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Gardens are growing full force now, no longer seedlings and immature plants. Instead, as we tend them carefully, watching them grow in their beauty and sustenance, we marvel at the miracle and the gift of it all. We find miracles outdoors in creation and in our souls in our relationships, tuning our eyes to find the wonders and the needs. Tending our world, both internal and external, is so important. It is our relationship with each other and our relationship with God. Thank you for sharing your days with us, and please continue to send your photos to Gina Sullivan. We hope you enjoy the issue.



Our six original Sisters trace back to 1650 Le Puy, France, making and selling lace for funds. Recently, **Sister Judi Keehnen** of Cincinnati participated in a “Bobbin Lace Retreat” in Concordia, Kansas to experience the intricate process of our beginnings—lacemaking. As seen here, she works with **50** bobbins for this project.



A Joyful Celebration and Renewal



Tipton Jubilarians **Sr. Danielle Garst, Sr. Wanda Wetli** and **Sr. Karen Van de Walle** celebrated **60 Year Jubilees**



Associates **Carolyn Perry** and **Sara Bliss** invite the Associates to renew their commitment as CSJ Associates



Fr. Keith Hosey celebrates the Mass for the Jubilarian Celebration and Associate Renewal



Sister **Jeanne Marie Greenen** invites the Jubilarians to renew their vows.



A joyful celebration and renewal was held in Tipton on June 26. **Father Keith Hosey** celebrated the Liturgy of the Mass at a gathering of Sisters and Associates, family and friends. Celebrating their **60th Jubilees** were **Srs. Wanda Wetli** and **Karen Van de Walle** for this year, and **Sr. Danielle Garst** for 2020, who had postponed her celebration because of Covid restrictions last year.

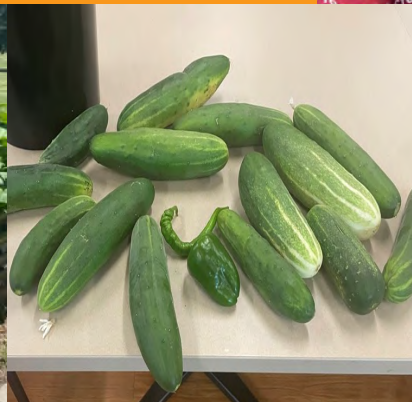
Tipton Associates, too, were part of the special occasion as they were invited by **Carolyn Perry** and **Sara Bliss** to renew their commitment as CSJ Associates. **Sr. Jeanne Marie Greenen** invited the Jubilarians to renew their vows, and all joined in a prayer of dedication and total union of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. Mass was followed by a celebratory luncheon for all.

Thank you to **Chuck Jansen**, nephew of **Sr. Marty McEntee**, for sharing his wonderful photographs and to Associate, **Carolyn Perry**, for sharing names and news with us.



Some of the Sisters at **Hundred Oaks** are knitting or crocheting blankets for the “Grannies of Nola”. The group meets asylum seekers arriving at the bus station to offer people care packages with food items and help with directions. **Associates** and **Sisters living in New Orleans** work with the Grannies, and our Sisters at Hundred Oaks wanted to support the program. When the group suggested blankets could be given to the children, our sisters got to work. Seen here are **Srs. Evelyn Mee, Julie Kraemer, Sandra Blanchard and Janet Roesener.**

In Minnesota, **Sr. Sue Torgersen** took part in the Twin Cities 29th annual Habitat 500 Bike Ride. This was Sue’s 16th year participating in the event. The fundraiser has helped thousands of people achieve home ownership through Habitat for Humanity. This year, an additional Twin Cities program helped fund Habitat homeowners financially hit by Covid to be able to keep their financial commitments to the program.



This is the 2nd year the Sisters in Wichita have participated in a new and revamped Garden Club. They not only grow their own basic salad mix year round using an indoor grow light, but also have a small outdoor garden off of the Activity Room for spring planting. Last year the Garden Club, offered by the Life Enrichment Department (**Laura Collins, Dir.**), began with 2 tomato plants, 2 cucumber plants, 2 green pepper plants, radishes and many wildflowers. This year the garden has doubled on all counts and has expanded from a small ground garden to four raised garden beds for easy access in tending. Here **Sr. Margaret Ellen Isenbart** and **Sr. Judith Ann Shimek** proudly display the bounty. The vegetables are given to the kitchen for all to enjoy, and they someday hope to expand their sharing to the Dear Neighbor.



In Wheeling, **Sr. Mary Alice McMaster** celebrated her 90th birthday. Joining in the fun are **Sr. Kathleen Durkin** and **Anna Marie Troiani**.
Happy Birthday, Sister!



Above: **Srs. Rosemary Balog, Mary Claver Hickmott, Jan Chadderdon**
Below: **Srs. Joan Hastreiter, Bernita Marie Gensterblum, Carol Brock**

Sisters in Nazareth had a lovely Tea Tasting Party. They enjoyed learning about the food enhancing and therapeutic properties of tea while sampling the different flavors. **Kate Deatherage**, Activities Director, hosted the tea party.



Sisters in Wichita celebrate monthly birthdays, arranged by **Laura Collins**, Coordinator of Life Enrichment. In July, the guest of honor was **Sr. Martina White**, celebrating her 85th. **Top Left:** **Srs. Romona Seidl, Martina White and Jean Louise Diskin** **Top Right:** **Srs. Janice Miller, Elizabeth Ann Engels, Anne Meridier (back to us) and Laura Collins** **Bottom:** **Srs. Sedonia Isenbart, Margaret Ellen Isenbart, Mary Smith and Mary Cecil Isenbart** Happy Birthday, Sr. Martina!



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For safety reasons, residents were not photographed. Associates in the left photo are l-r: **Kimbra Metaxas, Claire Wilson, Kim Hypolite, Cily Winkeler, Suzanne Price, Merle Harris, Maureen Walsh**. In the photo at right, **Merle and Suzanne** discuss the pottery project.



Eden House in the New Orleans area is a long-term housing and recovery service for victims of human trafficking. Crescent City Lakeshore **CSJ Associates** met with residents in early July for a “meet and greet.” They shared interests and accomplishments, hopes and dreams with the six residents—learning about their gifts (art, music) their passions (animals), and their goals. The group is already planning another visit—to join them in designing and making ceramic ornaments that will be used as fundraisers in their “company store.” That—and having Mexican food for lunch...a favorite of all.



American Red Cross



Save a life Give Blood



Wheeling Sisters read in the local paper that the area was experiencing a serious blood supply shortage because of Covid. **Srs. Rosie Coughlin** (pictured here) and **Eva Marie Schlag** joined **Sharon Mendelson** to support the Wheeling Nailers-American Red Cross blood drive, literally rolling up their sleeves. The Wheeling Nailers rewarded donors with a team cap, but the real gift was the gift of life this will provide to patients and hospitals.



One of life's great joys is reconnecting with our long time friends, sharing news and stories and seeing their smiling faces . In Cleveland, Sr. **Marie Gillich** (top, far left) and Sr. **Sue Imburgia** (top, far right) had a nice visit with two of our CSJ Associates, **Gerry Jones** (top left in blue) and **Louise Sandercock** (top right in blue), both of whom live at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson. They lunched at the "Bistro" and exchanged stories of what was happening in each other's lives. During the pandemic, Gerry had arranged for communion services for those unable to go out. Louise is now living in the Greenwood "neighborhood" and is doing well. Both women continue to bring God's great love to all their dear neighbors at Laurel Lake and beyond. Thank you, too, to Sr. Sue for sharing news about her visit.



"ANGELS UNAWARES" *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares"* **HEBREWS 13:2**

Sr. Elen Poche saw this travelling sculpture by Timothy Schmalz while visiting New Orleans. It was commissioned by Pope Francis and the final work was installed in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican September 2019 to commemorate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. After a **national** tour, this second casting will be permanently installed at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Thank you for sharing this mesmerizing work of art.