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May 2018

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At the 2018 National Midyear Business Meeting Resolution 156 to revise the Society's Mission Statement was presented. The resolution was approved. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mission Statement is now:

" A network of friends, inspired by the gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Please check Stores Announcements each month for ongoing updates to the Electronic Voucher system

May 2018
7 - St. William
14 - St. Joan of Arc
21 - St. John Vianney
28 - St. James, Men. Falls

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.

May 12

Spiritual Advisor Retreat

St. Anthony on the Lake Parish

W280N2101 Prospect Ave (Hwy SS)

Fellowship Hall – lower level (elevator available)

All Spiritual Advisors should attend. Anyone considering a future role as Spiritual Advisor are also welcome.

To view the flyer, click [HERE](#). Please RSVP to Deacon Mike Finley at 262-547-1977 or mfinley4@wi.rr.com.

May 16

Voice of the Poor Meeting

6:00 pm

Waukesha Council office

New initiative! Join us to learn more.

May 19

Poverty Seminar

1st United Methodist Church, Waukesha. See details in the Coming Together to Get Ahead Section.

May 19

Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

If questions, contact Jason Aide, SVDP Home Delivery Program Coordinator, 262-424-6017

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: **St. Mary, Waukesha**

May 22

Best Practices Session – Topic Conference Guidelines

Council office location

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

The most common topic suggestion from Presidents was discussing Conference Guidelines. If time permits we will discuss use of the Serving In Hope Series at the conference level, specific to the new Home Visit Module VII recently introduced by the National Spirituality Committee.

May 28

Memorial Day

The Council Office and Stores will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council

501c3 Status Changes Ahead

“Beginning October 1, 2018, the Society’s conferences and Councils will no longer be eligible for inclusion in the Society’s Group Ruling with the Internal Revenue Service. What does this mean? Councils are required to independently secure Tax Exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service to continue to be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3).”

The Waukesha District Council Board has determined to follow the recommendation of the National office and file an application to gain its own 501(c)(3) status. We have also been advised to pursue a Group Ruling for the Waukesha District Council. The applications will be filed in succession however, this determination resulted in the application process becoming more complex. An attorney is being sought to guide us with the IRS filing.

Through these application processes, we will gain a better picture of conference requirements. We are aware that the current Conference By-Laws will be amended and there is the possibility of other issues that may need to be addressed as well. All conferences will receive instructions as this process unfolds.

Rebuild ~ Renew ~ Restore Fundraising Campaign

Julie McIntyre and possibly one more member of the Fundraising Campaign Committee will be visiting each conference to discuss the Campaign that launched in late December 2017. This meeting will offer an overview of the campaign, its status and an invite to get involved.

Annual Report Newsletter

All members and donors have or will soon receive, the Annual Report Newsletter. If any of you wish to have additional copies to distribute to potential new members (or donors), please contact Bonnie at the Council office.

Serving in Hope – Module VII – The Home Visit

The module was launched at the mid-year meeting. It will prove to be a great tool for all members of the Society focusing on the Home Visit and the Vincentian Heart; loving with, listening with, advocating with, discerning with and praying with. Does that not describe the Home Visit? Every conference president will receive a copy to share with their Spiritual Advisor and members.

Quarterly Membership Meeting Recap

The quarterly membership meeting was held April 30, 2018. The agenda included special guest, Tom Pelger, North Central Region Vice President who gave an overview of National and Regional happenings and an introduction to the new Serving in Hope Module VII – The Home Visit. Tom also was offered a tour of the store on his visit to Waukesha.

Other topics included updates on our Fundraising Campaign, Programs and Council Announcements; updates on the Stores and Electronic Voucher Program., The recent decision to discontinue providing free bakery turned into a heated discussion and the Stores agreed to readdress the issue. There were also reports from VOP, VROP and CTGA.

28 members representing 17 conferences attended. If you weren’t able to attend the meeting, please allow up to one week for the Minutes of the 4/30/18 Quarterly Membership Meeting to be posted on the website.

Council President Election

Zoltan Eszes, Waukesha District Council President will conclude his 1st term September 30, 2018. District Council Presidents may serve 2 consecutive terms. The nomination process has started and will conclude July 1, 2018.

Place the Waukesha District Council President Election on conference meeting agendas now and prayerfully consider a nominee/candidate for this important role among members in your conference.

Conference President Elections

Records indicate 6 Conference Presidents will conclude their 1st or 2nd term on September 30, 2018. It is time to place the election-nomination process on your conference agenda now. Ideally, the newly elected Conference President shadows the current President for 3 months.

Also, inform the Council office if you will serve a 2nd term. For record keeping purposes, 1st and 2nd term Conference Presidents are asked to complete the Conference President Agreement Form and submit to the Council office. Election materials are posted on the website.

Congratulations to St. Dominic's President Elect, Any Orgovan! Kudos to Belle Flannery and Mike Mischuk for identifying their successor so far in advance.

1 st Term ending Sept 30, 2018	2 nd term ending Sept 30, 2018
St. Dismas	Holy Apostles
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Queen of Apostles
	St. Anthony, Menomonee Falls

Testimonials/Thank You Notes

As you receive comments or notes from your patrons for your prayers, words of hope, and/or assistance with their immediate needs please don't forget to send the Council a copy or transcript of the acknowledgement. Real-life stories relay our mission so much better than any article we can script. We insert these testimonials into appeals to demonstrate to our donors the impact their support has on the lives of those we serve. Keep those cards & letters coming!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores

Electronic Voucher Changes

All changes are made to the Electronic Voucher cheat sheet and posted on the website as soon as they occur.

- No additional items can be added to the APPLIANCE category. Only those listed are part of that select group. If you want to add an item not already listed on the Voucher 'cheat sheet' (example: vacuum) the rule of thumb is if it plugs into the wall, then it belongs in Electronics. If you have doubts, call the store to verify the correct category (262-547-3281) to avoid delays at the register.
- There are no plans to convert Thrift Works to make it compatible with Apple computers. The program would need to be re-coded, making it cost prohibitive. There are a few Window-based tablets on the market for under \$100, such as the Cambio W1013DK and HP Chromebook 11-SMBO. Refurbished or Used laptops/tablets are also low-cost options available on e-Bay and Amazon. If you find one but are not sure it will work with Thrift Works, contact Josh at (262) 547-3281 ext 102. Purchasing a device is a legitimate conference expense if deemed necessary by your conference.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun and help our mission in a new way. Both stores are in need of volunteers. Do you have a favorite area that you'd like to work in? We can accommodate that. Do you have favorite people you'd like to work with? We can arrange that. Bring your family and friends with you to work side by side. Take the first step and contact Rod Colburn at 262-751-9720



Golfers Needed

We now need golfers to sign up for our first annual Golf Outing on Monday, August 20th. Proceeds will go to the Needy Family Fund. The website for sign up is: www.stvincentdepaul.golfgenius.com

Store contact information:

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

COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

[Like on Facebook! Click here!](#)

Workshop Update

We are currently celebrating the completion of our ninth Getting Ahead Workshop. Our graduates spent 16 sessions creating change in their lives and working on pathways to financial self-sufficiency. Our next workshop will begin September 4th, and will be offered in English and Spanish!

1. If you know of a potential workshop participant, please refer them to the program!
2. Becoming a mentor! Be there to encourage the participant as they work on their personal plan and be a bridge to community resources. To begin the mentor process, please attend our next Poverty Seminar!
3. Sign up to provide a meal for the workshop!

To get involved or for more information, please contact Jodie Cleary, CTGA Program Manager. Jodie can be reached at 262-547-0654 or jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com.

Poverty Seminar

Our next poverty seminar is being hosted by First United Methodist Church on Saturday May 19th 8am-1pm. The address 121 Wisconsin Ave in Waukesha. As always, the event is free but pre-registration is required. Through video presentation and discussion, you will consider new ways to view poverty. This is great information for new and seasoned Vincentians.

To register, click here [Register Now](#). Also, if you or your parish are interested in being the host for a poverty seminar, please reach out to Jodie!



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

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program

The program will run June 11 – August 31, 2018, all of the days of the kids summer break. (Except 4th of July) A Summer Lunch meeting was held on March 6, 2018 and it was brought to our attention that **we are in need of volunteers to serve a lunch on July 23, 24, 25 and 27th**. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Julie or Bonnie. Note: St. Jerome Mini Vinnies will be serving the lunch on July 26! Thank you!

Back-to-School

The operational part of the program will be held at St. William gym August 6 – August 17, 2018. The Arrowhead High School Football team members are eager to participate again this year and now consider it an annual project.

This announcement is also out early so you can arrange for your School Supply Donation Drive. We rely heavily on donated new school supplies. Please discuss holding a parish drive now. Parish calendars and busy summer schedules fill quickly!

Please note that the Council must order and purchase items where donations lack. If we get a lot of support gathering school supply items this greatly reduces our cost. Please alert the Council office if you will be hosting a school supply drive. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday

Choose your date now! The SVDP Sunday calendar is filling up fast! To schedule your conference weekend, contact Larry Oberbruner, Truck Scheduling Coordinator, at 262-569-0763 or loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com.

Note: If you are scheduled on one of these dates, no worries! The store has 2 trucks available and you will be sharing the same weekend with another conference!

DATES AVAILABLE	
April: 6-8 / 13-15 / 20-22	July: All Weekends Open
May: 11-13 / 18-20 / 25-27	Aug: All Weekends Open
June: All Weekends Open	Sept: 7- 9 / 14-16 / 28-30
	Oct: 19-21 / 26-28



Voice of the Poor

Marian Lamoureux has agreed to serve as interim chair of Waukesha's Voice of the Poor Committee. Blessings to you Marian!

The VOP Committee will be focusing on Catholic Social Teachings and teaming up with VROP on the issue of Compassionate Release. See the article published in the Milwaukee Journal on 4-22-18 on this topic: <https://projects.jsonline.com/news/2018/4/18/release-programs-for-sick-elderly-prisoners-could-save-millions.html>

VOP- VoterVoice Sign-up (This takes less than 2 minutes!)

As VROP and Partner, VOP ramped up activities, the VoterVoice tool will become an important method of communication.

What is VoterVoice? Do you remember Capwiz? **VoterVoice** now replaces Capwiz and is the Society's online tool that you can use to send advocacy messages to legislators (federal, and in some cases state representatives) to voice your support or concern for certain legislative bills.

Organizers from St. Vincent also use VoterVoice to inform us of issues that require our attention and VoterVoice is used to provide us with sample letters to send to our representatives. We are asked to add stories of the people we serve in our letters to help our legislators know how real people are being impacted by current laws and proposed legislation. While we never share the identities of the people we serve, we do share how they are impacted by current policy if we can help improve the laws that effect their well-being.

Sign up now and don't be left behind. Signing up is quick & easy:

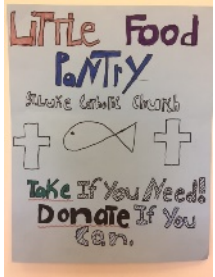
1. Click on the link or cut & paste it into your browser of choice: <https://votervoice.net/SVDPUSA/home>
2. Scroll to the "Quick Sign Up" box at the bottom of the page

3. Enter your email address & zip code
4. Click the arrow on the right side of the zip code
5. Complete your sign up.

Yes, it is that easy to stay informed & be heard. Sign up now!

CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE

From St. Luke Mini Vinnies



You may recall an article in the May 2017 Reminders regarding the St. Luke Mini Vinnies "Little Food Pantry". The Mini Vinnies repurposed an unused newspaper dispenser into a little food pantry and placed it outside the Waukesha store. Usage has turned out greater than expected and has put a strain on St. Luke's own pantry. They are reaching out to other conferences and parishes to see if volunteers, possibly youth, would like to join their efforts to keep the box filled. Currently, the Mini-Vinnie families take two-week rotations, refilling the LFP three times a week to meet the needs of those who have enjoyed its contents. If interested in becoming a part of this well-used food resource, contact Marian Lamoureux at marianlamoureux@gmail.com.

We will post questions, concerns and best practices in this section from Conferences who would like to share or request input from other Conferences. Send your responses to Bonnie at bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com, or to put you in contact with the person inquiring. Responses will be posted the following month.

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

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

Q: We have a member who checks the public/police acknowledgements of people who are arrested for crimes in our service area, most notably, drug possession. From this information he checks the files for clients we have served and uses their public infractions to disqualify them per our resolutions. I have some members who believe this is wrong and I cannot find any SVdP policy in the Rule that covers this scenario one way or another.

A: The Rule, Part I, Article 1.4 states: *The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions.* Our efforts in the Society are to find ways of helping people – not to find ways of turning people away. We are to seek to find the face of Christ (not the devil) in the poor. It is inappropriate for members to do background checks on those who come to us for help. The same holds true for checking public notices or crime lists. There should never be an attempt to serve only the "deserving poor" – they don't exist. The member that you refer to should be told to stop checking the lists. Also, your Conference should have no resolutions that support this activity.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Similarly, each month questions and answers are chosen to publicize in the monthly REMINDERS because the question was asked at the Waukesha Council office.

The National office has put together the entire stream of all Conference and Member Questions & Answers since this practice started! This will be a great tool for conferences. 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@svdpusa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

June 2018
4 - St. Mary, Waukesha
11 - St. Leonard
18 - St. James, Mukwonago
25 - St. Luke

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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June 12

Achieving the Mission

This training is part of our Vincentian Pathway formation series. The session takes the Home Visit Training one step further by looking at ways to enhance the Vincentian–Patron relationship.

June 16

Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: *St. Holy Apostles*

June 21 – 23

North Central Region Meeting

Kahler Grand Hotel

Rochester, MN

The District Council of Rochester Minnesota is currently preparing for the 2018 North Central Regional meeting in Rochester, MN. The registration fee for attending the district meeting is a legitimate conference expense, however this would not include other associated costs such as hotel or food during the event. To view the daily agenda (Full Description of Event) and register, click here. <https://npotogether.org/ncr2018/>

August 20

Par for the Poor Golf Outing

Western Lakes Golf Club

For event details or to register, click [HERE](#)

PETITIONS

Prayers for the continued health of all Vincentians, their families and patrons.