



Upcoming State Convention News

STATE CONVENTION Hilton Garden Inn - Bangor May 13-15, 2011

Theme: Circle of Friends
Hand in Hand
(*Main Dans la Main*)



Plans are in progress. Our "host circles" are working diligently and Friday evening promises to be a "most wonderful" experience for all. Don't miss this opportunity to come together in a spirit of *Unity, Friendship, & Charity* and experience fellowship among sisters. Regents, encourage your members to attend. It's a great way to spark an interest for present and future officers in your circle.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE...

Prizes and awards will be given at the State Convention for the following:

- A Daughter that recruits the most members from July 2009 to April 2011.
- The circle who recruited the most members.
- The circle who participated in a membership drive. (*Let us know what you did for your membership drive on the form provided with the First Call to Convention.*)

There is still time to plan a membership drive. Check the website provided by International for the "power point" workshop on "Recruitment" per the International mailing.

ESSAY CONTEST

Last year the essays received on "What Being A Daughter Means to Me" were very inspiring and heartwarming. This year we thought to follow up along the lines of the theme for the Off-year Workshop held in May of 2010 entitled, "Woman of God – Living in Grace".



The title of the essay for this year is, "***The graces I have received as a result of being a Daughter.***"

Submit a one or two-page typed essay featuring the ways you have been graced by being a member of the Daughters of Isabella. This contest is open to any member. The essays selected will be read at the Convention either by the author of the essay or by someone she has selected. The deadline is March 1st. Please include a cover page with your name, circle number, and town. In order to judge the essays fairly, the committee reviewing these essays will be given a number only and not the cover page.

Prize to be awarded to the winner!

Please submit your essay to:

Beatrice Dostie,
2034 Belgrade Rd.,
Sidney, ME 04330

There are only three things you need to let go of: judging, controlling, and being right. Release these three and you will have the whole mind and twinkly heart of a child.

-Hugh Prather

SCRAPBOOK PAGES

Send us a visual description of the projects you have worked on for each of the following:

- Church
- Community
- Youth
- Circle

Four pages are all you are required to submit along with a description of each page.

These are to be submitted to:

Jackie Dostie-Smith
43 Pam Cor Drive
Sidney, ME 04330

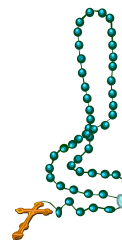
Our Off-Year Workshop

"*Woman of God - "Living in Grace"* hosted by Sacred Heart Circle #551, Bath and Father Remy Circle #508, Brunswick was a great success. Our Main Speaker was Bishop Richard Malone. We also celebrated the State Circle's 80th Anniversary as well as honoring our Chaplains and the Priests in our Diocese.

We held a "memorial service" for all deceased Daughters in the State of Maine. All circles were given a votive candle and a rosary to bring back with them. The Regents were asked to recite the rosary prior to the start of the meeting, inviting Our Blessed Mother to be part of the meeting. It was also suggested that when the Charter is draped for a deceased Daughter that the votive candle be burned.

Many of you have asked for the address of the lady who made the rosaries. Here it is.

Jackie Labbe
449 Summer St.
Madawaska ME 04756





Reminders...

Quarterly reports

It is very important to send in the quarterly reports – for new members and volunteer hours.

Prayer for Youth

December 8th - Pray for the Youth.

Rosary

Recite the rosary before meetings.

Open Meeting

Check International mailing for agenda to conduct an Open Meeting.

D of I History

The D of I History book, *Daughters of Isabella – Our Legacy, Our Future 1897-2007*, is still available. They can be ordered from International Headquarters or from the State Regent. They make great gifts, especially for a long-time member or even a new one!

International Convention 2012

Site of the next International Convention will be in Dearborn, Michigan. Start saving now. This is a great experience. This is where you get to see and be part of some of the decision making.

IMPORTANT!

International and State correspondence MUST be read in its entirety.

Changes to Constitution

Please keep your September letter from International to refer to the changes until the Constitution is reprinted.

D of I Shirts

Polo shirts with the D of I emblem are for sale. They are \$25.00 each and may be ordered from the State Regent.



- ✠ Our Lady of the Rosary Circle #1385, Benedicta, as they discern the fate of their circle.
- ✠ Also keep in your prayers all Daughters who are ill and/or going through a difficult time.

What Are You Doing?



If you hold a fundraiser or do something that benefits the youth, community, or the church, please let the State Regent know so she can share this information with other circles through this newsletter. It could be an incentive for other circles to give it a try.

You may pass this information on to Bea Dostie by calling her, writing, or e-mailing.

Here's what we're looking for:
What are you doing?
Who does it benefit?
Anything that you feel is newsworthy!

This information will be included in the "Local Circles' Corner" in future newsletters.

Gifts that Don't Cost a Cent

THE GIFT OF LISTENING

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you".

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

THE GIFT OF A FAVOR

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

