOOK LADY Lois Harkenrider** receives every hardcover or paperback book, CD, DVD, VHS and, yes, even cassettes that come into LOC Intake area. Vinyl LP's are popular too! Lois cleans them all before they go in the book sales area. She and husband Jerry belong to Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish where Lois helped organize books in the adult and children church resource library. In 2011, as we moved into Baxter Ave, she & Jerry worked hard to make the move, and graciously accepted positions as the Book Lady & Jerry as the Toy Man. We've come a long way since the one bookshelf in the old shop!! She & Jerry even pick up our weekly Monday Kroger order for the Pantry.

Lois hates to see a book go to waste and sees that LOC donates to YWCA after school programs around the city, Juvenile Court, RCIA's, an overseas mission, a local Methodist Church's 5-10 year old programs, and teachers. Of course, she recycles old & torn books and keeps the free cart stocked for children waiting in the client area! The Alexian Brothers at Alexian Village on Signal Mountain made a big book donation to us, knowing we are "in the business" of very affordable, gently used books.

Lois is so thankful that she and Jerry got involved. All the volunteers "are encouraging and lovely and such a joy to work with." **THANK YOU**, Lois, for being one of us and for you & Jerry coming to every project, meeting, & fundraiser. Your sales are awesome too!
