

Lady Hibernian Herald

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - Irish · Catholic · American

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President's letter

FALL

Fall is a busy season for us as Hibernians. We are coming back to our monthly Division Meetings. Hopefully reenergized from the recent National Convention. I know that I am. Fall is a busy time attending the Annual Hibernian Lecture at Notre Dame. It was great to be back on the campus and hear how our donations are assisting students. I am proud that Ellen Lavelle, a member from Cleveland is benefitting from our scholarship.

The first weekend in October, I was honored to represent the LAOH at a Reception and Dinner for the new Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason. Driving to DC, I saw that some of the leaves were changing color. Reflecting on the colors, I thought of our membership and how the brilliant colors represented, how together the LAOH paints a beautiful picture of service to their communities. The changing of the colors demonstrates how beautiful our world is and with the leaves falling give back to nature.

Unfortunately, during fall, we also witness the wrath of nature with hurricanes. Hurricane Ian was devastating to those in its path. As devastating as nature was, we also witnessed the goodness of humanity. Neighbors helping one another and strangers helping one another. Throughout our history, we have always assisted those in need. Today is no different. The LAOH is establishing a Hibernian Humanitarian Fund to demonstrate our

Catholic Faith in Action. Donations to this Fund should be made payable to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and in the memo state Hibernian Humanitarian Fund and mail to Catholic Action Officer Kathleen Diulus 117 Summit Dr Sewickley, PA 15143



LAOH President Marilyn Madigan (L) with Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nasin,

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Next deadline December 15th

Hello Ladies,

I want to first start by thanking Cathy Turck for all her hard work serving in this role for the past two years. I am already in awe of the generosity of the membership. I am currently looking to host an informational/refresher Zoom call with all State Mission and Charities Officers. Be on the lookout. The updated Missions Donations Form is on the Missions and Charities page on Ladiesaoh.com. I have also added a How to Guide for Mass Stipends/Cards Please; make sure you are sending your donations through my office. My mailing address to send your donation checks is 4350 Regency Ridge Ct. #204 Cincinnati, OH 45248. Please feel free to email me at laohnationalmissions@gmail.com.

Natalie Peterinelli



Spirit of St. Brigid Project

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians participated in the Spirit of St. Brigid project at the LAOH national convention in Pittsburgh PA. The chosen charities were the Center for Victims in Pittsburgh PA which is a domestic violence shelter and the Red Door Charity which helps domestic violence victims and provides lunches to the homeless. The LAOH was very charitable with over \$3400.00 to the Red Door and many donations of towels and needed things for the Center for Victims.

Thank You to all the Charity sponsors, as usual the LAOH is very generous.



LAOH Members attending the Spirit of St Brigid service project in Pittsburgh

Treasurers Get Ready!!

Ladies, as summer winds down and we move into cooler weather, the last thing you want to think about is the end of year reports. I know. I hear you. I am responsible for getting these reports ready to send out to all of you and I can hear you groaning from here. LOL.

With a little preparation, these reports will not be that difficult. If you maintained a good check book register, balanced your bank accounts monthly, and kept copies of your monthly bank statements, you should be ahead of the game.

Join me for a Treasurers' Zoom meeting on October 12th at 7pm EST. We can begin to discuss the end of year financial reports, categories on this year's report, deadlines, and tips to make this process as painless as possible. Even if you do not plan to stay on as your Division treasurer after 2022, you will still play a key role in completing the 2022 report. I have sent the Zoom link to all the State Treasurers to share with County and Division Treasurers. If you have not received the link from your State Treasurer, please email me and I'll send it to you. laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com Hope to see you all on the Zoom meeting.

Happy Samhain!!

Cathy Turck, LAOH National Treasurer

Welcome Reception for Irish Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason

I was honored to represent the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians at the Welcome Reception and Dinner on Saturday October 1 at the National Press Club in Washington DC. Our Order was well represented with members from DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Siobhan Dennehy represented the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, New York.

I had the privilege to present Gifts to the Ambassador. Our first gift was a candle with a quote about strong Irish women and how the candle in the window is a sign of friendship and welcome. I then presented 125th Anniversary Bracelet, coin and our History Book. I thanked her for the support that we have received from the Emigrant Support Program. Speaking with her in regard to the Embracing Our Heritage Program, I introduced the possibility of her participation with International Women's Day for the LAOH. She is very receptive. I also spoke with Orla Keane, Deputy Chief of Missions. I look forward to building a stronger relationship between the LAOH and the Irish Embassy building on the work of our Sisters in the area surrounding our Nation's Capital.

A special thank you to Keith Carney and Hill Irish for hosting this Special event. It was great reconnecting with AOH Brothers and LAOH Sisters from the Tri-State area of DC, Maryland, and Virginia. I would like to especially thank Gail Dapolito for her friendship and hospitality of opening her home for me that weekend. We truly are a Sisterhood living our Motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. As we gathered to welcome our new Ambassador, we also were concerned about our Sisters and Brothers in the path of the Hurricane.

Please support the Hibernian Humanitarian Fund to assist as needed.

Marilyn Madigan, LAOH National President



Irish Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason and Gail Dipolito



Irish Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason and Marilyn Madigan



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Irish Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason and Marilyn Madigan

Thank you for your help!

Brianna M. Curran, LAOH National Webmaster



Freedom For All Ireland - Dolores Desch

Sisters, our FFAI National Committee has met to plan out the next few months. The annual Christmas Appeal is underway, and we are asking that all Divisions, Counties, States work on ways to raise funds for FFAI and raise awareness as well. The report from the FFAI Trip is in PDF format on our site: <https://ladiesaoh.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Freedom-For-All-Ireland-Hibernian-Tour-2022-1-1-1.pdf>. I will be sending out a notice to all State FFAI Chairs, State Presidents and all who have signed up for my mailing list to provide a more detailed update on FFAI. Please remember that all donations should be mailed directly to me from the entity making the donation. My address is 20 Arlene Ave, Albany, NY 12203.

Next spring marks the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. Our committee has developed a commemorative pin which will be available soon. We are also working on a project with RFJ to promote women who contributed to peace, whether in the north of Ireland or elsewhere. Too often women are written out of the history books; we are working to add them back in.

Currently, there is a court case that is scheduled to begin in Belfast this month regarding Soldier F who is charged with 2 counts of murder and 5 counts of attempted murder on Bloody Sunday. This case has been dragging for years and families are hopeful that this time there will be an actual trial where they will get justice.



Hello Sisters,

Please email laohnationalwebmaster@gmail.com with the following information:

Contact Information

If your Division or State is not listed on the National Website, <https://ladiesaoh.com/state-contacts/>, then please provide the following information if available: Division's Namesake, website, generic email address (no personal email addresses will be posted on the website), and social media pages such as Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Newsletter

If your Division or State shares a newsletter and you would like to post it on the National, please submit a copy and provide your Namesake, County, State, and time period for the newsletter.

Division Photos

Please share the fun you are having as an organization! Please note the photos cannot have any alcoholic beverages. We do not want to perpetuate a negative stereotype about the Irish. No captions are required.

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The tide seems to be changing when it comes to discussion on Irish Unity. Fallout from Brexit, a majority Catholic population in the North for the first time and the big event in Dublin held by Irelands Future on October 1 have helped swing the momentum towards a border poll. Discussion is key and the Irelands Future team have been doing just that. Stay tuned and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LAOHFFAI32>



State News

Texas

National LAOH Scrapbook Contest winner

I am so excited that our division has won the Scrapbook contest! My interest in scrapbooking started with a chance encounter. I was in a craft store looking for gifts for children who had evacuated to our city after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. As a Girl Scout leader we were working on a project for the refugee children. My mom had just died, and I was grief stricken. I passed by a room filled with ladies who were working on projects, and I learned they were scrapbooking. I had just found some cherished mementos from my mom. After speaking to the teacher about that she invited me to join her group. This was the beginning of a lifetime hobby! I joined the “crop” which met weekly where I learned techniques and enjoyed exchanging stories with the other ladies. It was like a modern-day quilting bee. And so, I created a book honoring my mother whose life began in Ballinasloe, County Galway. My mother immigrated to America and arrived on the Queen Mary on July 4th, 1950. Included in this book is a souvenir from her trip and a page in which I ask her what it is like in heaven. So, I will never forget what her Irish brogue sounds like, there is a button to push on the page to hear her voice. Although I shed many tears, making this book was therapeutic as it helped me get the grieving process. And It’s fun to be creative.

When our division, Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland Division 1 in Austin Texas, was formed, I was happy to volunteer to make our scrapbook. I also discovered

a joy for making paper flowers and make a golden rose for each new member. I started a Facebook page, Philomena’s Flowers, not to sell, but to display my creations.

But this year it was almost the scrapbook that never happened. I notified the membership that I wouldn’t be able to finish it after medical problems arose. I spent a month caring for my sister in an out-of-town hospital. Then when she got well, I fractured my foot on a walk. I was unable to go up the stairs to my craft room where all my scrapbooking supplies and machines are located. But fortunately, my foot healed enough to enable me to resume work and finish it. We have a wonderful active division with many activities to include. I’m thankful to all the sisters whose participation in so many events made this book possible and to our officers who represented us so well at the convention.

Ann (Philomena) Soule



Ann Soule holding her scrapbook



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Sample pages from the winning scrapbook

Marie O'Shaughnessy's granddaughter, Savannah, 13, won 1st place in Slip Jig in Vermont Maple Feis. She won 2nd place in the Prizewinner category for the Treble Jig. Her great great grandfather Gilbert Ryan O'Shaughnessy, was President of the AOH in San Antonio, Texas in the early 1900's. He was from County Clare and loved to Irish dance. Savannah's great grandfather, Michael Emmett O'Shaughnessy, formed and was President of the first AOH in Austin, Texas, named for his father, in the 1980's. Savannah's grandmother, Marie O'Shaughnessy-Martin formed and was President of the first and second LAOH Divisions in Austin, Texas in the 1980's and 90's. She attends St. Leo's in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She plays soccer, basketball, and participates in school musicals and talent shows.



Three of our Texas Golden Rose sisters attended the National Convention in Pittsburg and returned elated, energized, and committed to the values and mission of the national LAOH. Our President, Amanda Bacque, our Missions and Charities officer, Kathie Bacque, and our Freedom for all Ireland Officer, Connie Buscha represented Texas at the convention. All three expressed their excitement at meeting so many wonderful women. They all expressed feeling better connected to the national organization and its traditions. Their enthusiasm is infectious and will inspire our division to grow and contribute both locally and nationally. We hope that more members in our division will attend the next national convention in Florida!

The Texas Golden Rose Division is so grateful to have received \$1,000.00 from the national convention to present to our local charity, St. Louise House. Kathie Bacque, Missions and Charities, and Bridget Cresto, VP and Financial Secretary presented the check to St. Louise House. \$1,000.00 goes a long way for the women and children who are served at SLH! Our Recording Secretary, Ann Soule was honored to have won the scrapbook competition at the convention! Her scrapbook is better described as a work of art, and in addition to being beautiful will be a lasting history of our division's activities. Members, Bridget Cresto and Marie O'Shaughnessy-Martin, celebrated Ann's victory with a luncheon with her and several of her close neighborhood friends who have been supporters of our annual St. Brigid's Day tea party fundraiser for St. Louise House.

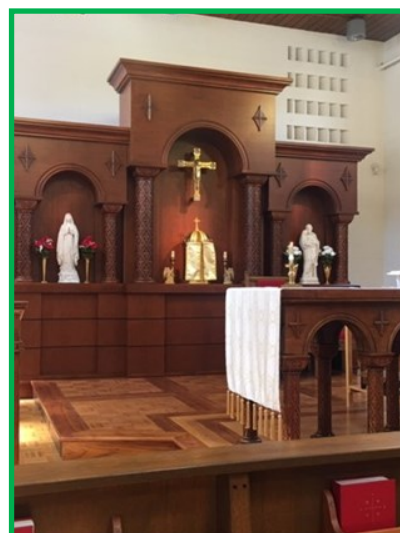
Our Golden Rose family is expanding! Two of our members, Kristin Maloney and Shana Joyce have recently delivered healthy babies! Kiristen delivered a healthy baby girl and Shana delivered a healthy baby boy. Both ladies have husbands in the AOH. We will enjoy watching them grow and thrive.



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Texas state president, Amanda Bacque attending the National Convention



Celebrating Mass at the Simon Brute Seminary Chapel



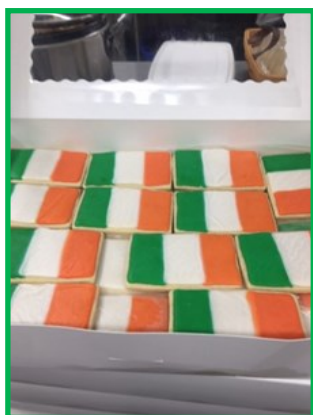
Kathie Bacque, Missions and Charities, and Bridget Cresto, VP presented the check to St. Louise House



Community Service activities from July 2022

Indiana

Our Lady of Knock, Division 1, Marion County celebrated mass to kick off their Summer Social 2022



The Indiana LAOH had a wonderful time at the LAOH National Convention in Pittsburgh.

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LOUISIANA

Members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Margaret Haughery Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, and their guests met on Saturday, August 27, 2022, for a Celebration in Honor of Our Lady of Knock.

Everyone enjoyed a 3-course lunch at a local restaurant followed by Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Rev. Msgr. Ken Hedrick. LAOH members, Gerrie Martinez and Merle Guerin, did the readings and Member Marie McKay read the Prayers of the Faithful. Music was provided by our guest Cantor, Michael Chandler, who also did an awesome acapella rendition of Lady of Knock.

Fellowship was the order of the day with all in attendance socializing and visiting after being unable to do so for so long because of all the COVID restrictions. Our thanks to God for things being back to a new normal.



LAOH members and guests

Maryland

Supporting Joseph House for the Homeless, LAOH Worcester County division held an event at the Knights of Columbus Hall for Joseph House for homeless men in the Salisbury area. Our division collected new clothing, underwear, belts. Less worn shoes and items that the nuns had requested. This will become an annual event. Serving our community through God, his love and kindness.



Items collected for Joseph House

Thank you from the Bernie House:

I am incredibly thankful to be a recipient of the National 2022 Appeals for Aid Award. The \$4,838.62 will be used to purchase exterior cameras, including the installation of cameras, the annual security service fee, and the annual wireless fee (required for camera use) for both properties. The support from the National LAOH makes a huge difference so that our residents will not live in fear and can feel safe.

One of the many goals of The Bernie House program is to provide a safe genuine family environment for up to two years which allows the families the necessary time to heal and build confidence as they start their transition to independence. Another is to provide ongoing services for survivors and prepare them for the next step - stability and success in permanent housing. It is a key steppingstone for our residents to secure a job, go to school, become economically stable and achieve a safe and healthy return to their community.

Your generosity helps us to provide all of this and will unlock the door to unlimited possibilities for our families for generations to come. Victims come into our program survivors, while in our program they become thrivers, and when they leave, they are conquerors equipped with the education and skills to be economically stable. Families are living a safe and healthy life filled with hope because of you and the National LAOH.

One of my favorite songs is, a quote; “And they’ll know we are Christians by our Love”

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We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love..

The LAOH is living proof, that others will know the love of God through your actions and I am very proud to be a member of the LAOH.

Florida

Anna Healey, member of St Theresa's Division 1 Hernando County celebrated her 93rd Birthday at a recent meeting. Anna hails from Quin County Clare Ireland and is a devoted Clare Lady who often visits her family in Ireland. Anna has been a proud Hibernian for 52 years.



Anna Healey celebrating her 93rd birthday



Kentucky

Congratulations to Our Lady of Knock, Boone County, Division I, Kentucky on their 30th Anniversary of Our Lady of Knock Division.



Members of our Lady of Knock Division- 2022



Our Lady of Knock Division 10th Anniversary Photo - 2002

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Mother Catherine McAuley Division Recognizes
Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock with a Mass and
Celebration August 21, 2022



Our Lady of Knock Division, Boone Co., Kentucky: Maureen T. Meyers

Mother Catherine McAuley Division Members, Junior Division
Members and Fr. Gary Padgett (Chaplain) Jefferson Co.,
Kentucky

Missouri

In Memoriam

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Kentucky State Board remembers two LAOH sisters who passed in September 2022. Geraldine “Gerri” Moriarity and Maureen T. Meyers will both be fondly remembered for their love of celebrating their Irish heritage and dedication to LAOH. May the perpetual light shine upon them both and their families find peace.



Mother Catherine McAuley Division, Jefferson Co., Kentucky:
Geraldine “Gerri” Moriarity

Jo Ann Curry, 89, Kansas City, MO, passed away peacefully July 16, 2022, at Kansas City Hospice House.

Jo Ann was born October 7, 1932 to Joseph A. and Anna (Ebeck) Schmidt in Kansas City, MO. She was a graduate from South East High School. In 1951 Jo Ann married William L. Curry. Before Bill’s passing, they were married for 43 years. Bill and Jo Ann were parents of two children, William Dennis Curry and Janet (Curry) Woods. Following high school graduation, Jo Ann was employed as an office manager for Youthcraft Coats and Suits and later worked in human resources for Mercantile, The Jones Store. Jo Ann was a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians where she held numerous offices including, at the time of her passing, Missouri State President. She was a long-time and active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, serving as Eucharistic Minister, and Vice-President of the Altar and Rosary Society. She Vice-President of the Auxiliary of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and also served at Bishop Sullivan Center. Jo Ann was a member of the Red Hat Society, multiple book clubs and bunko. Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bill, son, Lieutenant Dennis Curry; two brothers, Larry Schmidt and Richard Schmidt; and grand-nephew, Shaden Samples.

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Michigan

Our Divisions have enjoyed a variety of activities. The Detroit Tiger's Heritage Night was held on September 2nd. Each person was given a Green Detroit Tiger's baseball hat with a shamrock on the side. For each ticket brought through this promotion a donation was made to the United Irish Societies who sponsor the St. Patrick's Day parade, scholarships and support many charities. A mini parade was held around the baseball field led by the AOH Color Guard carrying the American and Irish flags. Many of our LAOH sister also marched. Following the mini parade was the lovely sight of six schools of Irish Dance performing on the field being showcased on the Jumbotron. A Dignitary Line of members of the United Irish Society and representatives of Irish organizations including the LAOH and AOH as well as the Parade Grand Marshall, Peggy Gray of the LAOH McAuley Division and the Parade Queen and Court were brought out on the field and introduced. The American National Anthem was sung beautifully by Grace Crete, a freshman at Mercy High School. The Irish anthem was performed fabulously in Gaelic by Irish musician, Johnny Manning. Playing Irish music on the stadium concourse was the musician's McSpillin, the New Brigade and Gerard Smith. The 1st pitch of the game was given to the UIS with Irish Dance Dad, Rob Peters, the winner of the raffle. Several Irish dancers performed on the dugout roof along with the Tiger's mascot, Paws. The stadium played Irish music many times through the evening. The night ended with a Tiger WIN and a spectacular fireworks display. It was a grand tribute to our Irish Heritage.



Hibernian Ladies enjoying the time at the Tiger game



Johnny Manning playing the Irish National in Gaelic

Bridges beyond Boxing

Agnes Gowdy, Ethel Kennedy Division, and State Freedom for All Ireland wrote the following:

I attended the "Bridges beyond Boxing" event on Sunday, September 4th in Detroit. The official score was 5-5, a draw for the Irish and Americans. Every bout was very close and there was excellent refereeing and judging. Both the Irish and American boys did a wonderful job. There was even a girl's bout! The night was very well attended and everyone was excited and vocal in their support.

I had been asked by Marilyn Madigan, LAOH National President, to welcome the Irish boxers and coaches from the ring. John Carey, who is the force behind "Bridges beyond Boxing" asked if I would present the medals to the girls, an honor for me, and then I could give my short welcome speech. The girl's bout was the ninth, but I still gave my speech. I told the audience who I was and that I was speaking on behalf of the LAOH National President. I said that we, the AOH and LAOH have supported the boxers for many years and I congratulated both the Irish and American boys on a great night of boxing.

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After the American National Anthem one of the Irish coaches, Brendan Lowe sang the, “Irish National Anthem” – “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.” This has become the Irish boxing anthem because the Irish team is split between Catholic and Non-Catholic, and this is sung so as not to insult any of the boys. No flag is carried into the ring for the same reason. This is a group of boys who have fought each other in Ireland and here in America, they stay with each other’s parents and have become good friends. One of the coaches told me how much they appreciate our donations and that the money makes such a difference to them in their fundraising to travel here. I hope that we continue donating and maybe even “up” the dollar amount.



The Macomb County Michigan Intermediate School District Homeless Project helps close to 1,000 homeless students in 21 local districts every year. It was projected that the need would be greater this year. It is important for these students to encounter a seamless educational experience despite their living situation and feel confident as they walk through the doors of school each day armed with the same school supplies as their peers. The MISD requested donations to help in their efforts. The Ethel Kennedy Division in Macomb County took up the cause and dropped off a variety of school supplies hoping they could make a difference in their local community.

The An Gorta Mor Mass was held at the St Joseph Shrine in the Irish Hills of Brooklyn Michigan on Sunday September 18th. Fr. Zachary Mabey was the celebrant. Following the Mass participants processed to the incredible monument site that stands as a reminder of what our ancestors went through during

the years of the Great Hunger in Ireland. The area’s name derives from 1854 when several Irish immigrants who made the great trek to the Midwest and settled in the area, saw that the rolling hills reminded them of their homeland. These early settlers built the main body of the shrine that same year. The Memorial is funded in part by the AOH.



LAOH State Chaplain Father Brendan McCarrick celebrated the Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland on August 21st. He is pictured here with Hibernians from the Ethel Kennedy Division and State Board Members including President Stacey Blair.



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Ohio

Cuyahoga County: LAOH Our Lady of the Rosary August 27, 2022, Hosted a Fundraiser (Shamrocks at Sunset) at the home of Our Sister Collete O'Lynn. It was a Beautiful Night, we had Music by our Sister Mary Agnes Kennedy and Jim Riley, Colette's Husband Tim (AOH Bluestone) Cooked Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.



Our Lady of the Rosary hosted a Beautiful Celebration of Lady Of Knock at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shire, in addition to celebrating Our Lady we also celebrated Our Sister Bonnie McNally's 57th Wedding Anniversary. Also in attendance were Sister Division 11 Deirfiur of Charity, AOH Brothers of Boland Barry and BlueStone.



Summit County #2, division just donated school supplies to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School in Akron, Ohio that has a large population of impoverished and immigrants.



President Cindee Case (L) and Treasurer Rena Large, present Principal Mrs. Wolf gift cards for each teacher and one backpack representing all the school supplies donated

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Congratulations to Ann Jeffers on receiving your Lifetime Membership from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Ann is a past Ohio State President and Division President of the Margaret Judge Division, Summit #1 in Akron, Ohio. Ann has been a member of the LAOH since 1956.

We are so proud of you!

