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President’s Message

Dear Women of St Joseph,

Happy Easter to you all! The Lord is truly risen. He is risen indeed! The resurrection of Christ is the center of our faith, as Saint Paul says: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:14). By His passion, death and resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death and opened for us eternal life with God. So let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

As you know the installation of Officers for 2017-2018 is around the corner—June 6, 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your love and support and for serving our Parish Community together with me over the past months. My sincere gratitude to the Executive Board and Committee Members for being such as dedicated and valuable service; because of them, we have Women of St Joseph.

With that being said, I want to remind you that our Parliamentarian; Sherry Dunn has sent out an email to ask your volunteers and to inform us that we are going to have a nomination for the Executive Board’s position on April 18, 2017, and the election on May 16, 2017. Each position is one year term. I highly encourage you to join in to build a new team of Executive Board and forming a Committee Members for 2017-2018.

Sincerely,

Kim Nguyen
WOSJ President
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!

April 18, 2017  
Tuesday  
| Board Meeting | 6:00 pm | Church Hall  
| General Meeting | 7:00 pm | Church Hall  

Catholic Charities Transforming Lives Tour  
Nomination of Officers for 2017-2018

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Election of Officers 2017-2018

Welcome New Member
A big warm welcome to our new members: Sabeh Linda and Dos Remedios Cynthia. May this ministry and its congregation offer you the opportunity to grow spiritually.

Helping Hands
Dear St. Joseph Sisters, we are a fun group of ladies. Do not let a transportation problem stop you from attending our meetings or events. If you need a ride, please call me at 510-683-3816 or 510-304-1938, and I will see what I can do.

Women of St. Joseph Polo Shirts are still $15
Good news! WOSJ polo shirts will continue at the sale price of $15 for the remainder of this membership year, through June 20, 2017. Our polo shirts are a sign of unity and can be worn to any function where WOSJ gather as a group such as the senior luncheon in January, the Easter Vigil reception next April, and to the monthly meetings. Available sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. Contact Nancy Dorighi at ndorighi@comcast.net or 510-657-7543.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in dire need of prayer shawls or lap blankets. If anyone can donate one, it would be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, we knit or crochet or quilt a shawl, for women, or a lap blanket, for men and women. While we are making them, we pray for healing for the people they are intended. Then, when complete, I take them to a priest and ask that the priest prays for the intended person and bless the blanket.

If you have one completed, or are in the process of making one and would like to donate it, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or solodmom@aol.com. We currently do not have any shawls or lap blankets in our possession.
Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 15th
The WOSJ have been asked to help St Joseph Parish with Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, 2017; from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

We need volunteers to assist with the setup and clean up. We also need help with baking home-made decorated cupcakes, cookies, and brownies. These goodies can be dropped off at the back of the church on April 15th, between 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please contact Judy Huckabay at 510-226-0717 or email at kcuhi@yahoo.com.

Catholic Charities Transforming Lives Tour
Tuesday, April 18th
Join us to learn about the programs of Catholic Charities of the East Bay and how they move youths and families from crisis to stability and prosperity.

You will hear about:
- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homeless prevention through housing and utility support
- An update on “Claire’s House, home for trafficked minors
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

This meeting is open to the Parish. Your friends are welcome. Please contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net for more information.

Horn Blower Cruises Planning
Help us set a date for our upcoming Women’s Club Saturday Brunch cruise on the San Francisco Horn Blower! Dates available for July: July 15, 22 and 29, 2017.

The women’s club will enjoy an unlimited champagne brunch with views of the San Francisco Bay. Tickets will be purchased from Costco for $70/person; a 30% discount off of the rack rate.

Adrienne needs to contact Horn Blower to reserve our table(s) by April 15, 2017. Please reply to let her know at your earliest convenience at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net; if you are joining us and your preferred date(s).
Lenten Day of Renewal Retreat
Father Ken Laverone, OFM was the speaker this year. He was a good speaker, and we had a large turnout at the retreat. After lunch, some went for the Stations of the Cross, some went to visit the gift shop, some went to visit the garden, and then all went to Mass and received ashes. It seemed that everyone enjoyed the Lenten Retreat and felt peaceful afterward.

Swap Meet and Earth Day Craft
Over 20 members participated bringing their unused item for the GREAT Re-use Swap. Everyone went home with a new item, and some up to five. Goods left behind were packaged up and donated to St Vincent de Paul, Fremont. Job well-done ladies!

A few members made their way over to the Earth Crafts table to make folded butterflies out of used calendars and art books. This fun activity was a re-use craft. With the official Earth Day worldwide celebration on April 22nd. Let’s remember to take care of what God has created and given us by using the three R’s: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and also that Earth Day is Every Day!

Lenten Soup Night
Our Lenten Meatless Soups were delicious! Everyone enjoyed the variety of homemade soups prepared by WOSJ’s members. I want to say thank you to those who provided such delightful soups, and assisted with the setup and clean up.

Also, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to Judy Huckabay, our hospitality coordinator, for her enthusiasm and willingness to serve our group and the Parish Community.

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Springtime Is More Beautiful

Springtime is more beautiful  
Each time that she appears;  
In her gown of many colors  
Her loveliness endears.  
She only stays for a little while,  
Too soon she must depart;  
Her flower-filled days are numbered  
Though much beauty they impart.  
Springtime spins her magic  
And splendor beyond compare;  
I thank God for His springtime gifts  
Every time I say a prayer.

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