

Our Mission

“Offering women of all ages spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors, volunteerism, and friendship through personal involvement in projects and activities that have a focus on helping women and children in our community.”

Letter from our President

Job 7-10 But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; 8 or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. 9 Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? 10 In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

February brings both Valentine’s Day and our meeting topic of the Cincinnati Zoo. God has blessed the earth with wonderful creatures that teach us things every day. How many people would take their dog’s advice over everyone else’s? We share this place with magnificent creatures and it is fitting to take the time to think about our animal friends and hear the messages God intended for us.

I look forward to having us all together for the February meeting to share stories of faith and love centered around our furry friends!

Carol

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Upcoming Meeting (Feb. 24th)

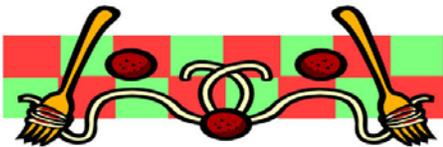
Talk to the Animals

Our February meeting will include a visit from Bob Lessnau (Terri's husband) who is the Director of Animal Operations at the Cincinnati Zoo. Bob will be sharing a little about his journey from the Detroit Zoo, his special project with the Wildlife Conservation Society affiliated with the New York Zoo and give us the inside scoop on our own Cincinnati Zoo and what lies ahead for this wonderful Cincinnati gem. Bob has spent 25 years conducting research projects in the field of primatology in Costa Rica, Panama and Africa, so he is going to have some great stories to share. Join us.

"All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir"

*****Due to President's Day, the Feb. Meeting will be held a week later than normally scheduled- It will be on Feb. 24, 2020.**

Meeting-set up/appetizers - Mary Ellen Sullivan & **looking for a volunteer
Clean-up - Marty Cunningham and Kathy Hosking



Dinner Menu

PASTA BAR

Penne Pasta

Grilled Chicken Bites

Meatballs w/ Marinara

Marinara Sauce on the side,

Also includes:

Alfredo Sauce & Small Bowl of Pesto Sauce

Grilled Seasonal Vegetables

Salad

Pecan Pie w/ Whipped Cream on the side

COST:

\$15.00 (add'l \$5.00 for wine & beer – we now have soft drinks, too)

PLEASE RSVP TO Teddie Curry at Teddie@fuse.net NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Board Members for 2019-20

Carol Turchick, President
Terri Lessnau, Vice President
Nancy Brockhoff, Vice President
Teddie Curry, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Sullivan, Secretary
Liz Glassmeyer, Corresponding Secretary
Suzy Dorward, Advisor to the President
Marty Cunningham, At Large
Pat Evans, At Large
Kathy Hosking, At Large

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Gifts from the Heart

Our January meeting included a brief presentation from the recipients of this year's Pennies from Heaven raffle. Cincinnati Catholic Women distributed \$2000 (\$500 each) to four most worthy organizations in our community. Members got to hear a little more about each organization and learn how our gift will be used. We congratulate the following grant recipients:

Grace Place is a beautiful home located in College Hill that has offered shelter to women and children in the Catholic Worker tradition for nearly two decades. **Grace Place is a part of CAIN (Churches Active in Northside) and partners** with Interfaith Hospitality Network, in a collaborative effort to provide shelter to women and children in transition from homelessness.

Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati's programs are created, managed and delivered by Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati members and are designed to meet the needs of adults and children in our community. They serve public and parochial schools, colleges, hospitals, and women's shelters throughout the Greater Cincinnati area.

St Leo the Great Parish, located in the North Fairmont neighborhood of Greater Cincinnati, has become a haven for a diverse population of refugees, immigrants, and native Cincinnatians. St Leo provides many programs and services for their parishioners as well as the poor and disadvantaged in our city including a food pantry, mattress ministry, English as a Second Language program well as serving their refugee and immigrant populations in many other different ways.

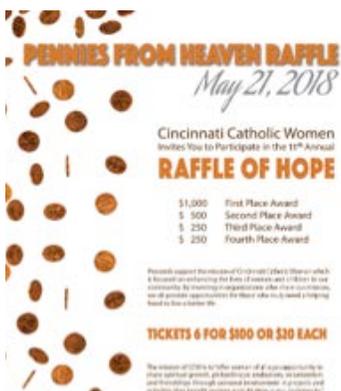
Safe Families, a program through the Coalition of Care based in Cincinnati, is a movement of hospitality and compassion, whereby safe, loving families voluntarily host children for short periods of time, to be a blessing to the birth parents as they work to recover from various levels of crisis or dysfunction. The ultimate goal of Safe Families is the successful reunification of children with their parents.



January Meeting was informative and fun as we heard from some of our Pennies from Heaven Raffle recipients.



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN RAFFLE



Never too early to think about our ONLY FUNDRAISER and start to gather names of potential ticket purchasers. We will be sharing the list of names we have and asking you to add or remove people. PLEASE take time now to look at your personal lists so you can begin to add new people.

We will have an email version of the flyer and the ticket sheet so you can email, but we will mail about 250 letters, too.

WANT TO HELP?

We will be stuffing letters in early March, so if you want to join us, tell Suzy.

Minutes from the January Meeting

CCW General Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020

President Carol Turchick led Grace with a prayer dedicated to service in honor of our recipient charities whose representatives attended tonight.

I. Charities. Vice President Terri Lessnau opened the meeting by introducing three of the charities and their leaders who spoke of each organization's mission.

- **Jenny Navas from Safe Families** spoke of her struggles and her close relationship with God that led her to this faith-based ministry. There are over 100 volunteer host families who welcome children in their home to assist families in crisis. The aim is to build relationships with the parents and to keep those families together. Our funds help pay Jenny's salary since she has to raise 80% of it herself. For more information, go to info@safefamilies.net.
- **Melissa Meyer, Executive Director at CAIN Ministries** informed us that CAIN, Churches Active in Northside, has been in operation for 40 years. They partner with the IHN, the Interfaith Hospitality Network and provide many services, including a food pantry and a shelter where families can keep their pets. Grace Place is a host site that helps women and children navigate past homelessness. In 2018, 58 families were served. Our gift helps maintain the family shelter. To volunteer or gather more information, contact Melissa at director@cainministry.org.
- **Audrey Stehle, President of the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati** informed us they are a 95-member all-volunteer organization offering programs for vulnerable children and adults. The League reaches out to public and parochial school, colleges, hospitals and women's shelters. They also aid foster children who need food, formula and diapers. The location at 1057 Meta Drive in Bond Hill is where all the programming is put together. Our funds will help buy clothing for CPS students through "Operation School Bell." To volunteer or contribute, contact Audrey at algc@fuse.net.

II. Financials. Our overall assets stand at \$354,088.54. Teddie stated our taxes are filed. Our 2020 Pennies from Heaven campaign will need to be weeded of duplicates and new names are needed to grow the list. We also want to host a planned giving event for our members to donate to CCW. Our Christmas gift wrapping event at the Fuel Collective raised \$422.00.

III. House. New kitchen plans are being drawn up that will facilitate our caretakers, renters, caterers and our own storage needs. More information will follow in February.

IV. Special Intentions. Our special intentions were led by Lynne who wants us to keep her parents in our prayers. We also prayed for Tricia who lost a niece. She has a 13-year-old daughter. We prayed for parents who are deployed to the Middle East and for Todd Portune's family.

Adjournment was at 8:40 PM. Debbie Dorward won the evening's Split the Pot.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ellen Sullivan



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday-February 26th

***Lord during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of Life and
make me one with You in love and prayer.***

