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Residents take pleasure in a variety of social times.

(Right) John Smith and Ralph Patalano visit during the end-of-summer barbecue luncheon.

(Bottom Left) Loretta Walsh and Jeanette Behringer have cake during the good-bye party for Sr. Anthony.

(Bottom Right) Sr. Andrea and Jody Dober shop at the Holiday Boutique.

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An Elite "Quality Care Award"



Holding the Quality Award Certificate are (L-R) Lynn Briggs, In-service Coordinator Staff Development; Sr. Anthony Selewicz, Nursing Administrator; and Toni Plescia, Assistant Director of Nursing.

On June 24, 2002, Jeanne Jugan Residence received the Quality Award Certificate for outstanding and exemplary care. The award was given by the State of California, Department of Health Services Licensing and Certification Program. Less than 1% of all California licensed facilities were recognized for this Quality Award. Only 106 awards were given to the over 1,400 facilities considered, according to Greg Roth of the Department of Health Services

"Your record of providing superior care is a meritorious accomplishment," states Brenda G. Klutz, Deputy Director, in her accompanying letter.

"The entire staff can take great pride in this award," said Sr. Sharon, Director of Nursing. "All areas of Federal compliance were reviewed, from nursing to dietary to housekeeping to every aspect of the home. The love and attention given

by everyone is what makes the difference. Let us all celebrate this recognition!"

"We also invite our volunteers, auxiliary, board, and benefactors to share in our joy from this recognition," said Mother Rose Marie. "Through your generosity and goodness, all of this is possible. We thank God daily for you and His many blessings."



Volunteers, Residents & Sisters Enjoy the Boutique



On October 26th and 27th, 2002, the Volunteers for the Little Sisters of the Poor held their Holiday Boutique. This important annual event provides greatly needed funds to support the Sisters in the operations and upkeep of Jeanne Jugan Residence. *We are very grateful to all who help to make this event a success through their volunteering, purchases and donations.*

During the boutique the auditorium and the dining room are transformed into a shopper's delight. (Top) Sr. Mary Augustine, who makes many miniature Christmas trees, and her mother Jean Woodruff, assist with sales. Jean is a Resident in the Home of the Little Sisters in New Jersey and is visiting San Pedro for the first time. (Left) Volunteer Kay Cushing and her daughter Mary Jo Callin take charge of the jewelry and collectibles. (Right)

Cashiers include Alyce Clark, Jack Grablewski and Jerry Depeu. (Below Left) Barbara Bardarick and Mary Canfield help bag handpainted ceramics. (Right) Tony DeGirolamo, Jeanne Jugan Association member,

shows his handmade religious items to Resident Elizabeth Mosier. (Bottom Left) Volunteer John Butler and Resident Kathy Murray sell fresh potted flowers. (Middle) Adeline Polizzi and Bea Hay help in the Collectible Shop. (Bottom Right)



Food, Toys & Prizes Bring Lots of Smiles

In keeping with the Little Sisters' Spirit of hospitality, shoppers are offered the opportunity to relax and enjoy refreshments. Resident Dora Heck and Volunteer Jan Borelli serve punch and cookies in the Coffee Shop. (Left)

The fresh jams, jellies and baked goods donated by the Volunteers are fast selling items according to Residents Bosa Marinov and Ann Coyne who assist Volunteer Bernice Brady. (Right)

"All the children love the Toy Shop," said Sr. Paul, who is assisted by Dick and Mary Ann Luke and their granddaughter Grace Luke. (Left)

On Sunday, event co-chairs Rhoda Larquier and Beverley Costley select the winning raffle tickets. (Right) (\$3,000 to Lucia Hernandez. \$1,000 to Quality Flooring of Petaluma. \$500 to Robert Zambori.)



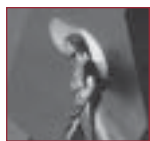
Auxiliary Calendar

Jan 15th
Membership
Meeting

April 16th
Membership
Meeting

June 21st
Major Fundraiser

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(Photo Right)
Colleen O'Brien,
Jan Borelli, Phyllis
Trujillo, Sr.
Maureen, Sr. Rose
Marie, Carole
Stutske, and
Alanna Kennedy
visit the Cathedral
in preparation for
the fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 21, 2003

Exciting plans are in the works for the sixth Annual fundraising event of the Little Sisters' Auxiliary. The Co-chairs are Colleen O'Brien and Alanna Kennedy.

"We are just thrilled to be hosting our 2003 event at the Cathedral of Our Lady Queen of the Angels," said Colleen O'Brien. "We hope to have record attendance and raise greatly needed funds to support the Little Sisters with the many repairs they must make to the Residence."

The Auxiliary which has over 200 members was founded in 1997 to support the Little Sisters' work with the elderly at Jeanne Jugan Residence.



Auxiliary Event History

- 1998 Undersea Adventure
- 1999 Bistro Internationale
- 2000 Vista Pacifica
- 2001 Memories are Made of This
- 2002 LSP Adventure 2002
- 2003 Cathedral of Our Lady



Employee Talent Show Gets Everyone in the Act



It started out as a spontaneous thought – an *employee talent show* – to celebrate Residents' Day. Soon the idea had a momentum all its own. Everyone, including the Residents, wanted to be part of the act.

On July 26th, the staff and the Residents gathered in the auditorium for curtain time. The hilarious first act was the "Blue Robed Choir" led by Rosemary Mossbarger. They performed rhythmic versions of *Hail Holy Queen* and *I Will Walk with You* from the movie *Sister Act*. The audience chimed in with the fast beat choruses and clapped along. (Top)



Appearing as Pavarati, Louie Soto received many "bravos" from the audience for his very entertaining performance of *Granada* sung karaoke style. (Left)

The housekeeping staff surprised everyone by dancing in traditional Mexican costumes to *The Mexican Hat Dance* while pushing mops, broom, and trash barrels. (Right)



Next came "The Famous Figures" Modeling Show given by Residents who truly dressed the parts. Sr. Anthony provided the commentary as each dignitary circled the entire auditorium to greet the audience. Naming only a few, Sybilla Olives portrayed a New York fashion designer, Sparky Adams was a Beach Boy, Lia Gonzalez modeled as Imelda Marcos and Dorothy Mosich was Mrs. Bush, complete with several strands of pearls. (Left and Right)



The tempo picked up dramatically when the boys and girls Dance Group from Carson High School arrived to present two fast and creative pieces that everyone loved. (Bottom Left)

Concluding the event was an ice cream social served by the Little Sisters. (Bottom Right) What an event! What a great idea!

Grandparents Day: A Tribute to our Residents

In 1978, Congress passed legislation proclaiming the Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. Today Grandparents Day is a very unique family day at Jeanne Jugan Residence. It is not only a time to nurture love and respect for our Residents, but it is also a time to build deeper bonds between generations through special activities. We are grateful to the many families and friends who joined in this year's special events.

(Top Left) Resident Mary Montiero is joined by her daughter Angie, granddaughter Shannon, and son-in-law Jimmy for the festivities of the day.

(Top Right) Resident Alice Dooley celebrates with her two great grandchildren Michael DiLeva and Sophie Jane DiLeva and her daughter Peggy Dileva.

(Left) Skye and Heather Wagoner are happy to be with their grandmother Resident Maria Jazvic.

(Right) Resident Mickey Buniel gave Michael DiLeva a ride on her electric "get around."



Employee Family Day is Full of Summer Fun

It's a summer tradition for the Little Sisters to host a picnic for the employees and their families. Everyone looks forward to the day, especially the children who can't wait for the games and prizes. (Left)

A bright pink Piñata provided a brief challenge for the little ones. After a few turns each, there was a grand shower of candy and surprises all over the ground. (Right)

"Everyone got involved in the water balloon toss," said Sr. Vincent. "Hundreds of balloons were filled and used! I made a pretty good target, but managed to stay dry." (Bottom)

The event concluded with a picnic and the opportunity to relax and visit.



September 11, 2002 is a Day of Remembrance



(Top Left) Resident Lia Gonzalez, Sr. Rose Marie, Sr. Mary Augustine, and Sr. Paul join the singing of *God Bless American*.



(Top Right) Sisters, Residents, and Staff are most grateful to Firefighter/Paramedic Pierre Houbein, Engineer Mic Davis, Captain Greg Scarborough, Firefighter/Paramedic Dennis Stone, Firefighter Douglas Garner, and Firefighter Ed Mitchell for participating in the Memorial Service.



(Bottom) The Residents and staff begin to gather on the patio for the Memorial Service.

The Residents and Staff were joined by the firemen from Station 101 in San Pedro for a prayer service in memory of those who died on 9/11. Father John Winnenberg, Chaplain, opened with a prayer for peace that included God's beautiful promise from Scripture: "I will bring peace to the land and you will lie down, and none shall make you afraid." A prayer to Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States, was also offered by Father John.

In remembrance of the sacrifice of many firefighters, a firemen read a poem of tribute along with a prayer of intercession to their patron, St. Florian, asking for grace to prepare each day to go wherever God might call them.

At the conclusion of the service, all joined to sing *God Bless America* as the American flag waved in the breeze from the garden above the patio. The American flag was displayed in a new base constructed in the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Queens, NY. The firemen kindly posed with the flag after the service. (Top Right)

Mary Svorinich Turns 105

When recently asked how she felt about turning 105, Mary Svorinich responded with a smile and said, "The first 100 years were the hardest."

On Aug. 1st, she celebrated her birthday with Residents and family who gave her a big round of applause as she blew out the candles on her cake.



Born in 1897 in Dalmatia, Mary has a wonderful life's story spanning three centuries. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1922 to join her husband who was working in Seattle. They had four children and moved to San Pedro in 1929. Here they built their home and raised their family. Mary's husband passed away and she became a Resident in 1993. She is the oldest Resident in our Home and is greatly loved by the Sisters, staff and other Residents.

(Left) Claudio Gallegos, Aide to Janice Hahn, 15th District Councilwoman, presented a certificate of congratulations to Mary who is seated with her daughter, Zorka Rengal, also a Resident.



(Right) Sr. Rose Marie joins Mary for the cutting of the cake.

The General Chapter Meeting in France

Our General Chapter was held from September 6 through October 6, 2002, at our Motherhouse, La Tour Saint Joseph in Brittany, France. Seventy-one Little Sisters, representing the entire Congregation, gathered for this important moment in the life of our religious family.

Every six years, representatives of the Little Sisters from every continent gather at the Motherhouse to elect a Superior General and six Assistant Generals. Mother Celine de la Visitation was re-elected as Superior General. Mother Celine is from the United States and the first in her position who is not a native of France.

"The Little Sister capitulars spoke in French, Spanish or English during the General Assemblies. As they met together to work on various aspects of our consecrated life and our

mission, it was very impressive to see how, despite the different cultures and mentalities, they were profoundly united in the charism of humble service to the elderly; a precious inheritance from our mother, Jeanne Jugan," said Sister Maria, a Little Sister from San Pedro who served at the Chapter as a translator.

The closing of the General Chapter was an invitation to a new beginning for the Congregation, one to be lived in humble confidence as we "put out into the deep." Echoing our Holy Father, Mother General encouraged the Little Sisters to, "remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever' (Heb 13:8)."

(Top) Mother Celine de la Visitation takes time out from the General Chapter Meeting to talk with Colleen and Pat O'Brien, who are from Palos Verdes and visited our Motherhouse while on vacation in France. (Right) The O'Briens took this picture of our chapel while touring the Motherhouse.

Sharing Our Spirit: Association Jeanne Jugan

Jeanne Jugan understood that all Christians are called to holiness. "Refuse God nothing. Accustom yourselves to do everything for Him..." were her simple words to those she drew into her work with the elderly. Often she reminded them to "look after the aged well, for it is Jesus whom you care for in them."

Today the Association Jeanne Jugan offers a meaningful way for Catholic men and women to participate with Little Sisters in their service to the elderly. The members of the Association study the spirit and vision of Jeanne Jugan through a twelve month program. They choose to be involved with the Little Sisters in varying degrees and differing activities. Each May, on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, members make a promise to serve Christ "in the elderly with joy and love".

Four new members were warmly welcomed to the Association on May 5, 2002. They are Cristi Corpus, Mary DiLeva, Lisa Morreale, and John Morreale. (Photo Below) They join renewing members Mary Winzen, Penny Polleys, Rosemary Mossbarger, Clara Ann Hawkes, and Antonio DeGirolamo.

For more information about the Association, please contact Sr. Maria at 310-548-0625.



A Plea for Financial Support

Dear Donors,

Thank you for helping the Little Sisters of the Poor to care for our dear Residents. Each and every financial gift is greatly appreciated and viewed by us as a response to the call of Divine Providence.

We are constantly undertaking various repairs necessary for the comfort, dignity and safety of our Residents and we need your help and prayers to make them possible.

Today I write to you with an urgent plea for help. Recently the water line that connects Jeanne Jugan Residence to the LA City utility ruptured. Unfortunately the entire system, which dates back to when the building was constructed, must be replaced from the street to our administrative building. In addition, a second line must be installed from the street to the Residence.

Please consider a gift to help pay for this major unexpected expense. Through a gift you not only help solve a practical problem, you also make a statement about your confidence in our mission as Little Sisters.

As we face the cost for this major project, we trust as always in your faithful generosity. Please help with this special need if you possibly can. A gift from you at this time would be a wonderful answer to our prayers.

I thank you for enabling the Little Sisters to bring care and love to the Residents entrusted to us. Please know that you are in our daily prayers. May God bless you.

In Christ's love,
Sr. Rose Marie Mayock, lsp



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Our Foundress, Blessed Jeanne Jugan, set the example of our complete and total confidence in God's Divine Providence. "How good it is to be poor, to have nothing, to depend on God for everything – everything!" she used to say.

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