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Celebrating women



Gina Sigurdson is greeted at the door by Josie Schill, luncheon convener.



"Say Cheese-cake" – Members of the Knights of Columbus prepare to serve dessert.



Sister and brother, Callahan and Christian Wiedenhoef perform a musical duet, "Anything you can do".



Sisters, Micaela Jensen, Linda Fleming and Diane Revus have given over 100 years of service to the Catholic Women's League between them.



"Dish Duty" – Volunteers Ryan Brady, John Cole, Kenny Desjardins and Shawn Brady help out at the luncheon.



Callahan Wiedenhoef helped Noah Paleczny perform, "Jesus Loves Me" using sign language.



From l. Diane Oster, Carroll McFayden and Monique Strain are all members of the Catholic Women's League.



Ernie Cousineau serves Lollie Brunetta and Roline Maconachie their lunch.

Photographers' showcase



Our dog Barrett loves to go for a boat ride. He found this boat and sat waiting for us to take him for a spin.

Photo by Ann Craig, Devlin

By: Teresa Hazel

The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's Parish held their annual "Celebration of Women" luncheon at the church hall on Sunday where over eighty ladies came out to enjoy a delicious lunch served by members of the Knights of Columbus and prepared by Dino Morelli.

The event was convened by long-time member, Josie Schill. There were door prizes

and raffle prizes as well as entertainment provided by siblings, Callahan and Christian Wiedenhoef and their friend, Noah Paleczny.

Diane Revus is the current chair of the League that has been in existence since 1953.

"We celebrated our sixtieth anniversary last year", noted Revus.

They currently have about 215 members with only about fifteen that regularly attend meetings. Like many other organizations, membership has declined over the years and they are always looking for new people to get involved.

They honour Mother Mary and her example of living with faith, courage and love.

"There are women who make things better just by showing up", said Revus in her toast to women. "Women who change the world every day".

The theme for the Catholic Women's League this year is, "We have seen the Lord as women of joy".

The League will be hosting a potluck supper on June 4th where they will honour their long-time members and welcome new members.

They were also looking for a convener for their Christmas Tea and Bazaar and Revus borrowed a quote from Mark Twain to entice the women there to come forward.

"Why not go out on a limb, that's where the fruit is".

By the end of the luncheon, two women had volunteered to coordinate the event, which was greatly appreciated by the membership.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Catholic Women's League are encouraged to contact Diane Revus at 481-9787. Annual memberships are twenty-five dollars.

OPP respond to GPS satellite emergency locator signal

On May 23, 2014, shortly after 8:30 am, officers of the Rainy River District Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were alerted to a distress call through a GPS Satellite Locator Rescue Co-ordinator Centre. Officers verified through the GPS co-ordinates that the owner of the locator, a Minnesota male, was calling for emergency assistance from his remote/lake only access cabin located in the north west arm of Rainy Lake, ON.

Officers attended the remote area by police vessel and located the male. The male had injured his leg and was unable to return to his vehicle without assistance. He did not have a cell phone or other

neighbours in the area to assist him. Police provided the assistance and the male was able to return home. His injury did not require urgent emergency medical attention from police or ambulance personnel.

GPS Satellite Locator Systems are becoming a popular tool for remote travel. "We would like to remind the public that if they are considering the option of GPS Satellite locator system, to consider inquiring if the system they are using has an additional feature to allow for typing and sending messages", says Constable Anne McCoy. "In addition to the emergency beacon, a type and send message feature allows custom messages to be created from

your device that are delivered over the satellite network to emergency personnel, your personal contacts, or social networks. Any additional information could potentially help emergency personnel determine the nature of the emergency and the necessary resources needed to respond safely, quickly and efficiently."

Planning for an emergency is something everyone should take the time to do, especially if travelling to remote areas. Let people know your destination, method of travel, dates of travel and expected return. Most importantly, talk to your friends and family about what your plan of action will be in the case of an emergency.



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