

ASC Associate Newsletter

Ruma Center

May 2011

New Leadership for Associates in Ruma Area

Greetings to each of you in this lovely month of May. This month calls us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother and to joyously honor her Son Jesus who is risen from the dead.

As you know there have been some changes in the leadership roles of the Associate Program in the Ruma area. We are pleased and very grateful that Mr. Ken Peterein has assumed the role of Co-director and shares the responsibility with Mrs. Rose Pobst. I, too, am new in assuming the role of Sister Mentor. The following will help you get acquainted with Ken.

Meet Ken Peterein

Ken and his wife Sue made their commitment on Dec. 5, 1993. They have both been active in their parish. Ken has many interests and activities. He taught in the RCIA program for 19 years. Both he and Sue serve as Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound and nursing homes. They coordinate a group that serves ice cream to the nursing home residents weekly. Ken is leader of a ~~R~~Renew 2000+bible study and prayer group. He also volunteers as chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro. and as a Money Management person for

Seniors. And besides all this, he serves and volunteers at the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Ken says, ~~A~~All these are opportunities to serve the *dear neighbor* as did St. Maria DeMattias. All we can do is what we are called to do in serving and helping.+

Ken and Sue have been married for 38 years and have two grown sons who have blessed them with 6 grandchildren; two girls and four boys that range in ages from 14 years to 8 weeks.

THANK YOU , KEN, FOR YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT AND KINDLY WAYS!

Associate Highlights: Did you know?

On February 24, 2011 ASC Associate Areerat Kichkha participated in the Oath Ceremony in Troy, IL, becoming a United States Citizen. She hopes to complete a Doctoral Program in

Economics at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She currently resides in Murphysboro and joined the Associates in November 16, 2008. Areerat is originally from Thailand.

Photo of Areerat Kichkha



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Special points of interest:

- Ministry of Associates among African People
- Activities of Associates in Bolivia
- Associates in Puerto Rico become Prayer
- Associates prepare for Lent
- Photos of a wonderful day
- Pray for our deceased Sisters
- See what's coming up

ASC Associates in Liberia

Sister Raphael Ann Drone

Sister Raphael Ann Drone recently spent time with the Associates in Gardnersville. She had been invited by Associate Josephine Wernah to share with the women and spend time with them. They journeyed their way through the part of the Nicene Creed that begins with "I believe in Jesus Christ" to the Ascension.

After the sharing, there was the opportunity for many questions. They told Sister "there is too much time between her visits, and some of the good things they reflect on together can leave their hearts before she returns."



The Associates gather each Wednesday, two times to pray together and two times to do service for the people who live around Gardnersville.

"It was a wonderful day for me. I enjoyed being with them, and sharing the gifts of Maria's life and love and community, and our own faith with each other. Their comments and connections, their prayer and song were all precious." (SRA)



Sister Barbara Hudock enjoys a moment of laughter with two of the Associates during her visit to Liberia with Sister Mary Evelyn Nagle.

ASC Associates in Bolivia

Sister Janet Marie Wilhelm, ASC

Associates of El Alto

Sister Sharon Van Horn meets with the 12 Associates of El Alto every third Sunday in different houses. Each First Friday of the month they celebrate a Holy Hour in the Sisters chapel at 6:00 a.m. All the members of this group are committed in San Pablo Parish.

Associates of Villa Fatima

Sister Janet meets with this group of 40 Associates every first Sunday of the month. There is always a prayerful and joyful spirit at these encounters based on Precious Blood Spirituality. Since its beginning in 1985, 22 Associates are enjoying eternal love and peace.

Associates gather with Sisters for prayer, renewal of commitment, and celebration. There are approximately 52 Bolivian Associates.



Commitment Renewal

On January 25, 2011, 25 Associates of Villa Fatima joined in Eucharist and Renewal of Commitment.

S.M. Catherine Clark received their commitment and presented them with the new Associate pin. All shared chocolate milk and bread; a traditional breakfast celebration.

ASC Associates in Puerto Rico

Sister Pat Schlarmann, ASC

This year, 2011 the Associates in Puerto have asked to be Prayer Associates. These nine Associates have continued to meet and pray together for many years after the ASC sisters were no longer present in Puerto Rico.

Many Associates in this

group had been teachers or staff members with the ASC sisters at Colegio de Lourdes.

We are proud and happy that they have remained with us these many years and grateful that they will continue as prayer Associates, knowing that they will be mindful of other

Associates and Sisters in their prayer **Thank You!**

Jose Alonso Garcia
Ana Rosa and Nelson Soto
Mariana Amigo
Patria Caceres
Maria Amelia Mellado
Awilda Viera
Maria Sotomayor
Madeleine Valiente

"Trust in Mary most holy, praying to her very, very often. And may the Blood of her holy Son be blessed forever." (St. Maria DeMattias)

Southeast Illinois Retreat Day



The Lord is Risen and He is with us! Praise to You, O Lord.

Our Associates of Southeast, Illinois are faithful to our monthly meetings. But because of wintry weather we missed several gatherings. Delbert and Mary Jo York, our leaders, had a novel idea. On Feb. 28 we met in St. Joseph Parish Hall in Equality for a morning of recollection in preparation for Lent. We reflected on Bishop Robert Morneau's conviction that our great-

est treasure is our **Spiritual Life**. He suggests that the four demands on us are: Our Love/ Relationships, Work/ Ministry, Worship and Leisure.

Since all of life comprises relationships we were challenged to honestly reflect on our relationship with God, Family, Self, Parish, Friends and Relatives, Church, Country,

and World. Each Associate received a flyer and time was given to silently reflect on our Spiritual Life and what we could do for Lent. A discussion followed. To end the day, the Yorks son and daughter-law (daughter of Associate Louise Patton), served a very delicious meal. We all left energized in different ways and grateful to be Associates of the Adorers.

Spring Gathering in Taylorville, IL

Gems are cut by the jeweler to allow the light to pass through their facets, so that all may delight in their brilliance.



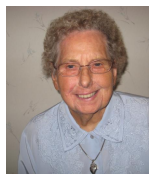
We are formed by God so that the light of Christ shines through us, so all may experience the fire of Christ's love in our hearts.

LET US PRAY FOR ADORERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED



SISTER EULOGIA JANSEN died April 16, 2011. Sister was 92 years old and had been an Adorer for 73 years. Sister Eulogia was known for her love of education and her gentle spirit.

May she rest in the loving and gracious presence of her God!



SISTER JULIE NETEMEYER died at 2:15 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning, April 21, 2011, at the Ruma Center.

Sister Julie loved taking care of the Grotto in the Grove at Ruma. To be outdoors was her delight.

God had different plans for her, and invited her to enjoy what we have not seen and ear has not heard+



SISTER MARINA GROSS died Easter morning, April 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Sister had just celebrated her 92nd birthday two days before her death. Sister's

ministry was one of service to the dear neighbor, which she always did lovingly.

May she enjoy the fullness of Resurrection with our Risen Lord.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25	Fun Day at Ruma Center 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
July 7- 31	General Assembly in India
July 9	Carbon Footprints Workshop 8:30 a.m.- Noon
August 6	Fun Day at Ruma Center 7:30 a.m. · 5:30 p.m.
October 21- 23	Regional Assembly in St. Louis
Nov.11-13	Associates Retreat and Commitment