



NEWSLETTER

STA WOMEN'S CLUB

WINTER 2011
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

THE WOMEN'S
CLUB—
“THE BEST
INSURANCE
POLICY
YOU
COULD EVER
HAVE!”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8 7 pm
Raising Kids in Faith
Workshop

March 19/20
Bake Sale Weekend

June 3 7 pm
Wrap-Up Celebration

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 8 7 pm
Business Meeting

April 12 7 pm
Spiritual Speaker Meeting

May 10 7 pm
Finance Meeting

Join the Women's Club
STA's longest running
volunteer group
in the parish.
New members always
welcome!

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On a glorious fall day in November, the Women's Club sponsored a trip to Hyde Park, N.Y. (special thanks to Marge McKay - chairwoman of the event).

The highlight was a luncheon at the Culinary Institute of America where we were served by students training to be chefs at the former Jesuit Seminary on the Hudson. Quite a sight in their toques (tall hats) and white jackets as they chopped, peeled or scurried about carrying tools of their trade; i.e. mixers and whisks.

We then toured the Vanderbilt Mansion, a throwback to the Gilded Age. The mansion was very grand with magnificent views of the Hudson River and the valley. We ended the day with a stroll through Rhinebeck, the picturesque village associated with Chelsea Clinton's wedding. All in all, it was a most enjoyable day!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Over the last couple of months as President, I repeatedly have been reminded of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's words that "Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service." I believe most parishioners think (either actively or subconsciously) about what they get out of their involvement with the parish, and hopefully what they can give. I thank the Women's Club for providing me the opportunity to give by putting some of my organizational strengths to work. Through this giving, I have gotten back so much more. For example, I got to spend some quality time with my husband and eldest son during the fabulous STAWC Culinary Institute of America bus trip. Also, as one who enjoys entertaining, it was fun to witness more than 60 people mingling away and developing new friendships during our Kris Kringle Mingle event. I encourage women of the parish who are not yet members of the Women's Club to see for yourself if you get much more than you give by becoming a member!

*Yours in Christ's Peace,
Teresa*

PAST EVENTS



Kris Kringle Mingle

Muriel Wintrade and Ginny McCarthy (above left) spread Christmas cheer heading the raffle ticket sales at the annual Christmas party. At right, Fr. Sam and Anne Donovan enjoy a moment together.

Surrounded by gorgeous centerpieces of lush greens and holiday bows, a bountiful array of appetizers and dessert, we gathered to celebrate the season. The Christmas Carol Trivia stumped many of us, but the good cheer remained as always when our community of women gathers. Fr. Murphy, once again, won many raffles making us ponder the luck of the Irish.



Special Thank You

The Women's Club would like to thank the following people for their tireless work and dedication to make our fall events a success:

- Fall Bake Sale:** Stephanie Sokolowski and Pat Rabinovitz
- Mass for the Deceased Members:** Jean Carr, Marge McKay, and Cindy Oleyer
- Loaves & Fishes Pumpkin Bread Donation:** Marge McKay and Janet Quinn
- Kris Kringle Mingle:** Pat Rabinovitz and Teresa Duprey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Raising Kids in Faith Workshop
February 8 7 pm Parish Center

Are you searching for ways to share your faith with your children? Are you competing with outside influences on your children's views of faith and ultimately of God? Come join us and facilitator Ray Smith to exchange ideas and develop new ways to incorporate your faith in everyday situations. The STAWC would like to extend a special invitation to new mothers who have recently baptized their children to come and get a head start on how to raise your child in faith. We also welcome more experienced mothers, moms of CCD students, sisters, aunts, grandmothers and all women who are interested in making sure that today's youth are raised in faith. Let's make faith fun!!

Spring Bake Sale
March 19/20 After all masses

The Women's Club will shed their glitzy gowns and diamonds this weekend to prepare Irish soda bread and other treats just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Bakers needed. Watch for details in the bulletin

World Day of Prayer
March 4 1 pm Bethany Lutheran Church
 (corner of Boulevard and S. Main St.)
www.wdpusa.org

WDP is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a day of prayer. This year's theme comes from Chili: How Many Loaves Have You? See bulletin for details.