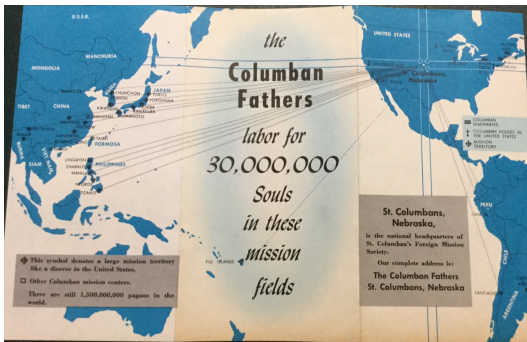




Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

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CHARITIES



A Word of Thanks

At this year's National Convention, we begin the 70th year since the LAAOH National Office of Missions was organized at the suggestion of our founder, Bishop Edward J. Galvin.

Almost seven decades have passed, and the LAAOH is now the LAOH. The National Office of Missions has become the National Office of Missions and Charities.

One thing has not changed: the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians commitment to supporting our efforts to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Thank you, Lady Hibernians, for all you do for mission and charity. Be assured of our prayers for all your members. May Saint Brigid, "who often left Kildare in her chariot to do the work of the Lord in distant parts," bless all your endeavors.

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HIGHLIGHT OF the recent National President's Dinner in Danvers, Massachusetts, was the presentation of a check for \$10,000 to Tomas Cardinal O'Flaich for the library development fund of St. Patrick's Seminary in Maynooth, Ireland. Turning over the funds are National President John P. Connolly and National Ladies Auxiliary President Sarah E. Murphy. The gift was raised through the generous giving of Hibernian divisions, and boards, and members across the United States and Canada.

At the Baltimore Convention in 1935, Fr. Edward Galvin addressed the delegation about the Columban Missionaries. Fr. Galvin requested financial support for the Missionaries to assist in this important work. The Delegation passed the following resolution: "We recommend that the suggestion of our National Chaplain, Bishop Griffin, that our National President appoint a National Chairman of Missions to direct this work within our ranks, be adopted. It would be understood, however, that such National Chairman of Missions work under the direction of the National President and the National Board." National President Anna Bryant appointed Past National President Mary McWhorter to serve as the first Chair of Missions. At this Convention, the Columban Missionary Order was established as the principal charity of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Columban Fathers continue to be the primary charity and the Columban Sisters were added in 2006. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians have donated more than one million dollars since the adoption of the Columbans as our primary charity.

Charitable donations and corporal works of mercy have been the trademarks of our Order. During our long history, we have made financial donations for many causes including a Fund for Catholic Chaplains of the Armed Forces, the Irish College in Rome, Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, All Hallows' Seminary and victims of many natural disasters. Many churches have also benefitted from donations of vestments, mass items and church Windows from individual members and local divisions.

Auxiliary Breaks Records

Membership totals 685,733, as \$2,268,967 is raised for Cancer Aid and Research, \$5,398,770 given to Rehabilitation, 3,000,000 hours donated to Hospital, VAVS Program. Celebrities honored at Convention for service to others.

An all-time high in attendance was set by the more than 4500 Ladies Auxiliary members who took part in the 70th National Convention at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans this year.

During the convention, which concluded Florence Taylor's term as National President, members were recognized for outstanding program achievements such as the recruitment of 17,400 new members to bring the total membership to 685,733, as well as for raising \$2,268,967 for the Cancer Aid and Research Program, donating more than 3 million hours in the Hospital and VAVS Program and contributing \$5,398,770 to the Rehabilitation Program and numerous other accomplishments.

Honored were three student scholarship winners, all residents of Pennsylvania. Outstanding Junior Girl of the year is Myra Miller of Barnesboro, who was presented with a \$1,500 scholarship. Paul Schmalz, of Millford, won \$1,000 as first place winner of the Young American Patriotic Art Competition. Melissa Ann Houghton, of Sunbury, this year's Voice of Democracy winner, earned a \$14,000 scholarship from the VCA and Auxiliary.

Sister Maria Veronica was presented with the Living Heroine Award and \$500 for her 12 years of volunteer service in developing the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial Exhibit at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. A retired teacher, she has gathered as much information as possible on all 344 recipients of the medal.

Fr. Edward Krentz was presented with \$5,000 for cancer research at Tulane University and actor Denis Cole received \$5,000 on behalf of the American Cancer Society (ACS) to be used for educational materials. Cole, who has starred in five television series, is best known for his role as Lance Preston on "The Young and the Restless." He strongly advocates ACS's anti-smoking campaign.

Cole also received the Auxiliary's American Spirit Award for his dedication to the fight against cancer. He told members that his work for ACS began as a result of the loss of a dear friend who was like a second father to him. He expressed hope that through the Auxiliary's work and ACS's efforts a cure for cancer would be found soon.

Sister Mary and Andrea Lindley, appearing together for the first time since their filming of "Three's Company" and the "Sisters," were honored by the Auxiliary. Bill received \$1,000 for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the American Patriot Award for his volunteer efforts and visit to the Armed Forces overseas.

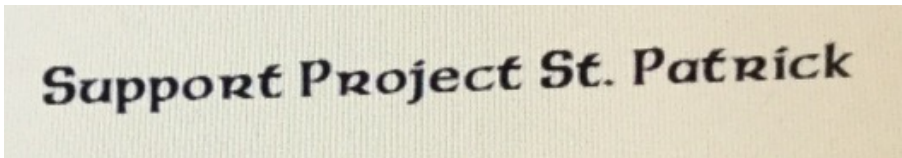
Lindley received \$1,000 for the Cr. Help, Inc., drug abuse program and the Serve America Award for her work with that program, cerebral palsy and the Betanina Pignaterra Foundation. Members also welcomed Gen. Cheng Wei-yun, chairman of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen of the Republic of China; H.C. Yen, President of the VAVS Engineering Agency; and Gen. Chong Hwan Kim, president of the Korean Veterans Association. Celia Hahn, of the Department of Defense, Buddy Poppy Girl Nicole Striegel and representatives of the VFW National Home also were welcomed by the members.

Convention finale was the election and installation of the 1983-84 National Officers. Halting the membership behind her theme, We Care, America, is newly elected National President Harriet Timmons, of Hugs, Colo.

Other line officers elected include: Sr. Vice President Glenneta Vogelberg, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Jr. Vice President Lucie Sechins, of Houston, Texas; Secretary Treasurer Glenn Grossman, of Kansas City, Mo.; Chaplain Rosemary Maier of East Brunswick, N.J.; Conductress Joan Karkus, of Vauda, Alaska; and Guard Mona Longley, of Lexington, Neb.

Newly elected Auxiliary National President Harriet Timmons.

Sister Maria Veronica receives the Auxiliary's Living Heroine Award for her work on behalf of the Medal of Honor Exhibit at Freedoms Foundation.



A joint program of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to assist in religious vocations is Project St. Patrick. This program was started to provide financial support to Seminarians, Religious men and women during their formation. This project was established to continue the vision of St. Patrick "to bring the Gospel and the Eucharist to all people."



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