

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Newsletter



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My Dear Sister's in Christ,

Another busy season is upon us. I love this weather, turn off the heat/air, open the windows and doors and enjoy the gentle breeze. This is paradise!

I'd like to welcome our newest members: Lynne Darrow, Pam LaFleur-Horgen, Alycia Sherman, Mary Jane Barsevick, Mary Kozlowski, Geraldine Lupo and Maryla Sherman. The best way to learn more about LAOH is to get involved; attending the luncheons is a great way to get to know the other members too.

We had a very busy fall/winter with the Baby Shower, Craft Fair, handing out prayer cards to the Veterans and our annual Christmas Flower Sale, and then the first LAOH Tea. All of these events were very successful thanks to the hard work you all did.

Remember, we are sisters, and we are there for each other. The next couple of months will be fun times with some fundraising.

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PREESIDENT'S LETTER - continued

If you have time, try to attend the AOH/LAOH Florida State Board Meeting on April 21 -22, 2023. Friday evening is a hospitality time where you can get to know some of our sisters from other divisions. Saturday is a short joint meeting with the AOH, then we have our own meeting that typically ends around lunch time. You can join the group for a quick lunch, or you can return home. I will be going on Saturday and returning after lunch. We should be on our way home by 3:00pm. These meetings are very informative and if you are new to group, a great way to learn more about what goes on statewide.

Stay tuned for information on our Easter Flower Sale, Day of Reflection with Father McColl, Crowning of Mary and monthly luncheons.

In our Motto,

Charlene

PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Please continue to pray for all our LAOH Sisters and Brothers who are recovering from surgery, illness and the loss of loved ones.

Continued prayers are needed for Rosemary & Rich Riley, Carol Rafferty, Sandi Gautreau, Jennifer & Jeff Glancy, Peggy Riordan and Maureen Lynch.

BIRTHDAY'S

JANUARY

Jeanne Naish
Mary Jane Crawford
Pat Sherman
Lynn Mackley

FEBRUARY

Rosemary Riley
Maryla Sherman
Brigid Guarino
Mary Jane Barsevick
Maureen Finnegan
Peggy Riordan
Helen McClain
Geraldine Lupo

MARCH

Betty Pettersson
Kathleen Larsen
Helen Giancola
Mary Kozlowski
Pamela LaFleur Horgen



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Most sacred Heart of Jesus,
you care for us and provide us
with all that we need.
You shower us with your love and mercy.
You send people into our lives
to help care for us,
especially in time of sickness or pain.

Help us experience your presence
in the midst of the uncertainties of life.
I pray for healing for myself
and for all who suffer
because of illness or advanced age.
I pray especially for my LAOH Sisters.

Strengthen our faith
that we might be filled with hope in you.
Give us patience
that we might accept our own limitations.
Help us know we are not alone,
that you walk with us
each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need.
Heal us in body, soul and spirit
that we may rejoice in your mercy
and come to enjoy the fullness
of your presence in the life to come.

Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

LAOH Mass Intentions for 2023

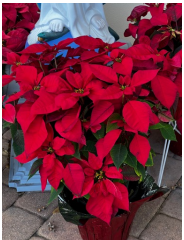
All Masses 8:00am:

March 17, 2023 – St. Patrick's Day

May 8, 2023 – Crowning of Mary

CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE

Thank you, members, for your support and everyone who volunteered and came out and purchased flowers, baked goods and crafts! Members are the reason we are so successful with the annual event! Janet Mecsco and Karen Humphries did an outstanding job! We have corrected issues on square and consolidated reports to hopefully improve customer satisfaction and streamline our processes.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to everyone for bringing wonderful dishes to be shared by all! Everyone had a fun time with our gift exchange game and wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year!



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Thank you, members, for volunteering for Fellowship Sunday, January 8, 2023. We received several applications for new membership and getting our organization recognized by the Parrish.

Next volunteering will be May 7, 2023

LAOH / AOH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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August 7 – 11, 2024 in Orlando at the Rosen Centre

EASTER FLOWER SALE

Easter Flower Sale Pre-Order Pickup

March 24, 2023 / 10:00am – 12:00pm

Easter Flower Sale

March 25 & 26, 2023 before and after all masses

March 26, 2023 – Baked Goods and Crafts to be sold

DAY OF REFLECTION

Day of Reflection is scheduled for March 23, 2023, beginning with the 8:00am mass and ends at 12:00pm. More details at our next meeting.

ELEGANT GARDEN TEA PARTY

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Elegant Garden Tea Party a success!

Liz DiLacqua chair for the Kitchen, wanted to thank our newest member Maryla Sherman for helping with with the TEA! Without her help, I don't think it would have been! – I realized I don't know much about tea! Thank you again Maryla!

Bonnie Doll from the Campaign of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence – Southshore was thrilled with our donation!



IRISH HISTORIAN

Spring has sprung right into our lives and will be bringing EASTER and greenery and flowers and hope and so this Spring Issue might be the right moment to re-live a very heartwarming, uplifting true story that takes us back to the year 1847.

The POTATO FAMINE is raging in Ireland and its people are starving and dying for their main staple -the potato - is rotting in the fields. On our continent the Choctaw Indians were suffering too. - in states such as Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida.- their last remaining home - the Choctaw were being forced to leave.

The law required that the government negotiate removal treaties so in the winter of 1831 under the threat of Army invasion the Choctaw people set out for a 500-mile journey to Oklahoma where they were to be resettled. The journey was made on foot, with some forced to walk in chains and with little to eat. The journey became known as "the trail of tears." Of the 21,000 Choctaw who began the journey half died from malnutrition, exposure and starvation.

Back to the Irish in the famine- the Irish here began relief funds for those in Ireland and one of the most unusual donations came from the Native American Choctaw Indian tribe - they assembled and gathered \$710, In today's money that would be approximately \$5,000.and they forwarded it to the United States Famine Relief Organization. They felt an affinity with the people of Ireland, who like themselves had suffered under a colonial power,

The Irish are not a people to forget such extraordinary kindness and generosity and therefore in 2015 erected a sculpture in County Cork to thank the Choctaw Indians The sculpture shows 9 Eagle Feathers standing 20 feet high to mark the Choctaw's kindness and support to the Irish in that bygone year of 1847.

submitted by T. Wynne, Historian



F.F.A.I. / STATE LAOH IRISH HISTORIAN



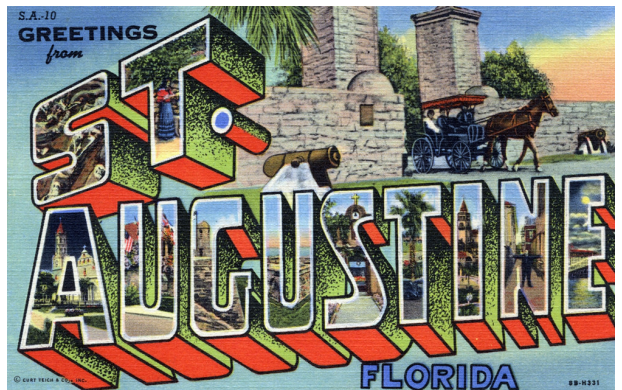
Thanks to all of the generous LAOH sisters who bought tickets for the raffle for this festive Irish themed wreath. We raised \$125 for the Freedom For All Ireland Fund which will be matched by an anonymous donor, so the donation will be \$250🍀! Congratulations to Pat Sherman who drew the winning ticket and special thanks to my sister-in-law, Karen Vahey, owner of Obsessed With Mesh on Etsy, for her kind donation.

Laura L Vahey, FFAI Representative

TRIP TO ST. AUGUSTINE

I'm delighted that our first Florida LAOH trip to St Augustine, FL., on January 19-20, was a resounding success with 19 members from 4 Divisions in attendance. Some of the highlights were: Our stay at the Historic Villa 1565, home of the 600-year-old oak tree, The Old Senator, under whose magnificence and shade we gathered for sisterly conversations and Friendship.

LAOH STATE Road Trip!
January 19 – 20, 2023!



ST. AUGUSTINE TRIP Continued:

We also partook in a fascinating historic tour of Old St. Augustine with Patricia, as our guide from Pineapple Tours. She went out of her way to research the Irish aspects and influences on St. Augustine's history, America's oldest city and arranged for a special meeting with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Leon, France, at the site of the first school founded to teach the freed slaves, by Father Miguel O'Reilly in 1784 who wisely implored upon the **Christian Charity** and educational expertise of the sisters, who selflessly answered his call for help. The Sisters of St. Joseph still live and teach in St. Augustine and throughout the world today.

Later that night, we had a delicious dinner in **Unity** at the Raintree Restaurant where we had the opportunity to converse, dine, laugh and share stories with our fellow female Hibernians.

The trip culminated the next afternoon with tours of the Catholic Basilica of St. Augustine. If you have not yet been to this magnificent Spanish church, you really must see it to really appreciate it in all its glory. We ended our sojourn with a prayer of reflection/thanks led by our Florida State President, Louise Sullivan. Thank you to all that assisted with the planning of the trip and to all the attendees, watch this Newsletter for next year's trip plans!

Slainte! Laura Vahey

ST. AUGUSTINE



MARY'S HELPERS

On March 9th at 1:00 p.m. Mary's Helpers' will have a Lenten Offering event. Tom Cummings will be presenting Reflections on the Shroud of Turin. Tickets are \$10 with the proceeds to benefit St. Gianna's Center. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby of the Conesa Center on February 17, 21, 24 & 28 and March 2, 3, 6 & 7.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

TO THE LAOH:

My name is Bill Dougherty, and I am currently the Grand Knight of Council 7282 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center.

The Knights of Columbus conduct our weekly Fish Fry every Friday during lent. This year we have arranged for Spirit FM 90.5 to cover our fish fry as part of their World Tour that they do every year. Our date for them to cover us live will be March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and we would like to invite you and your LAOH Ministry to join us in a celebration.

I believe this would be a great opportunity for both of our organizations to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, enjoy our Lenten fish fry Event, have Spirit FM broadcasting and speaking with our guests, and giving us a great opportunity for recruiting new members to grow our organizations as well as our Parish.

Ladies, it is important to support other ministries of the parish, as they also support our organization. I hope to see some of you at Mary's Helpers Event and the Fish Fry on March 17th! Wear your Green!

LAOH / AOH STATE MEETING

Next STATE LAOH/AOH Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2022 @ Rosen Centre, Orlando

LAOH NATIONAL IRISH HISTORIAN

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

This webinar will be a cooking demonstration on cooking Shepard's Pie the Irish way.

**When: March 5, 2023 @ 4:00pm Eastern Time
Topic: Irish Heritage Month Presentation-**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0S8FH_RuCS7yJUX2wBuOBtA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

You are invited to join the Political Education Committee April 16-21, 2023, on a trip to the St. Columban Border Mission in El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico.

The St. Columban Border Mission works with many other organizations and churches to advocate for migrants arriving through the Mexican border. The Mission provides a Border Awareness Experience that provides a first-hand look at the experience of migrants and the efforts of religious groups and other organizations to assist. There is more information on the Columban Border Experience at <https://columbanjpe.org/border-awareness-program>

A draft itinerary is included below. Some of the day trips will include helping out at a soup kitchen, visit to a Sisters of Mercy safe home for women, a visit to women & children's health center, a visit to a center for disabled children, a visit to border patrol and a tour/history of the area in El Paso around Sacred Heart Church, the area most affected by migration and a visit to the border fence. There will also be an opportunity to attend a weekday Mass in El Paso, within walking distance to the Mission.

The cost of the trip is \$110/day inclusive of all meals taken at the Mission, transportation, and translator for all day trips. An estimate for meals eaten outside of the Mission is approximately \$12/meal.

All members need to provide their own transportation to El Paso. I will be flying to El Paso and renting a car and can help with transportation from the El Paso airport to the Mission. Sleeping at the Mission is dormitory style. The biggest room sleeps six.

We will be making donations of cash at the various centers and organizations we visit. Travelers should bring cash donations if they would like to contribute. Some of the PEC travelers have received contributions from their divisions to help in this regard.

The PEC plans to make a video of the trip to help educate our LAOH Sisters on migration/immigration through a first-hand experience.

Space is limited and we have 8 slots available. Please notify Gail Dapolito (laohnationalpoliticaledu@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us. All monies should be submitted to Gail by the end of March.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
Gail Dapolito, Chair
LAOH National Political Education Committee

Ash Wednesday - February 22

National Irish Historian Zoom Webinar - March 5

Mary's Helpers Event - March 9

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - March 17

St. Patrick's Parade - Melbourne, FL - March 18

Day of Reflection - March 23

Easter Flower Sale - March 25 & 26

Holy Thursday - April 6

Good Friday - April 7

Easter - April 9

LAOH/AOH State Meeting - April 22, @ Rosen Centre, Orlando

Fellowship Sunday - May 7

Crowning of Mary - May 8 / LAST LAOH Meeting until September

Mother's Day - May 14

Ascension - May 21

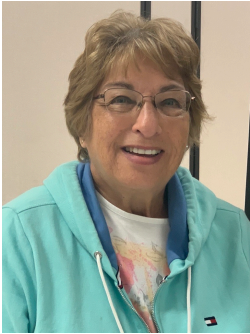
Pentecost - May 28

Memorial Day - May 29



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome our newest members!



Mary Jane Barsevick



Lynne Darrow



Anita Farney



Pamela LaFleur Horgen



Mary Kozolowski



Geraldine Lupo



Maryla Sherman



Alycia Sherman

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