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Women of St. Joseph

JANUARY 2014



President's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the new year of The Women of St. Joseph! I have so enjoyed the friendships developed throughout the year. It is a delight to participate in the organization and an honor to serve such wonderful women.

We have set up some wonderful speakers for the balance of our fiscal year (through June) and hope you can participate in as many as possible. By all means let me know if you wish to come but need to bring a child or husband. Both are always welcome.

My brother, Joe, said that his New Year resolution is to get down to the weight he claims on his drivers' license!! For me, that would be a big challenge, but one that I am going to work on. How about you?? Any fun resolutions??

Best Wishes To You All For A Happy New Year!!

Sherry Dunn
President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



Jan 21 2014	Board Meeting	6:30pm Church Hall
	General Meeting	7:30pm Church Hall
Topic: Estate Planning Tax Law Changes Dorothea Tiong Gonsalves & Kozachenko		
Feb 18	Board Meeting	6:30pm Church Hall
	General Meeting	7:30pm Church Hall
Speaker: Nancy Curteman, Mystery Writer		

Membership Notes

Those ladies that have not yet paid the June 2013 - June 2014, please send a check to Diana Skokan. The dues still remain at \$20 for the entire year, which is from June 1 to May 31, according to the by-laws.

Financial contribution by joining the WOSJ is valued; to support the WOSJ's various charities, events; even though the member may not be able to actively participate.



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 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.



Senior's Christmas/Holiday Lunch

Friday, Jan 10th 12:00pm

Sister John Marie's Pantry is hosting their annual Christmas luncheon for the seniors of St. Joseph. They have asked us to cook the food. Please contact Sherry Dunn if you are able to help in the kitchen or bring a dessert (510) 471-6224 or solodmom@aol.com.



Estate Planning, Tax Law Changes

Tuesday January 21

The presentation would be on estate planning in light of the changes in the tax law - issues families should consider when evaluating whether an existing estate plan should be updated or in establishing a new estate plan.

A little background on Dorothea: I grew up in Fremont and received my B.A. from U.C. Berkeley in 1998 and J.D. from U.C. Hastings in 2005. I joined Gonsalves & Kozachenko, the largest law firm in Fremont, as an associate attorney in 2006. My practice areas include Trusts & Estates and Family Law. I am a former board member of Legal Assistance for Seniors, a non-profit organization that offers free legal services and education to seniors in Alameda County. I am also a longtime parishioner of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in North Fremont, where I currently serve as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and as part of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, of which I am the immediate past president. I have also served on several other ministries at St. James over the years, including the Pastoral Council, Facilities Committee, and as the Safe Environment Coordinator.



Mystery Writer, Nancy Curteman

Tuesday, February 18

Mystery writer, Nancy Curteman, is the author of the Lysi Weston Mystery series. Curteman loves to travel and sets her mysteries in locations she has visited in various parts the world. "Murder Down Under," is set in Australia. Solstice Publishing has recently released "Murder Casts a Spell" set in South Africa. One of her novels, "Murder In A Teacup," won the California Writers Club Jack London Award. A transplant from Idaho, she now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area where she is working on her fifth Weston novel set in Paris.

Nancy Curteman's latest mystery novel "Murder Casts A Spell" has been nominated as the 2013 most popular mystery by the Preditors and Editors Readers Poll.

How It Went



WOSJ Christmas Tea

The annual Christmas Tea at Nancy Dorighi's home was really beautiful. We had lots of goodies to munch on and great tea. We were able to collect a total of \$685.60 for our annual charity this year, which was Sister Mary Teresa's DVD collection. As a fabulous surprise, Father Jun and his Filipino singers serenaded us with some beautiful Christmas carols and Father Jun gave us a solo. WOW



Happy Birthday to those born in January

Macart Jane	Jan 2	Nickell Karen	Jan 20
Bray Kathy	Jan 6	Brandol Henie	Jan 21
Newman Nancy	Jan 6	Chan Carolee	Jan 22
Mason Vivian	Jan 13	Frederick Sara	Jan 22
Cheung Barbara	Jan 16	De Muri Barbara	Jan 27
Maya Lisa	Jan 20	Maguire Marie	Jan 30
Miller Jo Ann	Jan 20	Rozzano Sara	Jan 31

Spiritual Corner

Treasure

A little act of kindness,
A little gift of grace,
To see Jesus in my brother
With love, his fears erase.

To be gentle with the humble,
To give comfort to the weak,
To serve with joy and gladness,
The poor, the hurting, seek.

Norma Woodridge

From Salesian Inspirational Books

Nancy Newman
Spiritual Chairperson

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