

## **TidBytes – March 2021**

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

### **From Lisa & Kelly**

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### **Des Moines – Sr. Jeanie Hagedorn**

After a long winter, a long year of extremes (pandemic, weather, political rhetoric and divisions, racial injustice, economic gaps and challenges) all of us were ready for some good news. March and the arrival of Spring brought that good news with the COVID-19 vaccines now available and many of us feeling a bit more protected. Warmer temps and more sunshine days are lifting our spirits. Stimulus checks are helping families who struggle with unemployment and finances, and the NCAA basketball tournament gives us a fun break from some of the routine bad news or boring entertainment offered in daily routine. Many CHMS are coaching and/or cheering our favorite teams! (like life we win some, lose some).

Webinars and Zoom meetings continue to occupy time for CHMs as well during this time of self-isolation. The community days of gathering on March 18-19 were well attended and well received by many in Zoomland including a number of CHMs at Bishop Drumm and the Des Moines area. We are grateful for the work of our administration, facilitator Sr. Kate Duval, and staff at both HMC and BD to make those meetings possible for the sisters. Some of us are also watching the Lenten series with Fr. John Dear offered by Ignatian Spirituality Center as well as opportunities presented by other groups e.g. LCWR, Pax Christi, Future Church, OLPR and Emmaus in Des Moines. NETWORK Catholic Social Justice Lobby is also inviting members and especially “Nuns on the Bus” to a virtual Farewell celebration for Sister Simone Campbell on March 24th as she leaves her post as Executive Director after 16 years.

The newsletter “Bishop Drumm Beats” featured our CHM Sister Mary Hilary Veith in their March-April issue. With a beautiful picture of Sister at the prison in 2013, the article begins “Our Sisters all have a history of caring, devotion and commitment to serving others ... [Sister Mary Hilary Veith} had a unique ministry of reaching out to inmates at the Wapello County Jail in Ottumwa, Iowa for over 45 years. She earned the respect of jailers and inmates alike as they called her their ‘Spiritual Director’ and ‘the light in my darkness’ .... Sister is known for having a kind and gentle soul but we all know to have earned these individuals’ respect you have to have many outstanding qualities.” All these years later Sister still hears from some of the inmates whose lives she touched and who continue to treasure her friendship. Congratulations, Sister! We Humilities are proud to call you “sister”!

### **From HMC – S. Mary Rehmann**

CHMs from Iowa and Montana participated in the retreat led by Sr. Margie Klein, SSND, from Mankato, MN. Included were sisters at CHM Center (in the chapel or rooms), Bishop Drumm Retirement Center (with help from Barb Gross, Jennifer Worley, and

CHMs at HMC continue to attend Sunday Mass via ZOOM. Laetare Sunday from Our Lady of Victory included a cantor singing 4 verses of one hymn. How good it will be to sing again, even one verse! Sr. Lillian Stevens had a visit from grandson, Bryan Hatfield, who had flown from Pennsylvania to see her. She hopes to see her granddaughter, Jennifer, while she is in the area. She hopes they will come again when she can show them more of our home as visiting was limited to the pool area.

A video of the opening ceremonies of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles was viewed at one of the Wednesday film screenings. Sr. Claudellen's nephew, Steve Gordon, was one of the more than 70 pianists who played "Rhapsody in Blue" as part of the history of American music featured in the program. He and his wife, both classical pianists, were remembered when they had performed at the Center.

Center residents participated in two days preparing for election of leadership facilitated by Sr. Kate DuVal. Small group responses to two questions will be edited in preparation for meetings in June. The days closed with a prayer service celebrating community patron, St. Joseph, on March 19. Sacristans Srs. Kathleen Henneberry and Rosie Restelli had arranged a display with a large, wood statue of St. Joseph surrounded by plants. The statue was donated by the family of deceased Sr. Simone Wilmes and has a prominent place in the community room.

Residents followed Iowa and West Virginia men's and women's teams in "March Madness" games. As of 3/24/21, Iowa Hawkeye women reached the Sweet 16 and Iowa State women play for a similar slot on this very day. The men were all left behind, to the great sadness especially of the Hawkeye fans.

### **BDRC - S. Micheline Curtis**

- Sisters received their second vaccine shot.
- We continue to have Mass, rosary before Mass, stations after Mass on Friday, latest notice says that we will have Mass on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday services, and Mass on Easter Sunday.
- Mary Routh and her husband continue to keep our bird feeders filled—they have added a suet feeder which both squirrels and birds share. They also come around to windows and also talk at the window on the phone.
- Jennifer and Barb do Care Conferences, shopping and Drs. Appts. And a myriad of other tasks. We miss Pat Rothamel's current events discussion—hope she is back soon.
- There is a rumor that a few outside visitors have been spotted. It is also noted that courtyard tulips and daffodils are showing their green leaves.
- Several sisters enjoyed the zoom retreat as well as the CHM community meetings.
- If I have neglected to mention an item, I apologize.

### **Sister Kathryn O'Meara**

I will have received both Moderna vaccines by 3/24. Covid restrictions remain in place & are followed by a majority, I would say. At least that is what I see when I'm out on errands/ appointments, etc. I've resumed some small group activities such as: scrabble. I continue with on-line programs as well. So, I'm keeping busy.

### **Diana - HMC**

I showed these two movies over the past month: *A River Runs Through It* and Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times*. Sister Lynn has been showing movies to the sisters on alternate weeks.

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