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REMINDERS

January 2023

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"Those whom you serve should feel the efforts of your kindheartedness."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Happy New Year!

| January 2023 |
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| 2 - St. William |
| 9 - St. Teresa of Calcutta |
| 16 - St. John Neumann |
| 23 - St. Luke |
| 30 - St. Joan of Arc |

SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

The number of guests at the Meal Program is increasing. Please note new requirements: It is asked that **6-7** conference members arrive at 4:50 with 4 gallons of milk (**2 white & 2 chocolate**) and **80-100** desserts of any type. 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/text 414-828-6999 or email pegfahl@gmail.com

January

You will find articles and attachments have been repeated from the December Reminders due to their importance and the hectic month that December always is. Please take the time to review all of them to better serve your Friends in Need.

January 23

Quarterly Membership Mtg

6:30pm-8:00pm

Council Meeting Room

All members are invited to attend! Receive updates on current programs, learn about Council happenings, 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! RSVP to Bonnie to ensure adequate handouts and room set-up needs.

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

W-9's – IRS 1099-MISC

Thank you to all Conferences who have been diligent in gathering and sending W-9's and payment tracking spreadsheets to the Council office. Reporting is for the 2022 calendar year, not our fiscal year. Bonnie needs copies of your W-9's and tracking reports no later than **January 6, 2023 (note date change)**. This information needs to be combined and sent to our accountants, who submit 1099-MISC forms to the IRS on our behalf. You'll find a blank W-9 and the tracking form attached to these Reminders, as well as on our website under Conference Officer Forms/Treasurers. The W-9 Master List has been updated and posted on our website.

IRS 990 Filings

All Presidents and Treasurers have received the appropriate 990 filing instructions. Check your inbox. If you did not receive, check your spam folder or give Julie a call. Thank you.

State of Wisconsin Filing (Registration & Reporting)

Twelve out of the 26 conferences will need to register and file an appropriate report with the State of Wisconsin. Conference Presidents will be notified next week who is required to file and who is not required to file with the State. This list is in wait of our attorney's confirmation and her return from the holiday break. Watch your inbox.

Because income varies for each conference, so do reporting forms. Julie will be completing as much information on these forms as possible for each conference. As they are completed, conference Presidents and Treasurers will receive an independent email with instructions.

Also note, registering with the State is required 12 months after Fiscal Year End.

Resolution to Appoint Anne Konop to Board of Directors

All voting members received an email on 12/30/22 with this full resolution and were asked to respond with a vote. Please inform conference members of this appointment. Your vote will reflect the majority of your membership. Votes may be cast in the body of the email. Once you complete, click on 'REPLY' (NOT Reply All). This will be returned to Julie for tracking and record keeping. Please attend to this promptly. Thank you!

SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

National President Election

Mid-December, we received this update on the National President Election from Zoltan Eszes, our Archdiocesan President: *This morning I tallied the votes of the conferences with Robert Hartzheim, witnessed by Mary Martin. John Berry, by a nearly 2:1 margin (53-27) was the winner. That's one official vote for John. Votes from all (arch)dioceses are due later this month. We should know the final results after that. I'm guessing we'll know in very late December or in January.*

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Jail Ministry News

Project Angel Tree

Project Angel Tree had some well-deserved attention by Dorene from WKLH radio. Dorene visited the team while they were working on gathering and sorting gifts. She talked to Tom Pipines-St. Dismas President, Dawn Walsh-one of the project coordinators, and Clare, a Mini-Vinnie elf with the St. Jerome Conference. You can view the podcast at <https://wklh.com/dorenesvdp/>

This year, 55 children received gifts through Project Angel Tree from their parent who was incarcerated! Many thanks to all of the conferences that helped support this wonderful program.

GETTING AHEAD

Please see the Getting Ahead Updates for Winter 2022 attached to these Reminders to learn about all the exciting things that are happening with the Getting Ahead Program!

Wishing you a Happy and Safe New Year from the Getting Ahead Team.

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A St. Vincent de Paul program to help individuals and the community become more financially stable.

Ending Poverty – One person, One neighborhood, One community at a time.

STORES



Electronic Voucher Updates

The Voucher Categories & Values sheet has been updated by the Stores. You'll find values for the majority of items have gone up that will give your patrons a better selection to shop from within the voucher value. While mattress prices have remained the same, the delivery cost has increased to \$40. The revised sheet is attached to these Reminders.

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CONFERENCE RESOURCES

THRIFT WORKS – a resource for you!

All conferences should be using Thrift Works. This is an internal database exclusive to SVdP members to assist in forming a good case history on those you serve. The tool is used to document any assistance provided, not just store Vouchers. And it only takes a few minutes to enter the data. As a result, you can learn how many times someone has been served, by who, what type of assistance was provided, how long ago, etc. This can be very beneficial to you with every help call you receive.

The Thrift Works database is only as accurate as the information entered into the system.

As an example, it was recently learned that a homeless person (with no real address) received help from 4 different conferences over the last 3 weeks. Had the information been entered timely, a simple view of the person's name in Thrift Works would have identified the conferences and the assistance they provided.

The intent of Thrift Works is not for the purpose of making snap decisions on whether to provide assistance. Its purpose is to provide good communication between conferences. In the event other conferences were involved in assisting the same person requesting assistance from your conference, you would know exactly who to call to discuss the situation and learn the case history. You simply become better informed.

If you do not use Thrift Works and need help, full instructions on how to download this app and use the program is posted on our website: www.stvincentwaukesha.org > member info tab > forms & supplies.

Further questions, contact Bonnie. bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com

Overflow Shelter and More

Housing Action Coalition is partnering with Community Advocates to act as the managing partner who will operate the Waukesha Overflow Shelter. The Overflow Shelter is not a walk-in shelter. Homeless people need a referral from one of four organizations: Hebron Housing Services, Family Promise (families with children and single women), Salvation Army (single men) or the Women's Center. Instruct them to call the appropriate organization and if told they are full, they should ask about a referral to the Overflow Shelter.

Hebron Housing Services: **262.549.8720** – Hours are M-F, 8am to 4:30pm

Housing Action Coalition (HAC): **262.326.5322**

Community Advocates: **414.270.4646**

Salvation Army: **262.650.3087**

Jeremy House: **262.549.8735** Safe haven for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness, disability, and chronically homeless. This is also a warming shelter.

Sober Living Home(s) Update

(Update received from Mary Herman, St. William Secretary)

"A.R.E. Homes, LLC (sober living for women) is no longer in business at either the Grandview or Debbie Drive location. I verified this today by speaking with Jacob Jansen; the previous owner. We visited for over 20 minutes. He was able to help 315 women rebuild their lives. The pandemic period is what caused him to make the decision to close these locations and to continue his own long-term recovery by helping others, in another area. He and Douglas Darby are currently state licensed and fully funded to speak at the High Schools in Waukesha County. They are very ambitious young men.

*If you ever get the chance to listen to their testimonials, and what they are doing, their website is **TurningThePageNow.com** He also shared with me (and wanted St. Vincent to know), that on the day of the closing, he got word that the State of Wisconsin pardoned him from his felony conviction. (He served time at Huber.)*

Please keep these two men in your prayers for continued success in their long-term recovery and with using the gifts they were blessed with in helping others."

Happy New Year, Mary Herman, Secretary, St. William Conference

Please note: A list of Sober Housing is attached reflecting this closure.

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

Q: Can a neighbor in need served also become an Active Member of a Conference?

A: A neighbor can indeed become an Active Member of a Conference so long as the requirements for an active member are met: 1) They are Catholic; 2) They attend meetings regularly; 3) They participate in the activities, works, and life of the Conference. All three are important to be an Active Member. If #1 or #2 is missing, they are Associate Members. The Rule, Part III, Statute 3 identifies clearly the membership types. Experience shows that it is best to accept them into membership after their situation stabilizes.

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

| February 2023 | March 2023 |
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| 6 - St. Bruno | 6 - St. James, MF |
| 13 - St. Dominic | 13 - St. Charles |
| 20 - St. Catherine | 20 - St. James, Muk |
| 27 - St. John Vianney | 27 - St. Jerome |

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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

Ozanam Orientation

The date has not been set yet but is looking like it may be scheduled for early March. Make sure to read the February Reminders for information and a registration link.

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Flu season is upon us and we've seen many employees come down sick. Eat well and stay warm to keep yourselves healthy.