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President's Message

Ladies,

We got a few weeks of beautiful days, and now we have the heat waves of Fall. For those of you that have been with WOSJ for many years, Eleanor Chesterman passed away last week. I only met her once at the Christmas Tea that was held at Sherry Dunn's house. I understand she was 94.

I got fire insurance, a flu shot, returned my library books from March and visited the dentist. I noticed a Fremont School bus picking up children this morning. Children are using a hybrid model, based on their last names, for who goes to in-person instruction and who learns on-line. The students are such experts with remote learning. Like the children, we need to be flexible, and willing to try new ways of learning, connecting, worshipping and supporting charities.

On October 13, we will have Miriam Keller representing the League of Women Voters and will help us make sense of all the choices we get to make when we vote. I've attended every one of her presentations. I encourage all of you to vote. I believe our vote makes a difference.

I need someone to give us some ideas of what we can do for Christmas season. It could be something for Charity, a gift exchange, a cookie exchange, an on-line theater production, or something. Any ideas? Just because you have an idea, doesn't mean you have to do all the work. I'll help you find people to help.

Sunday, November 1, Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back.

Blessing to all.

Judy Huckabay

WOSJ President



***Eleanor Chesterman**, was WOSJ's President in 199 and was also Hospitality Chairperson from 2007 - 2015.*

Eleanor was such a beautiful, kind, and caring person who ALWAYS had a smile on her face. She loved our group and our get-togethers every month and was always willing to help with our various projects.

Eleanor was very strong in her faith and attended church every Sunday. She was a great lady that I was very pleased to know.

Eleanor was 94 and passed away on the 7th anniversary of the death of her sweet granddaughter, Kristina Chesterman. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

On behalf of WOSJ, our Condolences to Patricia Picard and the family. We are truly sorry for your loss. May God grant you the strength and give you the peace that you seek. KimNguyen (WOSJ's president 2016, 2017)

*****NOTE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL CHAIR**

Prayer shawls are available they have been laundered and sealed in plastic bags so they are safe from COVID. Please let me know if you need one at phair_math@yahoo.com.

You may also request prayers for your loved ones at that email. May God bless and keep you,

*Donna Phair
Spiritual Chair*

The intention for October is expanding the role of the laity, especially that women may participate more in areas of responsibility.

We are all finding life a challenge in these COVID times.

*Lord God,
you are attentive to the voice of our pleading.
Let us find in your Son
comfort in our sadness,
certainty in our doubt,
and courage to live through this hour.
Make our faith strong
through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*



BABY SHOWER

They say “A picture is worth a thousand words” - Adrienne and I have not wrapped up the project yet, but we thank you all for your generosity. You can see here some of the items donated over the past two weeks - and these are only the things at Lauri’s house! Michael Cobb will be picking everything up next week and we will have more to tell you after that. *Lauri Kaefer*

AUTUMNAL SOLAR ILLUMINATION October 4th 5:45 pm

Three years ago, WOSJ hosted this special event in Old Mission San Jose. If you missed it or would like to see it again from the comfort of your home, read on. You are invited to witness a unique and captivating illumination of the main altar near sunset on October 4th.

A perfectly aligned shaft of light will enter from the rear window of the Mission Church and transverse the full length of the church, showering the gilded tabernacle in dazzling light. This event will be live-streamed and preceded by an engaging lecture along with organ music by Music Director, Ron McKean!

Dr. Ruben Mendoza of California State University Monterey Bay will speak on the Spanish mission’s centuries-old hidden secrets of astronomy and indigenous people’s belief in sun worship.

At our own Mission San Jose, the orientation of the original 1809 mission church was designed using solar geometry to associate the autumnal equinox, October 4th, with the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of the Spanish Franciscan missionaries. The reconstructed church was built upon the original foundations and so has perpetuated the phenomenon.

SAVE THE TIME

November 17th - We have a special treat for our November meeting. Franciscan Friar, Father Ignatius DeGroot, will speak on GRATITUDE— a great topic for Thanksgiving time.

Father has presided at Mass at St. Joseph a few times in years past. He is also the one who, together with Sister Mary Virginia, introduced us to our first sister parish—Santa Maria del Camino in Guatemala when he was pastor there. An interesting tidbit: He was born in Holland, the tenth of 16 children (12 boys and 4 girls). He now lives at St. Elizabeth parish in Oakland.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in October*

Kathleen Hall	Oct 8	Diane Leys	Oct 12
Mary Eve	Oct 15	Nancy Margherita	Oct 21
Pamela Randolph	Oct 23	Dianne Martin-Utic	Oct 31
Lauri Kaefer	Oct 31		