

May 2017 Newsletter

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #2

All General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, Seventh and C Streets, Marysville, CA.
(530) 742-6461



*Working together
to provide Hunger Relief
in our Community*

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 6PM**

May Social Committee:

***Dodie Handy Betty Sutfin Mary Barrett
Maria Hull Mary Lou Naughton***



This Month's Birthdays

Virginia Robinson – May 2nd
Marnie Stultz – May 13th
Pat Coker – May 15th

Thanks to all who donated food for the Day of Recollection on March 16th. About 25 Affiliated CLRS members participated. Father Ho gave an inspiring, and often humorous, Lenten presentation.

May Holy Days

Ascension of the LORD - Thursday, May 25, 2017
This Holy Day of Obligation transferred to
Sunday, May 28, 2017 in most U.S. diocese.

President's Message

Look for President's message to be in next month's newsletter.
Cindy Thomas, CLRS President

Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, May 6th, 9am-12 noon.** Document Shred Day at N/E corner of the Habitat for Humanity parking lot at 3rd and D Streets in Marysville. Suggested donation is \$5 per box or bag of paper. Funds benefit CDA and its service projects. For information contact Aleta Zak at (530)713-0756.
- **Friday, May 12th, 9am-10pm.** Fundraising Friday for the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank. A \$2 donation will buy 20 pounds of FRESH PRODUCE for a local Senior. See Attached flyer for more details and additional event information.
- **Saturday, May 1st 9:30am-2pm** Fundraiser for the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank. To be held at the Farmer's Market – East Marysville (old Holiday Market)
- **Notes:**
 - The **June** CLRS Newsletter will include information on "A Simple Gesture" and how the CLRS organization and food locker benefit from this program.
 - The **July** CLRS Newsletter will look at the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank and how we benefit from it, whether it's obtaining food items for free or purchasing at highly-discounted prices.

Spiritual Thought for the Month

**"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."
Proverbs 19:17 ESV**

2017 Food Locker Statistics

2017 Focus...Increase in Protein and fresh fruit and vegetables for the hungry.

<u>Families</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>(Homeless)</u>	<u>Total Individuals</u>	<u>Meals</u>	
Jan	144	235	86	73	321	2,889
Feb	144	233	81	64	314	2,826
Mar	(numbers to be provided in June Newsletter)					

We are now able to give everyone fresh fruit and vegetables along with whole wheat sliced bread (thanks to our new grant.) We will be doing a satisfaction survey this month (March) as part of the conditions of the grant.

The CLRS Food Locker is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 am

News from Catholic Daughters

Reported by Aleta Zak

Fundraising events are listed on Page 2 under Upcoming Events. Aleta will be providing monthly updates regarding CDA in this newsletter.

News from the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank

Reported by Terry Rutherford, Yuba County Board Member at Y-S FB

Note: The Empty Bowls Fundraiser has been moved to **October**. Information will be shared when available. This is patterned after the Depression-era soup lines, and is designed to help us realize more deeply the plight of the homeless and poor.

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History of the CLRS

provided by Joanne Burns, Historical Committee

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY#2

YEAR ONE - JANUARY 1889-DECEMBER 1889 - (EXCERPTS)

The first President elected was Mrs. Maggie Donahue. Redman Hall was to be the first meeting place of CLRS. Meeting dates were set for the first and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30pm.

The first fund raiser, a Literary & Musical Entertainment, netted \$202.95, to benefit the relief fund and the Society.

A relief committee was appointed by the President consisting of 3 members. The first relief request was submitted by Father Coleman totaling \$18.50. The decision was made to keep each other posted, as well as the Presidents reports, through the daily newspaper "The Appeal Democrat". The next few months, requests were made for groceries, milk, medicine, wood, clothes, shoes and blankets, ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Clothes were made and donated by members and kept in their own homes until requests were made. Monies were provided to the Sisters of Notre Dame for books for indigent children. The relief committee investigated each request and presented them at the next meeting. By April, 1889, the relief fund and committee was exhausted. Monetary transfers from the general fund occurred on a regular basis. Considerable difficulty was encountered in finding anyone willing to assume the "arduous tasks" of a relief committee.

In May, an open meeting was held, consisting of refreshments and dancing. Men attending were charged \$0.50.

In December a committee was appointed to solicit Christmas Donations. The Board of Directors were ordered by the President to examine the Books of the Society and report at the next meeting.