

First, our “Hugs” check was presented to the Shelter Manager of Opportunity Place of Fort Walton Beach, and a photo with a brief article was published in the NWF Daily Newspaper.

Our Fall Board Meeting was held on August 5th. I am pleased to report that we have three (of four) “first time” affiliation Presidents and we also had four “Members at Large” attend the meeting. I am pushing to have a “Member at Large” from each of our four affiliations present at our board meetings to observe, participate in discussions, ask questions, and ultimately consider serving at the deanery level at some point in the future.

Our Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Dominic Dat Tran was transferred this past summer. A card of gratitude and well wishes was sent to him. We are currently without a Deanery Spiritual Advisor, however Fr. Dawson is talking with Bishop Parkes, and in the meantime is serving as our Spiritual Advisor.

Our Fall General Meeting is set for September 30th. The program is yet to be determined, however we plan to launch a prayer program we are calling *Secret Sisters*. Much like convention prayer partners, we are encouraging our Council sisters to attend our Fall General Meeting to get a Secret Sister to pray for throughout the year. Then at our Spring General Meeting, we will have a “big reveal” where participants will find out who their secret sister is.

We have approximately 12 women from our deanery including me going to the NCCW Convention. Some are first timers!

As you know, our deanery is hosting the 2016 (long) convention. Plans are getting underway and we are excited. The dates of the convention are April 15 and 16. For out-of-town attendees, an overnight on the 14th will be necessary. An initial planning meeting was held August 12.

Finally, on a sad note, our former Deanery Past President Alice McDonald passed away in Gainesville on July 6 after battling a long term illness. A condolence card was sent to her family and our Fall General Meeting Mass will be offered for her.

This concludes the report.

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