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Women of St. Joseph

December 2011



President's Message

Our Shop Night in November was a HUGE success with many, many vendors. Laura Dauzat did an excellent job of getting a great variety of vendors for the event. I certainly did my share of shopping that night!!

Bea Taus hosted our annual Christmas Tea this year and we had a really great turnout. Everyone brought WAY too many goodies and I managed to try almost all of them. YUM! Our donations will be sent to Sister John Marie's Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul this year.

I'm glad to see so many people at the Tea that we don't normally get to see. I hope we can do more events throughout the year at times where more people can attend. Please send me your ideas on events you think we might be interested in attending at solodmom@aol.com

As usual, we have all been bombarded by various organizations asking for money. If you know of a "little known" need--please email it to me. This might be a brother, sister, or uncle who had a fire or a break in or lost their job and is unable to provide for their Christmas.

Our busy time of the year is coming and I pray that you all stay safe. Watch out for the distracted drivers and the ladies carrying mace at the department stores!!

Blessings and Hugs to you all,

Sherry Dunn
President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



Dec. 4 Christmas tea
No meeting this month!

Jan 17 Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
2012 General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall

Topic: Religious Diversity in Fremont (DVD)

Please invite your family and friends

Membership Notes

Those ladies that have not yet paid the June 2011 - June 2012, please send a check to Diana Skokan. The dues still remain at \$20 for the entire year. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call Diana at 408-258-7442. Thank you.

Diana Skokan
WOSJ Membership Chair
408-258-7442 or dskokana1@aol.com



Helping Hands

If you know anyone that would like to attend our meetings and/or events but needs transportation, please contact Liz Hormel (656-8495). She will arrange for one of our members to assist in having the need met. Also, let Liz know of anyone needing help from WOSJ.

Women of St. Joseph polo shirts

Sherry has ordered WOSJ polo shirts, if you would like to purchase one. The prices are according to size: S-XL: \$16.75, 2XL: \$20.01, 3XL: \$23.28, 4XL: \$26.54.



DVD on Fremont's religious diversity

January 17th 7:45 pm

Fremont USA (A City's Encounter with Religious Diversity): This film explores the complex and challenging issues of religious diversity in Fremont, a city transformed by new immigration. Through civic engagement and interfaith action, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, and Buddhists have gone from being strangers to neighbors in this American city. In December 2008, *Fremont, USA* won an Accolade Award. Since *Fremont USA* was released in Dec 2008, it has been shown at high schools, universities, senior centers churches, community centers and interfaith centers.

The film was developed by the Pluralim Project, Harvard University, produced and directed by Rachel Antell and Elinor Pierce, and is approximately 1 hour in length.

Please come join us for this enlightening topic. We encourage you to bring your spouse, friends, and neighbors.

How It Went

WOSJ Christmas Tea

Our annual tea was held at the home of Bea Taus. There were over 35 people in attendance. Everyone brought delicious treats to share. There was so much, we were sent home with plates of food! Thank you for being generous to our two charities. Our members gave \$320 to Sister John Marie's Pantry and \$260 to St. Vincent de Paul. A very special **THANK YOU** goes to Bea for sharing her home with us. It was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

WOSJ Shop night

Shop Night was a smashing success. We had so very many vendors and lots of shoppers. Laura Dauzat did an excellent job of getting a wide variety of vendors with TOO many good things to buy. Thank you Laura! We received over \$300 in donations from the vendors and from those who had coffee and sweets. Thank you to all who participated.





Happy Birthday to those born in December

Miriam Keller	Dec 3	Lucille Ostrofsky	Dec 12
Carol Beck	Dec 5	Regena Dennie	Dec 15

Spiritual Corner

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas season. We begin by making room for the Christ Spirit to be born anew in our own hearts. Jesus set the example for all humankind. He was not born into a world of peace, but rather, He brought his peace to the world.

As God's beloved child, I need not wait for the world around me to be peaceful before opening my heart and giving birth to the peace of God in me. Giving glory to God, I quiet my thoughts. In a moment of silent praise, I am filled with the peaceful Christ Presence. The Prince of Peace finds a home in my own heart. As I abide in deepest peace, heaven is established on earth, and Christ is born in me.

Taken from reading for Sun Dec 4th, 2011 in Daily Word

~ Nancy Newman
Spiritual Chairperson



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Mail to this slip and a check for \$20 payable to "Women of St. Joseph" to:
Diana Skokan 1355 Jacklin Rd. Milpitas, CA 95035
or bring to the next meeting.

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Address _____

City, state, zip _____ Phone _____

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