State News -- State Workshop

The Colorado State Board conducted their biennial Workshop at Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Colorado Springs from June 24 - 25, 2022. Prior to the opening of the Workshop, the Past Regents Club of Colorado put on a Social and Luncheon at the FRC. We had 14 past regents from 8 courts, plus the state board members participated. We learned about each other, played games, had prizes and a lot of fun!

The Workshop was opened on Friday with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Carl Wertin from Christ the King Parish in Pueblo. There were several informational presentations, Circle of Love reports and awards and a lot of fun. We ended the day with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and CDA Bingo!!

Saturday was "training day" for all our new officers. Training was changed so everyone got to hear about every office (instead of compartmentalized by office) which was a great success with all the ladies present. We had the pleasure of having our National Rep Susan Mone' with us and we ended the day with a fantastic presentation by Sister Marilyn Uhling about the history of the Mount Saint Frances Retreat Center and all the grounds it encompasses. That evening we had a Movie Night and a Pajama Party!!
Our National Board held its 59th Biennial Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico from July 20-24, 2022. The ladies representing Colorado were: 1st Vice State Regent, Rachel Brown (Alamosa); State Recording Secretary, Sandy Cozad (Security); State Treasurer, Mary Jane Armstrong (Sterling); Immediate Past State Regent, Lucy Gasaway (Cortez); Amy Weaver, Bonnie Valcik and Lori Richards (Security); and Stacia Steele and Karleen Rathmann (Brighton).

This is the first time a national convention was held outside of America's mainland and Puerto Rico's State Board made sure every aspect of the convention had a touch of Puerto Rico. Also, Puerto Rico's 100th Anniversary was celebrated at this Convention. There were tours featuring Puerto Rico available prior to the opening of the Convention as well as tours after the Convention ended.

On the Tuesday prior to the opening of the Convention, the National Board had workshops to provide information about the Circle of Love and how it could be implemented in your local courts. Workshops included Spiritual Enhancement, Leadership, Family, Membership & Court Development, JCDA, Planning Better Meetings and Working Together. Following the workshops, there was a pre-convention program and concert written and directed by Father Willey Pena entitled "Enjoy a Musical Night of Puerto Rico Culture".

If you have never been to a National Installation Mass, it is quite a beautiful event -- hundreds of Catholic Daughters wearing robes and past National Directors and Officers all in white. It makes you so proud to be a Catholic Daughter.

Our newly elected National Officers are:

National Regent, Emily Guilherme (California)
National Regent Elect, Susan Mone' (Arizona)
1st Vice National Regent, Essie Walker (North Carolina)
2nd Vice National Regent, Connie Dronett (Louisiana)
National Secretary/Treasurer, Ivone da Silveira (Puerto Rico)

Our newly elected National Directors include two names I am quite familiar with: Duchess Collins, from Texas, who was my National Director when I was State Regent, and Mary Impellizeri, from New York, who I worked with many years when she was working in the National Office.

Evelyn Irving

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Court Holy Family helps with State Audit - June 16, 2022

Prior to the State's Workshop being held at Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, it was decided to have their annual State Financial Review accomplished before the workshop began. State Treasurer, Mary Jane Armstrong, and State Secretary, Sandy Cozad, contacted both Court Our Lady of Peace in Woodland Park and Court Holy Family in Security to help with the State's audit. It took place at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Security and it went smoothly.

The team from both Courts was:

Lori Richards, Security; Christine Million, Security; Rhonda Bauer, Security; Lorraine Pluemer (Woodland Park); and Evelyn Irving (Woodland Park & Security)