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REMINDERS

February 2020

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"Beg God to grant us a genuine spirit of mercy which is the spiritual characteristic of God."

St. Vincent de Paul

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

February 2020
3 - St. Joseph Wauk
10 - St. Dominic
17 - St. John Vianney
24 - St. Mary Wauk

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

Please note it is very important that eight (8) volunteers are present each Monday evening at 5:00 PM. If you do not have enough conference members to serve, please seek additional volunteers through your parish.

February 8

Ozanam Orientation

Waukesha Council Office

Registration 8:15

Session starts 8:30am and concludes 1:30pm

Register [Here](#)

February 12

Poverty Seminar

Waukesha Council Office

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Seminar is full!

February 15

Day of Retreat

St. Dominic Church

RSVP by February 5 to Andy Orgovan at ajorgovan@hotmail.com

ALL are welcome. See attached flyer for details

February 18

Best Practices

Waukesha Council Office

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Topic to be announced

February 19

Community Voice for Change

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

February 23

A Concert To Shelter

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha

3:00 pm

The Association of Waukesha Congregations invites you to A Concert To Shelter to benefit the winter shelter for the homeless. Admission is free but donations would be greatly appreciated. See attached flyer for details.

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

501c3 and 990 Conference Filing

GREAT NEWS: We have received verbal confirmation that our Group Ruling has been approved, BUT we have yet to receive the paperwork or the Council's new Group Ruling number. We are still in wait.

It is asked that you continue to hold off on filing your 990 a bit longer. If the new Group Ruling number has not been received in the first few days of February, 2020 we will inform you to file using the National's Group

Ruling number. All St. Vincent de Paul conferences will then be uniform. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM THE COUNCIL. ALL OFFICERS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO PROCEED.

Holy Mass and Blessing of the Mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

If you missed the beautiful celebratory Mass and Blessing of the Mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam that took place on January 26, 2020 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, see it in its entirety here: [Holy Mass and Blessing of the Mosaic of Blessed Fredric Ozanam](#)

A Moment with the Bishop Segments (Bishop Don Hying)

Bishop Don Hying of the Madison Diocese hosts a prayerful message to the Catholic Community with a u-tube video entitled, "A Moment with the Bishop" each day. In the 1/28/20 video he talks about the special mass and dedication of the mosaic mentioned above, Vincentians and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a whole.

Take a listen!

[A Moment with the Bishop 1-28-20](#)

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program – Conferences/Volunteers Needed

The Summer Lunch Program has 6 uncovered days consisting of one full week, August 17-21, and the last day of the program, August 31. If you have an interest in taking the full week, a day or two or learn more, contact Julie.

✝ Jail Ministry News

Project Angel Tree

12 families were served by Project Angel Tree with a total of 27 children. St. Jerome Mini-Vinnies also decorated stockings and filled them with candy for the children. Once again, thank you all for your participation.



VOICE OF THE POOR

At the November 2019 meeting's conclusion McIntyre recommended that the Waukesha Voice of the Poor Committee suspend for a time. The 2 members in attendance agreed.

The recommendation was reached through evolution. McIntyre took the lead in March 2019 as a temporary measure until a VOP Chair could be identified. A leader has not surfaced; VOP meeting attendance has significantly decreased; combined with the lack of response to a VOP member survey that was distributed to all members last fall. We received a total of two responses.

These factors displayed that the timing is just not right now for the Waukesha Council to continue in the effort to rejuvenate this committee.

Board members agreed to suspend VOP at the Board meeting on January 24, 2020.

GETTING AHEAD

The new year is an exciting and busy time for the Getting Ahead Program. Along with the updated name, there will be new media and marketing coming your way. But all the key program components you know will be staying the same.

With that in mind, we have workshops beginning in Waukesha next week, in English and Spanish. After that, in the beginning of March, we start a new workshop in the Greater Menomonee Falls area. If you know anyone in the GMF area who would benefit from this program or are interested in serving a meal, please contact our office!

We kicked off Community Voice for Change, with a focus on housing. It is now on the third Wednesday of every month, so please join us Wednesday, February 19th to work to help Waukesha County thrive.

Please let us know if you are interested in learning more or getting involved. We couldn't do it without you!

To refer someone, register for an event, or ask questions, please contact Getting Ahead at ctga@svdpwaukesha.com or 262.547.0654

Thanks for being a part of change!

Your Getting Ahead Team
Jodie Cleary, Gabriella Regall and Carol Maurer



A St. Vincent de Paul program to help individuals and the community in becoming more financially stable.

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Ending Poverty – One person, One neighborhood, One community at a time.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION (NCR) MEETING

North Central Region Meeting (NCR)

June 11 – 13

Milwaukee Marriott West

W231N1600 Corporate Ct., Waukesha

Did you notice? The NCR meeting will be held right in our own back yard! Pencil in these dates now and plan to attend this exciting event. NCR meetings are geared specific to Conferences and all Vincentians. There will be a host of workshops, keynotes, a spirituality retreat and more provided for you!

As one example, did you view Bishop Don Hying's YouTube video noted in an earlier article? Many of you may recall that Bishop Don once was the SVdP Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor. He is remembered and adored by many for his devotion to the Society and its members. Bishop Don will be hosting the Opening Spiritual Retreat with a video presentation called, *Glorifying God Through a Life of Radical Holiness and Hope*. If you do not know Bishop Don, he has a very special gift. In a room of 300 people, you will leave with a sense that he spoke directly to you. You do not want to miss out being a part of this!

The agenda is close to completion. An online website, the agenda, hotel information and a registration link will be launched in February through the National office. Waukesha and Milwaukee members have the luxury of simply driving to the location!

Volunteers!

We will need many volunteers to help during this event! Volunteers will be sought by both Waukesha and Milwaukee Councils. Soon, volunteer job descriptions will be completed and a division of which Council will handle what volunteer positions will be determined. Then the pleas will begin. We hope you are already considering to help out! Why not? You will already be at the meeting, yes? 😊

We really do strive to have a large Waukesha Council presence! Again, pencil in June 11-13 now!

2020 Best of Waukesha Award – Waukesha Store!



Each year, in and around the Waukesha area, the Waukesha Award Program chooses only the best local businesses. We focus on companies that have demonstrated their ability to use various marketing methods to grow their business in spite of difficult economic times. The companies chosen exemplify the best of small business; often leading through customer service and community involvement. For most companies, this recognition is a result of your dedication and efforts as well as the work of others in your organization that have helped build your business. Your team is now a part of an exclusive group of small businesses that have achieved this selection.

We are thrilled to announce **St Vincent De Paul Thrift Store has been selected for the 2020 Best of Waukesha Awards in the category of Thrift Store.** Congratulations to store management, to all of our employees and to all of our dedicated volunteers. You made it happen!

Electronic Voucher Updates

- Looking at a household record, the center section shows the Timeline (all activities entered for the household). At the bottom of the center section is View with a drop-down list of 2 to 7 years (default setting at 2 years). The Thrift Works calendar relates to calendar years, not number of years since the first entry, meaning the view will now only show records for 2019 and 2020. Entries from 2018 (when we began using Thrift Works) will not be displayed unless you change the View setting to 3 years or more. Unfortunately, it does not save that setting so if you feel there might be more records than are shown on your screen, you'll need to change the View setting for every household record you want to look at deeper.
- This was mentioned in the January Reminders, but bears repeating. Under the Dollar Limit is a new field named Qty Limit. LEAVE THIS FIELD BLANK. This was requested by another SVdP Conference/Council but we are finding it problematic when the patron makes their purchases. Do not put any number in the box. Officers, please make your members aware of this field.

Store contact information:

Waukesha: John Erdmann, 262-547-3281, jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com

Oconomowoc: Chandler Papa, 262-569-0761, cpapa@svdpwaukesha.com

Truck Pick-up/Delivery: Leah Forester, 262-569-0763, dispatch@svdpwaukesha.com

Store Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Overflow Shelter Change

The Housing Action Coalition has simplified the process for referring a homeless person/family to the Waukesha Winter Overflow Shelter (WWOS). Please save the attached instructions for your reference.

Free Shipping on Vincentian Materials

The Council has received complaints in the past that the shipping charges for ordering materials from the National Office were cost prohibitive, at time more than doubling the cost of the order. The 1/23/20 edition of the E-Gazette announced that the National Office has negotiated with their freight partners and will be able to offer FREE SHIPPING on all orders that are sent standard-ground. However, if you choose expedited shipping the increased cost will be charged to your order. Items such as the Member Handbook, the Rule, Serving in Hope series and so much more are now available to you with no shipping charges! [Click here](#) to access the Catalog and Materials Order Form.

Lake Country Caring Outreach

Lake Country Caring
PO Box 591
603 Progress Dr
Hartland WI 53029

A note from Tim Hahn, Director, Community Resources to St. Vincent de Paul members. This information is to bring members up to date on what Lake Country Caring provides to our communities and to many communities around us. Hahn also learned much more information about SVdP! The more we know about fellow helping organizations, the better!

“At Lake Country Caring (LCC) we provide new and gently used clothing, personal hygiene and household items, furniture, appliances, etc. free of charge to people in need in Waukesha, Jefferson, Dodge and Washington counties. In addition, we provide referral to community resources offered by social service organizations in local communities. We welcome you to refer to LCC individuals or families you work with who might be in need of the services we offer. See attached an electronic copy of our brochure explaining the services offered by Lake Country Caring. Please feel free to share this brochure with your fellow Vincentians or any families that you are counseling. Should you prefer hard copies of the brochure, please contact me and I would be happy to supply you with some.

LCC is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Providing basic needs to people with financial constraints is the core of our mission. For more information please contact us or visit our website at www.lakecountrycaring.com or our Facebook page.

Thank you Tim Hahn”
hahntmir@gmail.com

La Casa Free Tax Preparation

La Casa de Esperanza is again offering free state and federal tax preparation and filing for low to moderate income families and individuals. Special emphasis is placed on identifying families who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and helping them take advantage of the credit, which often results in \$1,000 or more in refunds. La Casa’s VITA program also provides bilingual, culturally competent tax services for the Hispanic/Latino community. See the attached flyer for contact information.

Conference and Member Questions and Answers (E-Gazette National Newsletter)

Q: Our Conference president second term is ending and no members will step forward to be nominated. How long does an individual who is not currently a member of the Society have to join and become a member, before he or she can be nominated as the only candidate for Conference president?

A: The Rule says only active members of the Society can be officers at any level. An active member must be Catholic, attend meetings on a regular basis, and participate in the works of the Society. The question of how long a person needs to participate in the above in order to be considered active can only be answered by the Conference as a whole. However, there is the consideration of Resolution 93 which the National Council passed in 2011. It requires all new members to attend the Ozanam Orientation. In accordance with Resolution 93, effective 2011 new officers must take the OO before taking office. The Ozanam Orientation must be taken before taking office, for all Council and Conference officers and Spiritual Advisors.

The Society does not want people in place as Vincentian officers who do not know what the Society is about, thus the requirement for Ozanam Orientation training. Also, the Society does not want people in Officer roles who don't understand the way the Society works. It's the reason why we don't recruit simply to get a new president or officers.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Each month questions and answers are chosen for the monthly REMINDERS. The National office has put together the collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! Many inquiries are common throughout the US. This is a link worth saving! [National Office Log and Index of Conference & Member Questions & Answers](#) Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, phudson@svdpsa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

March 2020	April 2020
2 - St. Bruno	6 - St. James, Muk
9 - St. James, MF	13 - St. Jerome
16 - St. Catherine	20 - St. John Neumann
23 - St. Charles	27 - St. Leonard
30 - St. Anthony on the Lake	

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March 4

Summer Lunch Dinner Meeting

Waukesha Council Office
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

March 18

Community Voice for Change

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

March 18

Home Visit Training

Waukesha Council Office
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

March 26 – 28

Midyear National Meeting, St. Louis, MO

April 18

Ozanam Orientation

Milwaukee Council Office
9601 W Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee
Register by calling Natalie Bousquet at 414-462-7837 ext. 101 or email nbousquet@svdpmilw.org

April 22

Community Voice for Change

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

April 23

Special Needs Resource Fair

St. Luke Church, Brookfield – Carpenter Hall
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
See attached flyer for information

April 27

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Council office location
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

All members are invited to attend! Receive updates on current programs, learn about what's going on at the Council level, Programs & Ministries, Stores and business matters. Attending Quarterly Membership Meetings keeps you informed and provides unity and solidarity among all our conferences and members. Plan now to attend!

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

John Quaal, St. Dismas member

P.J. White, St. William member

Nancy Karl, Waukesha Council

Rest in Peace

Harold Hinkens, St. Leonard member for over 50 years and WWII veteran

Joe Hilger, St. Anthony on the Lake long-time member and one of the founders of Waukesha's Jail Ministry

Judith Williams, St. Dismas Jail Ministry Spiritual Advisor