



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

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DECEMBER 2019 ~ JANUARY 2020

Dear Sisters:

Please note this letter covers both **December 2019 and January 2020**. As we celebrate the joyous season of Advent and look forward to welcoming the New Year 2020 with family and friends, let's pause a moment to remember our YLI sister members who are ill or alone. A simple prayer, a short telephone call, or a greeting sent via mail or email can help make someone's day.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS MEETING:

- A beautiful Remembrance Mass was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church with 2,092 names placed on the altar. Next year's Mass has been scheduled for November 7, 2020. Please mark your calendars for this special mass when we remember all the Golden Jubilee Burse recipients.
- Convention 2020 in Reno, Nevada is scheduled on Monday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Silver Legacy located at Reno, Nevada. For reservations, please call **1-800-687-8733**. Use code **ISYLI20** and let them know you are with the Young Ladies' Grand Institute. The Convention Program Committee is also planning something new....A FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES session on Sunday, July 12 mid-afternoon. The actual time will be provided in a later date. Please make early arrival travel arrangements if you think you might be interested in attending.
- The 2019 Proceedings from the 116th Grand Institute in Olympia, Washington were distributed to all present.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the quarter ending **December 31, 2019** are due **January 31, 2020** with the quarterly Per Capita Tax of \$3.50 per member, Grand Institute Assessment of \$0.25 per member and Death Assessment of \$1.05 per Beneficial member. The check should be made out to Young Ladies' Grand Institute and two (2) copies of the report sent to this office within 30 days after the end of the quarter.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM: Please see the enclosed information sheet from Chairman Martha Zeyen concerning Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

TRAVEL 2020 – IRELAND: Have you ever seen the green, green grass of Ireland? This is your chance to join YLI on a journey to Ireland from September 20-30, 2020. Highlights include sights from Shannon to Galway to Dingle to Tipperary, and so much to see and do. And yes, there is sure to be a perfect gift at the Waterford Crystal factory. Lastly, the group will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin before flying home. The YLI website has many extra details, along with the booking form. Reservations can be made with a deposit of \$350.00 to Rhonda Kersting, Group Travel Advisor. Sign up right away to reserve your place in line to kiss the Blarney Stone! Don't miss this perfect opportunity.....

YLI WEBSITE: YLI website is continually being revised to provide information of our activities, pictures, forms and documents and the monthly Grand President's letter. Our address is still ylionline.org. Be sure to go to the website often to see what has been added. (Chairman: Debra Ramirez-Cruz).

IT IS WITH SADNESS that I report that Past Grand President Alma Rose passed away on November 18, 2019. Alma was installed as Grand President on June 17, 1961 in Stockton, California. The members of Laurentian No. 70, dressed in blue and carrying silver laurel wreaths, in drill team cadence, went through a series of drills, which were most effective and impressive. Alma presided at the 59th Grand Institute Diamond Jubilee from June 24-27, 1962 at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco, California. To quote one of our sister members, *"Alma has been a significant mentor, role model and icon to many of us. Her love and passion for YLI will never be forgotten, she will be dearly missed."* The Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am on December 14, 2019, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2808 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, CA with a reception following in the parish hall. Condolences for the family may be sent c/o Sr. Jane Heckathorn, 1555 Lakeside Drive #181, Oakland, CA 94612. May she rest in peace and may our Blessed Mother embrace her in her arms.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY LISTS ~ Please make the following changes on your copies of the Presidents/Secretaries lists. Also, I welcome your input regarding any additional changes. Please feel free to email or call with your changes. Thank you.

- 64 St. Catherine ~ The correct spelling for the Recording Secretary is Sheila Banducci and her email should be sheila.banducci@comcast.net
- 70 Laurentian ~ Recording Secretary Susan Pacheco's email should be pachecosusan53@gmail.com
- 79 Patricia ~ Recording Secretary Vicki Arellano's street address should be 18717 Mill Villa Road #314
- 110 Modesto ~ Chris Magana's email should be chrismagana@sbcglobal.net
- 134 Little Flower ~ The correct spelling for the Recording Secretary should be Jacqueline Halverson and the Second Vice President should be Jamie Halverson
- 173 St. Francesca Cabrini ~ Crystal Conner's email is crystalconner581@gmail.com and Janene Biggs' email is missjanene1227@gmail.com
- 216 Queen of the Universe ~ Recording Secretary Linda Bukovi' email should be labukovi@gmail.com
- 255 Our Lady of the Sea ~ The correct spelling for the President should be Kathy Salerno

OFFICIAL VISITS OF GRAND PRESIDENT BARBARA SMITH:

DECEMBER	3	Mater Christi No. 140 ~ Oakdale, CA
	9	San Buenaventura No. 160 ~ Ventura, CA
	10	St. Pius X No. 211 ~ Lakewood-Long Beach, CA
	11	San Joaquin No. 118 ~ Madera, CA
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
	7	Columbia No. 72 ~ Jackson,
	9	Patricia No. 79 ~ Sonora, CA

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- 13** Saratoga No. 197 ~ Saratoga, CA
- 14** St. Alphonsus No. 125 ~ Fairfield, CA
- 18** Joint Visit with Laurentian No. 70 & Mother of Perpetual Help No. 159
- 20** Dolores No. 7 ~ San Francisco, CA
- 27** All Hallows No. 182 ~ San Francisco, CA

- FEBRUARY**
- 3** Our Lady of Bethlehem No. 240 ~ Seaside, CA
 - 5** Corpus Christi No. 188 ~ Fullerton, CA
 - 8** St. Margaret Mary No. 82 ~ Bakersfield, CA
 - 10** Yosemite No. 117 ~ Merced, CA
 - 11** St. Francesca Cabrini No. 173 ~ Rodeo, CA
 - 12** Maureen No. 136 ~ Cupertino, CA
 - 15** St. Francis of Assisi No. 1 ~ San Francisco, CA
 - 18** St. Patrick's No. 223 ~ Hilmar, CA
 - 19** Victory No. 83 ~ Soledad, CA
 - 20** Sacred Heart No. 141 ~ Dixon, CA
 - 24** St. Teresa Benedicta No. 252 ~ Novato, CA

OFFICIAL VISIT OF GRAND 1ST VICE PRESIDENT JEANNETTE BORGES:

- JANUARY 15** St. Sebastian No. 116 ~ Sebastopol, CA

OFFICIAL VISIT OF GRAND 2ND VICE PRESIDENT TERRI WARD:

- February 10** Livermore No. 44 ~ Livermore, CA
- 12** Our Lady of Roses No. 221 ~ Newman, CA

PLEASE NOTE: The YLI Office will be closed for the holidays from December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020. The office will be open the following week during regular hours from 8:30am-3:00pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

May the greatest gift of Christmas bring you the Joy of Faith, the Joy of Peace, the Joy of Happiness and the Miracle of Love!

With Sisterly Love,

*Barbara Smith
Grand President*

*Patricia McGuire
Grand Secretary*

Enclosures:

Grand President's Program Information from Martha Zeyen, Chairman
Officers' List with Addresses #0033, dated 6/1/2018, for Institutes that elect officers in January.