



TidBytes –October 2022

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

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Des Moines – Sr. Jeanie Hagedorn

October found many of us preparing for the Mid-Term Elections by taking advantage of opportunities to be further informed about candidates and the issues. Srs. Cathy Talarico and Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn also used these weeks to learn and share what we can while urging *everyone* to VOTE! Because of the strong influence of extremists across the country, citizens are being warned that THIS is a *critical* election that could very well decide whether or not our democratic system of government will continue! I believe them! PLEASE pray for peaceful honest elections at every level. We need to cast our ballots for candidates and positions that respect and honor the rights of all people especially those whose rights are being threatened. Iowa voters can also choose to oppose a state constitutional amendment that would include dangerous changes involving gun legislation, so please look for that proposal, probably on the back of the ballot. Whatever decisions each of us makes will have consequences for decades to come, so let us pray for wisdom and respect for all.

In addition to political efforts this month the Hagedorn sisters have enjoyed a number of excellent spirituality webinars e.g. a virtual six-week “Pilgrimage to Assisi”. They were able to share in the “International Day of Peace” in

downtown Des Moines sponsored by the DM Faith Committee for Peace. Elaine and Jeanie also appreciated NETWORK’s informative workshops on the elections as well as OLPR’s retreats with Matthew Fox. Interestingly, *all* these events highlighted the opportunity *and* responsibility 21st century Christians have to be prophetic witnesses in today’s divided church and country.

As the colorful Autumn leaves bless us with their beauty and then slowly drift to the ground, the CHMs also found ourselves giving thanks for the beautiful life of another member as we said goodbye to Sr. Joan LeBeau. Associate Barb Gross planned a lovely memorial service for Sr. Joan, and the DM sisters and associates were blessed to share the time with our BD Sisters ~ and to welcome Sr. Marian Smith to DM! As we move into November, we are reminded of our own daily dying experiences that prepare us for the final one. sometimes letting go of good health (e.g. that nasty Covid!), moving to a new home, the death of loved ones. Autumn is a beautiful but bold reminder of the cycle of our lives – even in dying there is beauty because we believe it is in dying we will celebrate new life. Happy All Saints and All Souls Day, everyone!

Humility of Mary Center

Sr. Mary Rehmman

Time for shots: Annual flu shots were offered by public health nurses to sisters and staff, as well as the 3rd COVID booster on succeeding Tuesdays this month. All are glad for the convenience as well as personal health protection. Rumor was that several persons had unpleasant reactions to the booster.

Staff anniversaries were celebrated with a beautiful spread of cheese, crackers and fruit to accompany wine or other beverage before lunch

on October 20. The longest serving winner was, **Kelly Bell**, Administrative Assistant for 35 years and counting. We missed her presence but want her to recuperate fully. Next in line was Housekeeper, **Dorothy Hudson**, at 30 years.

Speaking of winners, Sr. Irene Muñoz brought not one, or two, but three large baskets home, prizes from the drawings at the JAZZ BRUNCH benefit for Humility Homes & Services. Her very first time there! Seasonal items from Isabel Bloom: 3 pumpkins and a décor watering can with faux flowers, + the basket went to **Sr. Rosie Restelli** for chapel and/or dining room decorating. A basket intended for someone expecting a baby with a “happy birthday plate”, bowl, baby sign and hand sanitizer is “looking for a recipient”. **Sr. Irene** kept a bottle of chardonnay, 2 wine glasses and a small, rustic moose dish for herself, with other items “still to be given out”.

Srs. Joann Kuebrich & Dolores Schuh had 90th birthdays this month and requested hot apple cider & donut holes to celebrate. Another shelf will have to be added to the red and purple hat display above the library drawers. **Shelly Seifert** had the good idea to move the “gallery” from her office for public view.

Srs. Justine Denning, Kathleen Henneberry & Mary Rehmann visited the **Ann Franck** exhibit at the “now more accessible” Putnam Museum this month. **Srs. Catherine Linnenkamp & Irene Muñoz** expect to see it before it closes.

Srs. Justine & Kathleen Henneberry brought former resident, **Sr. Judy Herold, SSND**, from St. Louis for a week-long visit. All were so pleased at Sr. Judy’s good health after having been seriously ill soon after she moved. She was hospitalized at Christmas and into the new year.

Residents & staff were happy to welcome family members of **Sr. Joan LeBeau** to the Center for her vigil and funeral liturgy, celebrated by **Father Steve Ebel**. Favorable weather enabled a

good number to attend her last blessing at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Holiday bingos returned with new Halloween cards designed by **RLC Shelly Seifert**. Game leader, **Carole Thomsen**, brought cookies to go with Shelly’s candy apples for players.

Many **HMC residents** received absentee ballots for the mid-term elections. They are paying attention to the debates and interviews on IA Public TV, and information from selected other sources when completing them.

Bishop Drumm Center - Pat Rothamel

New Neighbor at Bishop Drumm

Sister Marian Smith joined us on Tuesday, October 4. Sister Marian lived in her own home in Erie, Illinois and spent short periods of time in the hospital and rehab facilities before coming to Bishop Drumm.

Sister Marian has had to make several adjustments since her arrival, but today she said she feels like she is ‘adjusted.’ She enjoys taking part in the discussions and likes it when the other sisters come to her room for visits.



Happy Birthday, Sister Virginia!



It's not every day you get to celebrate a 99th birthday. Sister Virginia Bartholome turned 99 on October 10.

In anticipation of the big day, her niece, Pat and two nephews Peter and Paul came to party on Friday October 7. The three visitors spent most of the day with Sister Virginia and brought a beautiful birthday cake to share with the entire northeast wing at Bishop Drumm.



Staff Appreciation in Johnston

The CHM staff at Bishop Drumm felt very appreciated on Wednesday, October 19.

The CHM Leadership team: Sister Johanna, Sister Marcia, Sister Lynn Mousel, Sister Mary Bea Snyder and Sister Mary Ann Vogel traveled from Davenport to celebrate with the CHM team at Bishop Drumm: Jennifer Worley, Barb Gross, Pat Rothamel and Kim Hall and Sister Sue Sellers.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch and desserts at the Greenbriar restaurant in Johnston. Sister Marcia decorated the table in a fall motif and the leadership team brought gifts for each of the staff members. Each woman brought their own gifts of stories and the joy of laughter was heard throughout the restaurant.

The BDRC Team

(Pictures not taken on October Appreciation Day.)



Barb Gross, Pat Rothamel, Kim Hall, Jennifer Worley



Sister Sue Sellers