



NEWSLETTER

STA WOMEN'S CLUB

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER 2010-11
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH



Board members don "diamond rings" in anticipation of the Diamond Anniversary: (Left to Right)

Marge McKay (nominating chairperson), Nancy Grogan (corresponding secretary), Joan Furness (co-vice president), Ellen O'Connor (past co-president), Teresa Duprey (president), Joan Sonski (past co-president), Anne Donovan (parliamentarian) and Maria Militello (co-vice president).

Board members missing from picture: Lori Monihan (recording secretary) and Maribeth Navin (treasurer)

Dear Friends,

Yet another glorious New England summer is passing and we are finding ourselves preparing for a new school year, fiscal year, and Women's Club year. I am humbled to have been nominated to lead such a respected, devoted and vibrant group of women during our group's commemorative 75th diamond anniversary year. Foremost, I would like to thank our past co-presidents, Ellen O'Connor and Joan Sonski, who continued to generate passion and interest in the mission of our organization over the past two years. Their enthusiasm for the work of the STAWC has provided me the strength to undertake guiding this most special year for the club.

Our theme this year will take off on our diamond anniversary. Diamonds intrigue many people (including me!) with their magical dazzle and fiery brilliance. Who knew that the Greek derivation of the word means "unconquerable" or "invincible"? We've also all heard of De Beers' 4Cs of diamonds: Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat. In a blog by Daniel Macaraeg, I read his interpretation for us as God's jewels with his spiritual 4Cs: Conviction, Commitment, Courage and Character. I, too, believe that we should all strive to be spiritual diamonds of unshakable Conviction, unwavering Commitment, unflinching Courage and Christ-like Character. Be on the look-out this year for lots of bling in many of our events!

My goals for the year are simple – increased membership with increased participation via active outreach to our members. We will be continually reaching out to past and new members via email or phone calls to encourage and welcome your participation in select events which we hope have wide-appeal. Some events that I'm specifically excited about include our Culinary Institute of America bus trip on Nov. 13 (men are welcome to attend!), Raising Kids in Faith Workshop on Jan. 11, Diamond Anniversary Talent Auction to benefit our CCD program and other parish outreach organizations on March 19, and our special spiritual speaker on April 12. We also welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the parish center. Please mark your calendars!

I look forward to strengthening current friendships and cultivating new friendships during this very sparkly year.

*Yours in Christ's Peace,
Teresa Duprey*

Meet the Board!!

Anne Donovan

*Knowing there would be a nice group of women involved, she joined the STAWC one year ago to get more involved with STA.

*A mom, wife and pet lover extraordinaire - 2 dogs, 3 cats and one rabbit!!

*Loves to play golf - though admits she will never be on the LPGA!

Teresa Duprey

*Joined the STAWC 4 years ago after attending a Women's Club charitable 'baby shower' event in support of St. Agnes Guild's needy new moms. Invitations were sent to women who recently had their babies baptized at STA. With the recent birth of her third child, she was moved by the thoughtfulness of the WC to sponsor such a beneficial event and include new moms of the parish.

*Directs an information systems department at Travelers Insurance and mother of three.

*Huge Martha Stewart fan and likes entertaining, baking, decorating, and wine!

Joan Furness

*Joined STAWC 7 years ago in order to be more a part of the parish community and to offer help when needed. She was encouraged by the friendly faces and greetings a Mass.
*Works as a Certified Medical Assistant

*As for a fun fact, she says, "Wouldn't I love to have one!" ☺

Nancy Grogan

*Joined STAWC a few years ago because her sister joined and because she had gotten to know the Oleyer family through sitting in the handicapped section at Church with her mother.

*Works in the accounting department at St. Francis Hospital.

*Loves animals, especially dogs, baseball (Red Sox), hockey (Whalers) and most anything on TV !!!

Lori Monihan

*Joined the STAWC 2 years ago after relocating from outside Chicago. She thought being a member would be a good way to get to know women in the parish.

*Works as a Property/Casualty Underwriter and mother of two.

*Owns a pet Blue & Gold Macaw (parrot) that is quite the character.

Marge McKay

*Joined STAWC's neighborhood Mother's Circle over 40 years ago.

*Worked as a teacher, but mostly now volunteers—she has to learn how to say "NO." Is also a mother and grandmother!

*Loves to cook but is a miserable athlete!

Maribeth Navin

*Joined the STAWC 5 years ago because a friend asked her to join. She thought joining would help her and her young family make connections, know faces and feel more a part of the church community.

*Is a mother of two and teacher.

*More comfortable on the sport field than in the kitchen!

Ellen O'Connor

*Joined STAWC 5 years ago to become more involved in the STA community.

*Is a mother of three and works as an administrative assistant.

*Once decided to change her den into her bedroom & her bedroom into her den. Moved all the furniture by herself while her husband was at work and her children were napping!!

Joan Sonski

*After attending some events as a non-member, she finally decided to get to know the women a little better and officially joined the STAWC 5 years ago.

*Works as a hospital's nurse educator.

*Joan's hairdresser mother dyed her hair blonde in 8th grade. It stayed blonde until her senior year in college (and she did have more fun!).

THE WOMEN'S CLUB—

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Yes, I would love to be a member of the Women's Club.

I have enclosed my dues (checks payable to STAWC) for \$10 or \$15 if attending brunch on Sept. 12.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

I will attend the brunch in the parish center on Sept. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Please call or e-mail (circle one) me to discuss my interest in becoming more involved in one of the STAWC committees or event coordination.

Please call or e-mail (circle one) me to bake for future bake sales.

Return this form, along with your dues, to the rectory or in the collection basket. Checks can be made payable to STAWC.