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October 2022

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"A charitable word is all that is sometimes necessary to convert and obdurate heart. In like manner one bitter word is capable of afflicting a soul and plunging it into a sadness that may be most injurious."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

October 2022

3 - St. William

10 - St. John Vianney

17 - St. Catherine

24 - St. Dominic

31 - St. Joseph, Wauk

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

It is asked that 5-6 conference members arrive at 4:50 with 4 gallons of milk and 80 desserts. Bars and cookies are best. The commitment is comprised of serving the meal with cleanup afterwards, normally completed by 6:30. Thank you all for your great support of the SVdP Monday meal program. Please contact Peggy Fahl to confirm your assignment and/or if you have any questions. Call or text 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

2023 Meal Program Calendar/Schedule

Contact Peggy Fahl 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com for any calendar changes or special requests regarding serving assignments for the 2023 meal program. The 2023 schedule will be prepared and distributed early November.

October 8

Ozanam Orientation - Waukesha

8:00am – 1:30pm

Council Meeting Room

REGISTER [HERE](#) ON OR BEFORE **OCTOBER 6**

Seating is limited and running out!

Attending the orientation will help you understand the history of the Society, our spiritual journey, and our core ministry-the Home Visit. Attendance of an Ozanam Orientation is one of the requirements of all members wishing to have Active status and for those that have not attended an orientation in 3 years.

October 18

Summer Lunch Wrap-Up Meeting

11:30am – 1:00pm

Council Meeting Room

Note that the time has changed to 11:30am-1:00pm after contacting participating conferences. RSVP to Julie.

October 21

Annual Report Due

October 22

Ozanam Orientation – Milwaukee will host

9:30am – 2:00pm

Register by **October 12**

Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave, Wauwatosa

Milwaukee Council will be presenting an Ozanam Orientation. New members are asked to attend an orientation within the first year of Society membership. Learn history, heritage and home visit basics which will enrich your understanding of your Vincentian call to service. See the attached flyer for registration details.

October 24

Quarterly Membership Meeting

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Council Meeting Room

Please RSVP to Bonnie by **October 21** for room setup

Remember, all members are invited to attend! Receive updates and learn more about what's going on at the Council level, Programs & Ministries, Stores and business matters. Attending Quarterly Membership Meetings keeps you informed and provides unity and solidarity among all our conferences and members. Plan now to attend!

Website

The password to access the Member Info section of our website has been changed. The username remains the same (svdp) and the password has been modified to vincent* (all lowercase). Conference Officers, please make sure your members are aware of this change.

Conference President Election

1st Term NEW Conference Presidents

Dan Doornek, St. James Muk

John Goetter, St. Luke

Anne Konop, St. Mary MF

2ND Term Conference Presidents

Bill James, St. Bruno

Rick Boettner, St. Jerome

Liz Berlyn, St. Leonard

John Graff, St. Mary Waukesha

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Conference President Training

Annually, Conference President Training is provided and scheduled to fit everyone's schedule during the first or second week of November.

Your fellow officers are encouraged and invited to attend as well.

Please watch for an email or survey to find the best date and time to host this training.

Conference President Term Ending 9/30/23

Elections should begin for new Conference Presidents one year in advance. Ideally, the President elect shadows the current Conference President for 6 months before taking office. This means planning ahead. The nominating process and election for the 2023 fiscal year should be placed on Conference calendars now! You'll find useful information on the National website at Governance in a Box:

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/governance/>

2022 Annual Report

September 30 brings the end of the 2022 fiscal year. You'll find the Annual Report attached to these Reminders for your perusal. There are no significant changes but please remember these areas that are often missed:

- Enter whole numbers only.
- Refer to last year's Annual Report to copy the 2021 Ending Balance in the Treasurer's Report section before Receipts. Minor adjustments caused by rounding do not need an explanation.
- Keep rent/housing assistance separate from all other expenses provided to those in need (lines 6, 7)
- Conference insurance is recorded on line 12D. Operating Expense – Other
- Fill in the Subtotal and Total lines in the In Kind Services and Goods section. If there are none to record, enter a zero.
- If you record Hours of Service for Non-Members then you should have a number filled in on the Total Non-Vincentian Volunteers line in the Comparative Membership section.
- The Council realizes the Audit Report takes additional time. Submit the Annual Report, Supplemental Report and Member Change Report as soon as they are completed (no later than 10/21/22). The deadline for the Audit Report is 11/15/22.
- Refer to the Instructions if you have any questions. They are well written and can likely answer your question immediately.
- On the Supplemental Report – please indicate with a N/A or a dash if the question does not pertain to you.

The Conference Annual Report, Audit Report, Supplemental Report and Member Change Form are available on our website at Member Info/Conference Officer Forms/Annual Report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

National Council Annual Disaster Appeal

Last week the National Council launched its National Council Annual Disaster Appeal and it couldn't have come at a better time! As this publication is being written, we are midst hurricane Ian, destroying everything in its path right here in the U.S.

You may have received the Disaster appeal from the National office in your inbox. In the event you did not please click here: <https://ssvpusa.org/disaster-relief/09-29-22-servant-leaders/> You will find a great explanation of the Disaster Relief program, the support it offers and how to donate as a member/individual.

If members determine to make a conference donation, place in the memo field on your check: "Annual Disaster Appeal" and mail to National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc., 66 Progress Parkway, Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043-3706.

Some conferences prefer to send their donations to the Waukesha Council to help track conference donations. The Council then forwards the donation to the National Council accordingly. It is fine to continue that practice if you choose.

Important! As explained in the above servant leader link, disaster donations should not be earmarked for a specific disaster. Disaster funds are used to help all who have been affected by a disaster - even to those that may only get mention or do not even reach the news media. Please refrain from sending a restricted donation.

National President Election

Ralph Middlecamp, National Council President's 2nd term will conclude 9/30/2023. The election process is underway and each conference and its members will play an integral role in this important election.

At the National Assembly Business Meeting in Baltimore on Saturday, September 3, by secret ballot vote, the National Council Members selected [John Berry](#) and [Brian Burgess](#) as the two candidates to stand for election as National Council President. You may not know these two candidates, but they have both served multiple roles within the Society.

What's next? Conference Presidents will receive a packet by mail of election materials (instructions and forms) to present as an agenda item at one of your next conference meetings. Each conference President will cast one ballot reflecting the majority vote of conference members. At the meeting when this election and vote takes place there must be a quorum. All active conference members should make every attempt to attend the meeting when this election/vote is on the agenda to ensure your conference is represented. Waukesha strives for 100% conference participation in this important election.

In advance of your conference meeting, the two candidate's platform presentations were recorded at the National Assembly and made available for all members to view. [Click here](#). Meet the candidates and take a listen to their presentations and prepare to cast your vote at an upcoming Conference meeting for the new Society of St. Vincent de Paul National President.

Stay tuned! Your Conference President will be discussing this election with you soon!

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program Wrap-up Meeting

October 18 - 11:30 am

Participants will offer a summary of their days during the 2022 Summer Lunch Program and continue a discussion that started in the spring of this year. Attendance has dropped dramatically over the last few years due to the many lunch programs now available to kids over the summer months. Those on the front lines of this program will share their thoughts as we examine the future of the program.

SVDP Meal Program

The 2023 Conference Monday night meal program serving schedule will be available in November. Conferences who have certain Mondays for which they are unavailable should contact Peggy Fahl at 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com as soon as possible to confirm their preferences.

Patron Grant Fund

Two individuals were grant recipients of the Patron Grant Fund during the last cycle. Read their stories!

AW moved her family from Milwaukee to Waukesha County for a fresh start. She had always been a hard worker, but did not possess the skills to really get ahead and make a stable life for her family. Her dream was to become a manicurist and to someday own her own nail business. With the help of a Patron Grant, AW successfully completed a nail tech training program, got an offer to work in an established salon, and is on her way to achieving her goals.

OS saw an opportunity to transform his family's financial circumstances. He recognized the shortage of commercial truck drivers and the incredible demand for drivers. With the help of a Patron Grant from the St. Vincent de Paul Waukesha Council Endowment Fund, OS was able to enroll in the driver training program at WCTC, and will soon be eligible for a CDL license. He is looking forward to a stable, well-paying career that will better support his family.

How did they learn about the Patron Grant Fund? They reached out to their local St. Vincent de Paul Conference and received assistance for an entirely different issue. The conferences stayed with them through follow up and along the way, Home Visitor teams recognized their desire to change their situations and introduced the opportunity to apply for a grant. With a little help from the Patron Grant Fund they are both on their way to achieving their goals.

Is there a person/family you served that may be in need of a help to reach their goals? Rehabilitation Treatment, Health Treatment, Job Training, Education? And do consider thinking outside the box! These 4 areas are defined broadly. Do not hesitate to question an individual's possible eligibility to participate in the Patron Grant Program.

Jail Ministry News

Welcome Judene Brown!

Judene joins the team in the Jail Ministry office sharing the position with Linda Pischke and Dawn Walsh. We are blessed! Welcome Judene!

Project Angel Tree

Project Angel Tree is a gift program for the children of Waukesha County jail inmates. Two gifts for each child are purchased valued at \$15-\$20 each. Judene Brown will again be heading this program, along with Dawn Walsh. They are asking every conference who plans to participate contact them with the number of children they would like to sponsor. **Whether you plan on being part of this effort for the first time, or have provided gifts for years, please contact Judene or Dawn by **October 21** to confirm your participation.**

They are also in need of volunteers to help make this project a success. Duties include making telephone calls to verify information provided, sorting, picking up the gifts at the Council Office, and deliver them to the families. The sorting and delivery will be completed the first week of December.

If you would like playing Santa for a day, can you find the time to help Judene and Dawn's merry band of elves? Volunteers do not need to be Vincentians so if you know of someone who might like to become involved, please tell them about Project Angel Tree. You and/or your friend, can contact Judene at judenebrown@yahoo.com or Dawn at dawniwalsh@yahoo.com.

GETTING AHEAD

Happy Fall from the Getting Ahead Team!

We are working on a new Latino Engagement Resource Center that will begin in October, as well as some additional housing support from our Community Voice for Change group. We are also busy training new facilitators and mentors, while supporting our current graduates and investigators.

Another round of workshops will be starting in two weeks, **and we need your help!** As you may know, a big part of our financial stability workshop is to share a meal at the beginning of each evening. We are looking for individuals, conferences, and organizations to sign up to provide those meals. Please click on the following signup link for more information and to choose a night to order or provide a meal for our investigators.

<https://signup.com/go/pSyHXVS>

Thank you for your support!

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Director of Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

2022 Christmas Clearing Council

Conferences may refer their friends in need to the Christmas Clearing Council for assistance over the holidays.

They will find detailed information at: <https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org>

- **Application Deadline: November 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm. Make note!**
- Qualifications: <https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/qualifications>
- Applications are available in English and in Spanish: <https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/application>

2022-2023 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Operating with federal and state funding, the program provides assistance to households across the state to help lower the burden incurred with monthly energy costs. Most types of fuel are eligible to receive assistance. Whether you use wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil to heat your home, energy assistance is available if you qualify. To access the forms needed to apply, [CLICK HERE](#) or call 866-432-8947. For other forms of energy related assistance, go to <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/Energy.aspx>

Conference and Member Questions and Answers (from the E-Gazette National Newsletter)

Q: What is national's official position on having co-presidents within a Conference?

A: The National Council's official stand is that co-presidents in a Conference are not recommended. Too many problems occur with co-presidencies, and it is difficult for Vincentian members and the National Council to

know who to go to for issues and/or concerns that may arise. This is why we have vice-presidents. One president per Conference is sufficient.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. The National office has put together a collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! [Index of Conf & Member Q&A's](#) Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, phudson@svdpusa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

November 2022	December 2022
7 - St. Bruno	5 - St. Jerome
14 - St. Charles	12 - St. Mary, Wauk
21 - St. James, Muk	19 - St. Anthony, Pew
28 - St. Joan of Arc	26 - Day after Christmas

SVDP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

Contact Peggy Fahl before your week for up-to-date information on serving needs. Call/text at 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

December 26 Meal Service

We are once again looking for volunteers to serve at the Meal Program on Monday, 12/26. Individual members, their family and/or friends are more than welcome to help. Contact Peggy if you are interested in filling this need.

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Pray for good health for all Vincentians, their families and for all the people we serve.

Rest in Peace

Cheryl DeCleene, Daughter of Jerry DeCleene, St. Joseph-Big Bend

Fall Season Blessings

