



# Court St. Anthony #330

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Winter 2010-2011



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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### Website     [www.cda330.org](http://www.cda330.org)

Special features: volunteer spotlight, newsletters, Woman of Strength Saint of the month, charitable projects, news and events and a fun photo gallery!

### Winter Schedule of Events

Dec 13	Mass:	St. Peter's Church	5:15 pm
	Party:	St. Peter's social hall	6:00 pm
	Dinner Chairs:	Ethel Stageman, Mary Alice Wickham, Judy Lookabill	
	Project:	Christmas dessert-only party (bring a gift for the exchange)	
January 2011	No meeting		
February 2011	No meeting		



**BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!**

Regent Review:  
Sheila Graham



**Saint Monica**

WOMAN OF STRENGTH,  
COURAGE, CONVICTION & MISSION  
PATRON SAINT OF WIVES & MOTHERS  
MOTHER OF ST. AUGUSTINE  
332 - 387

Dear members,  
Recently we honored life on Respect Life Sunday by standing on the main street of town holding signs reminding people of the sanctity of life. This was my first Life Chain, an experience I won't forget. Although the number of people participating was quite small, the message was quite large: Life is Sacred. All life.

Most people who drove by looked over at our signs and received that message whether they believe it or not. Even that small step was important. We never know how people will respond to our messages of love, respect, charity, etc. We only know that we allowed ourselves to be the messengers. The rest we leave in God's hands. Never forget that your life is a message to others. Make it a message of hope. Make it a message from God. Make it your own life's message.

Interestingly, one young woman looked over at me and, straining out of her window, yelled "Get a life!" I thought, "How ironic, that is exactly why I am doing this!"

This Christmas we celebrate the true meaning of the season which is the gift of the life. Of life from God through Jesus Christ. Of life from birth to death. Of life everlasting. Life is hope. Our hope. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season with life in abundance.

In Unity and Charity, Sheila

**Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb**

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Our court supported the Stations of the Cross project at Saint Albert school through the efforts of Boy Scout Matthew Veit. We donated \$500 for station #14 in honor of our blessed Mother. Several members attended the first praying of the Stations of the Cross with Father Dan Kirby presiding.



Birthday Celebrations



Member Marge Mulvihill celebrated her 105th birthday in October!

- DECEMBER
- 18 Eunice Ott
  - 21 Irene Schlautman
  - 27 Carol Hollenbeck



- JANUARY
- 4 Anita Ruffner
  - 5 Dolores Witters
  - 8 Jean Palensky
  - 14 Mary Ellen Michalski
  - 18 Jeanette Bowen
  - 29 Dola Mehsling

- FEBRUARY
- 15 Mary Martin
  - 17 Josephine Goeser
  - 21 Fr. Dan Kirby
  - 25 Charlotte Snook



**Linus Blanket Collection**

At our November 8th meeting, we collected blankets for the children in crisis who the police and firefighters connect with at disturbances in the city.



**Make a Difference Day**



We honored our shut-in members for this October 23rd event. We thank you for your years of service to our court and for continuing the traditions and mission of Catholic Daughters in Council Bluffs.

Many of us donated items for a gift bag that we then delivered to these special ladies. Thank you to those who participated:

- Jeanette Bowen
- Joan Goeser
- Sheila Graham
- Mariann Hilderbrand
- Carol Hollenbeck
- Marcella Lee
- Dola Mehsling
- Elaine Nugent
- Jean Palensky
- Luana Paluka
- Pam Ratigan
- Jan Roth
- Mary Roush
- Linda Spencer
- Rose Spoto
- Sue Thomas
- Mary Alice Wickham
- Dolores Witters



Celebrating 90 years as a court!!!



Dateline: 1920 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A group of women decide to form a Catholic Daughters Court in Council Bluffs. Court St. Anthony #330 was formed with Miss Dela Cain as the first Grand Regent. Under her leadership the court grew to 220 members in three years.

Special projects and events through the years include: Book reviews and lectures given by artists of national fame, Art-Teas for the cultural and financial welfare of the court, patriotic work during WWII, potluck meetings, donation to the construction of Queen of Apostles church, providing items for the Pope's Store-house, and making bandages for leper colonies.

Our court Anniversary Celebration was held October 24, 2010. Our CDA State vice-regent Rose Holschlag and state treasurer Darlene Moritz were our special guests. Thank you to our Past Regents for planning this wonderful celebration for us: Jan Roth, Mariann Hilderbrand, Jeanette Bowen, Elaine Nugent, Irene Friesen, Josephine Garafalo, Yvonne Hanneman, Alice Reiman.

The celebration included honoring 50+ year members of the court:

- EUNICE OTT (74 year member!)
- JOSEPHINE GARAFALO (67 year member)
- ANGELA CASH (59 year member)
- LUANA PALUKA (57 year member)
- ANITA RUFFNER (57 year member)
- MARIE O'NEILL (57 year member)
- DARLENE MORROW (56 year member)
- MARGARET MULVIHILL (56 year member)
- MARY TEDESCO (56 year member)
- HELEN DIXON (55 year member)
- EVELYN SEIDLER (55 year member)
- JOSEPHINE GOESER (53 year member)
- ROSE SPOTO (51 year member)

At the 90th anniversary celebration, four members received their rose of honor for 50+ years as a Catholic Daughter of



Court St. Anthony #330 Council Bluffs, Iowa: Luana Paluka, Angela Cash, Josephine Garafalo, Rose Spoto



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

### Court News and Events

#### **National Education Contest**

One of our education contest entries won first place at the national competition:  
Essay Division III: Brendan Stephany  
Read his essay in full on our website.



### Iowa News and Events

#### **State**

Our state convention will be held in the spring.  
Election of officers will be held at that time.  
If anyone is interested in running for a state office,  
please contact Sheila.

### National News and Events

#### **From the National Clergy Consultant**

The history of the Order fascinates me and assures me that when there is work to be done call on the women of the Church—call on the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They can build houses, restore smiles, support troops, send sewing machines and soccer balls to foreign ports of call, and through local court projects care for the needs of our brothers and sisters at home. May God bless the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

### **Novenas:**

#### **Sacred Heart Novenas:**

Sacred Heart  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Confidence to the Sacred Heart  
Sacred Heart Mediation  
Two Hearts

#### **Marian Novenas:**

Our Lady of Good Remedy  
3 Hail Marys  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Our Lady of Hope  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Immaculate Heart  
For Peace  
Immaculate Conception  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
Our Lady of Pompeii  
Annunciation

#### **Special Novenas:**

Divine Mercy  
Christ the King  
Corpus Christi  
Ascension  
Assumption  
To Our Lord of Transfiguration  
Holy family  
For Pope Benedict XVI  
7 Gifts of the Holy Ghost  
Holy Spirit  
For Priests  
Holy Cross  
For Grace  
For the Souls in Purgatory