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Reviving Community Spirit

St. Rita's Inspiring Comeback

In a heartening testament to the power of collective action, the members of St. Rita Court embarked on a remarkable journey of renewal.

Triggered by a serendipitous encounter with the 1891 Financial Life Newsletter, member Kate Fluery's decision to explore its contents set in motion a series of events that would not only revive their court but also propel them into a new era of giving back.

Early last summer member Kate Fluery received the 1891 Financial Life Newsletter in the mail — she was going to throw it in to the recycling bin without having looked at it when she paused ...

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CEO MESSAGE

What is Your Favorite Christmas Tradition?

About a week before Christmas we begin our traditional Christmas baking. Our family tradition started 30 years ago when my daughter, Lauren, was one year old. Over the last 30 years friends and family have participated in our one day of baking frenzy. When finished we had Peanut Butter blooms, Oatmeal Cranberry Raisin cookies, Sugar Angels, Fudge, Old Fashioned Chocolate chip cookies, Cream cheese chocolate bars, and Pretzel hearts. My personal favorite is Kolache.



My passion for baking started by spending Saturday and Sunday with my grandma (mom's mother) in the summer. The first baked good I learned to bake was Granny's fresh apple pie. My Grandma had a big apple tree in the back yard with crisp red delicious apples. The tree was located at the back of the lot which seemed like a long walk for Grandma and a short sprint for me. Saturday's apple pie was just a delicious memory by bedtime. Then, as we got to Sunday, Grandma and I made lemon meringue pie and chocolate chip cookies. As I grew older, my brothers asked me to bake cookies almost daily.

Baking Christmas cookies with my children was a beautiful time to work together in the kitchen, sharing utensils, dropping dough on the floor, and flouring each other's faces at times. We embraced this time to share conversations from the week and memories of last year. Through the years, we shared tears of sadness as we remembered some of the family members and pets who joined us in the past. As we get ready for this year, my four children will be home. This year we will add my



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Send your activity description for the newsletter by January 20, 2024. If you have photos please send them for the magazine, too.

St. Mary Magdalen Court 117, Mantador, ND collected 998 pounds of cans, **raising \$299.40 and getting a \$299.40 Society match for Alzheimer's.** Great job!

St. Lucia Court 233 St. Lucas, IA held an **Oktoberfest drive through** with food sales on September 30.

St. Joseph Court 513, Hammond, IN packed **goodie bags for Phil's Friends**, a group of volunteers supporting those with cancer. Care packages containing cards of hope, prayers, and other donated items are sent across the United States. All services are free to recipients.

St. Joseph Court 513, Hammond, IN donated money to the Ladies at Park Place to purchase yarn to **knit hats for "Caps for Kids."** The hats are given to the Gary Diocese to be distributed in the winter months to the school children. These talented ladies have knitted more than 300 hats!

St. Mary Court 850, Marathon, WI helped at the Packer Tailgate. It is "an awesome annual event, the biggest for our parish and school during the year," wrote President Susan Blair. "The signs for raffle tickets, cashier, etc. were all made by the school children! It is an event that truly brings the community together in the love and charity of Jesus Christ." Court 850 members helped with food prep for the free lunch. During the event they cleared tables, sold concessions, and helped sell tickets. Court 850 also donated a Nativity set to be raffled along with a custom made Creche. They **raised \$57,974.09 and the Society matched \$750** for the cosponsored event.

St. Theresa Court 1057, Denmark, WI co-hosted the popular soup and sandwich supper with the St. Joseph - St. John Rosary Society. **Together they raised \$2,478.75 for renovation of the bell tower in the Sanctuary. 1891 Financial Life matched \$750.**

Soul Connection Impact Team 1255, Schaumburg, IL raised \$2,455 at their Alzheimer's Walk. The matching funds of \$750 will go to the memory care unit at The Moorings of Arlington Heights. Walk captain Jennifer Bernau wrote, "Thank You to our members, agents, and partners who donated."

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A Part of Something Bigger

Augustine Tolton Court 391, nestled in the heart of Chicago, Illinois, recently hosted its first ever Annual Meet and Greet and Membership Drive on Sept. 7.

This event was an opportunity to celebrate their remarkable history and the essential role an Impact Team (Court) can have in the community.

Life insurance agent Ian Lindo awarded a flat-screen television to a lucky raffle winner.

Mrs. Beverly Slater, Court 391 Treasurer, brought two of her

former students along. Mrs. Slater's lifelong dedication to the Court, beginning in her early twenties, exemplifies the strong bonds that Court 391 fosters within its ranks.

Jennifer and Mathew also came to the event; they are the newest additions to the Court family! They attended a meeting of Court 391 and were so inspired by its mission and values that they made the decision to join the 1891 family on the spot.

Host a Meet and Greet in 2024!



REVIVING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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“My mother had recently passed away,” said Kate, “and I felt a pang of guilt doing that without having even glanced at the magazine. I felt guilty because my mother and several of her friends from the parish had been very active members of the National Catholic Society Foresters’ St. Rita Court,” continued Kate, “I said: ‘Ok, Mom, I’ll glance at the newsletter!’ ”

Kate turned the newsletter over and noticed pictures of various courts who had earned money for their parishes through Hearts and Hands Matching Funds events.

“I was impressed! There was a phone number to call 1891 Financial Life for inquiries about outreach, so I did that,” said Kate, “after speaking with the Home Office about how we could hold our own fundraiser I consulted with our little St. Anne’s Sodality group at a meeting and explained what I had learned with a simple phone call.”

Kate’s parish group, St. Anne’s Sodality, is an active group with seven members in it - all over the age of 70 with one in her 80s and one in her 90s. “We discovered that four of us have 1891 life insurance policies!” said Kate, “The group agreed to re-activate St. Rita Court by applying to start a new Impact Team. We received seed money to open a bank account, elected

officers, and applied for a Hearts and Hands matching funds event.”

“We were holding our usual Parish’s 3-day Labor Day weekend event, serving delicious lunches in the Catholic Eat Stand over at the Glidden Fair and added the Hearts and Hands cosponsor to it.”

Over 40 members of the parish were involved in this event and over \$3,000 was raised! By completing the Event Summary report, the NEW St. Rita Impact Team 1257 received an additional \$750 from the Society’s Hearts & Hands matching funds! “What a successful event thanks to 1891 Financial Life’s article and my mother prodding me to turn over the newsletter!” said Kate, “Thank you 1891 for your generosity!”

Inspired by the empowering journey of St. Rita Impact Team 1257, we invite you to take the first step in creating positive change. Your actions have the power to transform lives and strengthen the bonds of community. **Join us in the pursuit of impactful philanthropy — start your own Impact Team today and be a catalyst for positive change!**



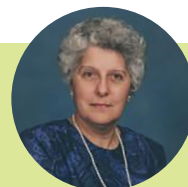
CEO MESSAGE

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10-month-old grandson, a niece, and a nephew to the mix to share our baking frenzy for the first time. These memories created each year are never the same, but this tradition reminds my children how important baking cookies can be for sharing bonds of love with family and friends.

As you move through this holiday season, spend time reflecting on the importance of your own traditions and the special memories they have created in your family, for a friend, a stranger, or your community.

Merry Christmas!



In Memoriam: Mary Frances Harris

October 14, 1930–July 22, 2023
**St. Anthony Court 674,
Rockford, IL**

Love, Benevolence, and Charity were part of her life working at National Catholic Society of Foresters (NCSF) as a National Director for 4 years and National Treasurer for 7 years, President of the Illinois Fraternal Congress, Officer on the Rockford Diocesan Association Board and an uncountable number of years as President of NCSF St. Anthony Court 674.



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