

NJ State Council Columbiettes

President Report 2019-2020

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the President of the New Jersey State Council Columbiettes for the past year. I cannot believe we are holding our 64th Annual NJSCC Convention virtually. It is a ground breaking endeavor, and I hope for the experience to be as hiccup free as possible. Let us all smile and laugh as we take our first steps together.

This past year has brought growth and cooperative adjustments to our wonderful organization. With the pandemic our country has and continues to face, we have learned to adjust our lives and continue our charity work. We have lost some of our family members, friends and sister Columbiettes due to COVID-19. May they stay in our hearts forever. As true Columbiettes we have stepped up to the challenge and helped support those in need, on the front line, and home bound.

In January we welcomed two new auxiliaries to our ranks, St. Ann's in Fairlawn and Prince of Peace in Englishtown. We are very excited to have them join our great order.

I want to thank all of the State Officers, Vicki, Nadine, Fran, Kathy, Donna, Cathe and Michele for supporting me throughout the year. To the Prestigious Past Presidents, Sandy, Barbara Ann, Marion, Anna, Anne, Barbara, Susan, Lorraine and Lisa thank you for your knowledge and guidance. To State Chaplain Father Bill thank you for your spiritual guidance throughout the year. You were always available to listening and encouraging me as I faced life's unexpected turns during the past year.

To all my District Deputies, thank you for dedicating the time and energy to support your assigned auxiliary. Your guidance and assistance has helped our auxiliaries flourish. To my committee chairladies, thank you for your time and energy dedicated to chairing your committee. Without your hard work we would not be able to give our support to others.

I would like to congratulate our auxiliaries who celebrated milestone anniversaries since our last convention. Parsippany 65th Anniversary, St. James 45th Anniversary, Hopewell 40th Anniversary, Immaculate Conception 35th Anniversary, St. John's 15th Anniversary, Long Valley 10th Anniversary, St. Philip the Apostle 10th Anniversary, and Vincent T. Lombardi 10th Anniversary. Congratulations to everyone!!

I want to thank the Convention Committee, Gina, Maureen, Jeanne, Karen, Maryann and Carol. Thank you for the hours you spend planning our 2020 Convention. I am sorry we could not have an in-person convention. I know it would have been wonderful.

To our Columbiette liaison to the Knights of Columbus, Michael Lucarelli, thank you for your time and dedication to the Columbiettes. Your assistance during the year strengthened our continuing relationship with the Knights.

Finally, to my husband Jim, Thank you for all your support and patience throughout the year.

May our Patron Saints continue to inspire and guide us. With the guidance of St. Therese, may our Little acts of kindness shine with great love.

Elena McFarland
State President

Journal of the State President Duties & Activities

July 2019

- 7/13/19 Attended the NJ State Knights of Columbus Officer Installation St. Cecelia's, South Brunswick and Luncheon, The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge
- 7/20/19 Attended the Supreme Meeting, Mineola, NY
- 8/20/19 Hosted the 2019 Supreme Convention Resolutions & NJSCC Reorganization Meeting at my home
- Worked to fill all District Deputy positions and Chairladies for all committees
- Worked on "Little Ways of Love" Leaders Guide and Handbook

August 2019

- 8/23-25/19 Attended 2019 Supreme Convention, Atlanta, GA
- 8/27/19 Attended the expansion meeting for Star of the Sea, Bayonne, NJ
- Visited possible sites for 2020 convention and began planning with Convention Chairladies Gina Mastro & Maureen O'Brien
- Completed and compiled on "Little Ways of Love" Leaders Guide and Handbook

September 2019

- 9/10/19 Held the NJSCC State Meeting at the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Somerville
- 9/12/19 Installed the officers of Southern Chapter at their meeting hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade
- 9/14/19 Attended Mass and Vigil for the Unborn at St. Philip the Apostle, Clifton
- 9/21/19 Attended Supreme Meeting in Mineola, NY
- 9/22/19 Held the NJ State Council Officer and DD Seminar at Immaculate Conception Church in Spotswood, NJ. All District Deputies were installed
- 9/24/19 Installed the officers of Central Chapter at their meeting at the Paterson Knights of Columbus, Woodlawn
- 9/29/19 Installed the officers of Mid West Chapter at their meeting hosted by Warren Council at St. Mary's, Alpha
- Prepared backpacks for Auxiliaries, Chapters, District Deputies and State Officers
- Visited Embassy Suites with Convention Chairladies Gina Mastro & Maureen O'Brien

October 2019

- 10/2/19 Installed the officers of Western Chapter at their meeting at St. Mark's, Long Valley
- 10/6/19 Attended Institution of Star of the Sea Columbiettes, Bayonne. Unfortunately, only 16 members were initiated and they are not a qualified auxiliary
- 10/8/19 Held the NJSCC State Meeting at the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Somerville
- 10/19/19 Attended the 8th Annual Tea Party, Parsippany Columbiettes at St. Ann's Church, Parsippany
- 10/19/19 Attended the 10th Anniversary of the Long Valley Columbiettes mass and dinner at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, Long Valley
- 10/20/19 Attended the 45th Anniversary of the St. James Columbiettes, mass at St. James the Lesser Church, Jamesburg and luncheon at Ciro's Italian Restaurant, Monroe
- 10/27/19 Attended Past President Dinner for Vicki Bird, Somerville Elks, Somerville
- 10/28/19 Attended 2020 Convention Committee Meeting, West Windsor
- Worked on contract for 2020 NJSCC Convention

November 2019

- 11/12/19 Held the NJSCC State Meeting at the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Somerville
- 11/16/19 Attended Supreme Meeting via conference call
- 11/17/19 Attended the First & Major Degree held by Mid West Chapter at Union Columbiettes, Union
- 11/18/19 Met with Embassy Suites to finalize 2020 Convention Contract
- 11/19/19 Attended recruitment meeting for St. Ann's, Fairlawn with Vicki Bird
- 11/29/19 Worked with Wells Fargo to open NJSCC Convention Account

December 2019

- 12/7/19 attended the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party and Ladies Luncheon
- 12/10/19 Held the NJSCC State Meeting and Christmas Party hosted by Vice President Nadine Lecorchick at Ria Mar Restaurant, South River
- 12/12/19 Attended St. James Columbiette Christmas Party and Support Raffle drawing, Helmetta

January 2020

- 1/4/20 Attended the Paterson & Metuchen Diocese Grand Knight mid-year meeting hosted by Saint Elizabeth Council at the Church of St James, Basking Ridge
- 1/5/20 Attended the institution of St. Ann's Columbiettes, Fairlawn
- 1/12/20 Attended the institution of Prince of Peace Columbiettes, Englishtown
- 1/14/20 Attended Prince of Peace Columbiettes first meeting to assist new officers with meeting protocol and First Degree for new members
- 1/18/20 Attended the Newark Diocese Grand Knight mid-year meeting at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lyndhurst
- Worked to finalize 2020 Convention packet with Convention Chairladies Gina Mastro & Maureen O'Brien
- Distributed Charity Raffle tickets to Chapter President (mailed Southern)
- Distributed Resolutions, Convention Packet, and Liability Insurance information to auxiliary presidents via email

February 2020

- 2/1/20 Attended Expansion Committee meeting at home of Sandy Bohinski, Helmetta
- 2/5/20 Attended the first meeting of St. Ann's Columbiettes, Fairlawn
- 2/11/20 Held the NJSCC State Meeting at the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Somerville
- 2/22/20 Attended American Irish Association Award Dinner honoring Prestigious Past President Barbara Lasek as Irish Woman of the Year at Ariana's Grand, Woodbridge
- Worked on 2020 Convention planning with Convention Chairladies Gina Mastro & Maureen O'Brien
- Distributed Humanitarian, Student Good Citizen, and Catholic Action information to auxiliary presidents via email

March 2020

- 3/10/20 Held the NJSCC State Meeting at the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Somerville
- Due to COVID-19 all social gathering were canceled
- Assisted auxiliaries, chapters, district deputies and officers with questions due to COVID-19 stay at home order
- In contact with Embassy Suites, Piscataway in reference to NJSCC Convention 2020 due to COVID-19 state shutdown

April 2020

- 4/14/20 Held the NJSCC State Meeting via Zoom
- Due to COVID-19 all social gathering were canceled
- Assisted auxiliaries, chapters, district deputies and officers with questions due to COVID-19 stay at home order.
- In contact with Embassy Suites, Piscataway in reference to NJSCC Convention 2020 due to COVID-19 state shutdown
- Attended virtual meeting with other State Presidents to discuss issues due to COVID-19 and how it will affect elections and state conventions.
- Created preliminary virtual meeting guidelines for all State Council Conventions

May 2020

- 5/12/20 Held the NJSCC State Meeting via Zoom
- Due to COVID-19 all social gathering were canceled
- Assisted auxiliaries, chapters, district deputies and officers with questions
- Received and signed contract from Embassy Suites, Piscataway for NJSCC Convention 2021
- Worked on NJSCC Convention 2020 agenda

June 2020

- 6/9/20 Held the NJSCC State Meeting via Zoom
- 6/27/20 Held the 64th Annual New Jersey State Council Convention via Zoom
- Due to COVID-19 all social gathering were canceled
- Assisted auxiliaries, chapters, district deputies and officers with questions
- Worked on NJSCC Convention 2020 agenda and virtual meeting detail

COMMITTEE CHAIRLADIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

You are the building blocks of our strength,

The supporters of our causes,

The leaders of our order

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!



Holli Adams – First Communion Chairlady

Jeanne Bellas – Convention Committee –
Journal & Booster Chairlady

Vicki Bird – Past State President
DD Long Valley
Audit Committee Chairlady
First Degree Chairlady
Nominating Chairlady
Welcome Seeds Chairlady

Carol Bohinski - DD Hopewell
Convention – Registration Chairlady

Sandra Bohinski – Expansion Retention
Recruitment Chairlady
Squirettes of Mary Chairlady
Tab Top Chairlady

Roseanne Brady – DD Our Lady of Peace,
North Brunswick

Yvonne Burdynski – DD St. Bartholomew

Eileen Colby – DD St. John's

Fran Corcione – State Secretary
DD Msgr. Francis X. Coyle
Yankee Candle Fundraiser Chairlady
Casino Trip Fundraiser Chairlady

Sue Dillon – DD General Judson Kilpatrick

Kathy Donahue – State Financial Secretary
Name Badge Chairlady
Jewelry Chairlady

Katie Elichko – DD Vincent T. Lombardi

Collen Ewing – Toiletry Bag Ministry
Chairlady

Michele Ewing – State Sentinel
DD St. Francis
State Directory Chairlady

Shannon Ewing – DD Santa Maria
DD Fr. Cannon
Backpack Ministry Chairlady

Mary Jo Farmar – DD Leisure Village West

Anne Graziano – Prestigious Past State
President
Vocations - Angel Pins Chairlady

Lillian Holmes – Remembrance Marker
Chairlady

Cathy Incandella – DD Union

Joanne Jacobia – DD Don Bosco, Newton

Kathleen Jessen – DD South Amboy
Memorial Fund Chairlady

Marge Kenter – DD Regina Mundi

Linda Kenyhercz – DD Sgt. John F. Basilone

Gerri Kosloski – DD Our Lady of Peace,
Fords

Mary Ellen Kovalesky – DD Fr. Emil J.
Kapuan

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Charity Raffle Chairlady

Barbara Lasek - Prestigious Past President
DD St. Lawrence
Student Good Citizen Chairlady

Nadine Lecorchick – State Vice President
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Officer Seminar Chairlady
IRS Liaison
30 Week Club Chairlady

Nancy Lee – DD St. Augustine

Susan Ligouri – DD Star of the Sea

Barbara Liona – DD St. Maximillian Kolbe

Barbara Ann Lucarelli – Weekend Retreat
Chairlady

Nicole Markus – Website Chairlady

Christine Mariani – Backpack Ministry
Chairlady

Gina Mastro – Convention Chairlady

Mary Ruth Muehlbauer – DD Father Carey
Southern Degree Equipment Chairlady

Cathe Nicholson - State Advocate
Resolutions Chairlady

Lorraine Noger – Prestigious Past President
DD Don Bosco, Port Reading
DD Immaculate Conception
Vocations – Pennies from Heaven
Chairlady

Maureen O'Brien – DD St. Bernadette's
Convention Chairlady

Evelyn Pearce – DD St. James

Beverly Redondo – DD Somerville

Joanne Rizzo - State Support Raffle
Chairlady

Lisa Roberts - Prestigious Past President
Ceremonials Chairlady

Marge Sanders – DD Parsippany

Erica Ruffer – Legislation Respect Life
Chairlady

Mia Sena – DD Warren
Baptismal Remembrance Chairlady
T-Shirt/Logo Wear Chairlady

Yvonne Shimshock – DD Millstone Valley

Mary Ann Stanek – DD Msgr James F.
Gacquin

Mary Ann Sweet – DD St. Cecilia
Convention - Hospitality Chairlady

Eileen Swingle – DD St. David the King
Southern Degree Equipment Chairlady

Mary Tabernero – Catholic Action
Chairlady

Ann Taggart – DD Bishop Navagh

Janet Tussey – DD St. Anthony's

Louise Welch – DD Our Lady of Victory

Debbie Wickham - Northern Degree
Equipment Chairlady

Karen Williams – Convention Committee -
Raffle Chairlady

Joan Winant – DD Our Lady of Perpetual
Help, Jersey City
Charity Raffle Chairlady

Dana Zagorski – Echo Chairlady

Mary Ann Zagorski – DD Our Lady of
Perpetual Help, Maple Shade