

STATE OF THE CLUB ADDRESS: SLWC 2013-2014

The St. Luke Women's Club (SLWC) mission statement:

"Our mission is to nurture and strengthen the relationships among the full spectrum of women in St. Luke Parish in an effort to better serve both the social and spiritual needs of our parish community, as well as other worthy causes."

Our desire is to build membership by having fun with friends and by developing new friendships with St. Luke Parish women through active participation in a series of events, activities and club initiatives through out the year.

MEMBERSHIP Amended: All women of parish are considered members of the SLWC, everyone will be asked to pay an annual fee to help us off set costs incurred throughout the year.

We would also like to continue to serve the needs of our Parish in the following ways:

- **Create a calendar of wide range of interesting events for the year*
- **Coordinate meals for any SLWC member and family during times of need*
- **Provide an Honor Guard (upon request) at the Funeral Mass celebrated at St Luke for any SLWC member or a member of their immediate family – PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER IF INTERESTED IN HAVING AN HONOR GUARD AT ST. LUKE.*
- **Recognize all women of the parish on Mother's Day (beautiful Mary prayer card passed out at all masses on Mother's Day weekend)*
- **Actively participate in "Coffee on the Plaza" and "Pack the Pews" parish initiatives*
- **Help to facilitate a group creative effort which will enhance our parish, all suggestions and ideas are welcome*
- **In the spirit of giving back, the St Luke Women's Club will present and donate \$100 to 3 different areas - ideally one donation each to St. Luke Religious Ed Program, St. Luke School and St. Luke Parish.*

With that being said, this is what we accomplished with YOUR help:

Events and Initiatives...

FALL:

- We participated in Coffee On the Plaza at Ministry Fair Sunday, September 22, 2013. And coordinated the Anne Smedinghoff Crocus Bulb Sale.
- On, November 1we hosted a terrific kick off event, "Edible Event", with bites to eat from all over the world. Old School provided the food, Angie's Pantry donate the dessert. Awesome raffle, food and bev included

WINTER:

- On Tuesday, December 3rd we hosted an Advent Retreat – Not Just For Children hosted by Christine Ondrla
- On Thursday, December 19, 2013 we celebrated with the Men AND Women of St. Luke at Healy's for a Christmas gathering. Food and beverage were on tab of the clubs, until about 11, then it turned into a cash bar. It was a great time to stop in and wish your friends a Merry Christmas season!
- On January 30, 2103 we had a riot with baker/comedian Bertha. He/she showed us a good time and how to make some delicious pies. We also had samplings of a bunch of her delicious pies
- We supported the Annual St. Luke Dinner Dance by sponsoring an ad.
- In March we had a small but fun group get together at Molly Malone's for an evening of Irish Dancing provided by Maiden Street Dancers. It was a riot – men and women came together to get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day which was right around the corner.
- We helped coordinate and sponsor Fr. Masula's reception for his father.

SPRING:

- During Lent, the SLWC was asked by the Peace and Justice Committee to help sponsor a Simple Supper during one of the Friday nights in Lent after Stations of the Cross. We were happy to help donate food and help with the nice evening.
- In April several volunteers from St. Luke stepped up and helped SLWC member Cynthia Maroon and Misericordia Homes by participating in their fundraiser - Misericordia Candy Days. Once again year they far exceeded their donation goals and couldn't be more thrilled and grateful to their volunteers!
- We also tried to host a "Pack the Pews" honoring our Blessed Mother in May, the night before Mother's Day. This is always a wonderful night devoted to Mother Mary. Well over 100 parishioners enjoy the evening of delicious foods and Marian crafts and treats! With Easter falling so late in the year, many activities fell on the weekend and we needed to cancel, but will have it this year!
- Additionally in May, we provided laminated prayer card bookmarks to all the women of St. Luke parish on Mother's Day weekend masses. They were really beautiful and had a variety of pictures of Blessed Mother Mary on each one with a special Mother's Day prayer.

SUMMER:

We wanted to have twilight golf outing. Also researched idea of having smaller food truck rally. Both of these ideas never came to fruition.

Ongoing efforts...

- We were able to show our support and love to some families this year by providing an honor guard at there loved one's funeral mass at St. Luke. If you ever know of someone who may be interested in having this done at St. Luke church, please notify us.
- We were also able to get a couple of meal calendars coordinated for families in need of meals.
- At the suggestion of a SLWC member, we continue to send mass/sympathy/encouragement cards and to any member of SLWC that has lost

- a loved one or is recovering from an illness.
- We sent out different things thru out the year as we felt needed – a card/candy for injury/flowers for big anniversary
 - We send out a monthly newsletter to keep everyone connected and informed.
 - We added a feature two years ago in newsletter - called The Bulletin Board. We can't put everything every member supports in the newsletter, but would like to support when we can, so this would be where you would ask us to run something you are involved in and need support, a race, or if you are looking for recommendations, or have babysitter needs, or your son or daughter is ready to be a babysitter and you want to get the word out, or you have a nice set of bunk beds you are ready to give away, etc.
 - And to sum up the year, in the spirit of giving back and we try to give back to school, parish, religious education program

THANK YOU for your support!! We had another ambitious year and were able to accomplish it with ALL of your support.