



ST. PIUS X
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IN MEMORIAM



MARY MACDONALD

A heart of gold, a smile of pure joy, a kindness that extended to all she knew. That was Mary.

She passed peacefully on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 92 years of age.

Mary was a Charter Member of our CWL Council which was formed in 1995.

Mary wanted to share her faith with everyone, and especially with the children at our school:

*An activity she enjoyed was running the second-hand toy table at our Spring Fairs.

*For many years she would arrange for a number of St. Pius X students to help her strip and prepare palms for Palm Sunday. The children enjoyed the experience and were learning at the same time!

*She also was instrumental in having our Council provide an award to a grade 7 female student who exemplified the values of the CWL.

The children loved being around her!

While she was a strong supporter of the CWL, she was also heavily involved in our parish, where she was not only an usher/greeter, but for many years was responsible for organizing the cleaning of our church.

Mary's personal achievements are exceptional.

She held the title of Canada's Top Athlete in both basketball and volleyball for many years. She won a bronze medal in the Winnipeg Pan Am games in 1967. As a proud member of the University of Toronto sports teams, Volleyball Canada, and Basketball Canada, Mary's contributions elevated her to legendary status in the annals of Canadian sports history. She currently holds a spot in the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame for her many athletic accomplishments, where she rightfully earned her place among the athletic elite.

Further to her passion for athleticism, she dedicated her working life as a Physical Health Education teacher.

In addition to her successful athletic and educational pursuits, Mary was indeed a woman of profound faith - a strong and dedicated Catholic.

Today, we find solace in knowing that she has been joyfully reunited with our Lord in Heaven, her spirit forever at peace.

You will be missed Mary.

PRESIDENT'S TEA



On January 21st I attended the Vancouver Diocesan President's Tea held at St. Ann's in Abbotsford.

This event was held to honour the outgoing diocesan president, Sherray Duran, and to inspire current presidents to look ahead after their term is over.

It was a delightful afternoon. Each table was adorned with beautiful china place settings, and all in attendance were given our choice of fascinators to wear. I felt like Maggie Smith in Downton Abbey!

The CWL ladies at Abbotsford outdid themselves, putting on a lovely selection of afternoon goodies and tea.

It was inspirational and brought home the true sisterhood of the CWL. When you get the chance to attend a special event such as this, or a convention, I hope all our members take the opportunity to go and experience the love and sisterhood that the CWL truly embraces.

Barbara Johnston, President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



LISA MIILLER

"Faith Chair 2024-2025"

Lisa was born on the island of Barbados in the West Indies. At 10 years of age, she and her family moved to North Vancouver where she attended St. Edmund's and St Thomas Aquinas schools. Upon high school graduation, she worked as a nanny for three children, and then as a cashier at Safeway for ten years. It was at Safeway she met her husband Peter, and they have been blessed with four children. In fact, Lisa says her motto is: Faith and Family. She enjoys attending daily Mass and spending time in Eucharistic Adoration.

She has been a CWL member for 10 years and states the association provides her with ways to live her faith, and gives her the opportunity with others to serve the parish community.

Her advice to new members?: "Come to meetings as often as you can, so you can get to know other members....who we are and what we do. We are women of faith who work together for the love of God, our parish and the wider community."

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE



Our bake sale on February 10-11 was a great success and proceeds of \$554.95 were raised!

Thank you to all the bakers who so generously provided their speciality items. The beautiful Valentine themed packaging really added to the visual presentation, as did the charming table decoration made by our member Rita Hanchar.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who did the set up/take down of the tables, as well as enthusiastically selling the treats after all the Masses.

Parishioners enjoyed the coffee and juice that was served during the event!

Carol Landy, Parish Activities

Priests and Deacons Appreciation Dinner

On Monday February 12th, seven of our members attended the dinner which was held at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver.



A lovely evening was enjoyed by all as the CWL celebrated the priests, bishops and deacons of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The food was excellent and the company was wonderful!



Our own life member Pat Deppiesse was eloquent in the greetings as the representative of life members.

SENIORS VALENTINE TEA AND BINGO SOCIAL



On February 13th, before the Lenten season began, St. Pius X CWL hosted a fun afternoon of Tea and BINGO for all seniors of the parish.

The room looked very festive for the occasion with many thanks to Rita Hanchar for her decorating skills. Our guests enjoyed a fresh, out-of-the-oven Cranberry and White Chocolate bread pudding baked in our kitchen by Anita Park.

Fr. Jeff, known for being an expert culinary specialist, also baked a very delicious cake for the event.

We were treated to special entertainment, courtesy of Mrs. Byrne and some very talented students from St. Pius X school. A selection of students from all grades came and delighted us with poetry and piano recitals.

Following that, we enjoyed a couple of bingo games with the numbers being called by Marie Adams, with help from Lisa Miiller. Katie Lefebvre and Maureen McNeil seemed to be the luckiest guests winning most of the prizes between them!!

Many thanks to all the ladies that helped with the set-up and clean-up, and to our guests for coming to spend the afternoon in community with us.





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Donations accepted:

Monday to Saturday – 11am-3pm

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100% of Proceeds go to support EVA'S HOUSE - CWL'S Second Stage Transition House

St. Pius X Parish has a drop off location for donations of gently used clothing, toys, kitchen wares and almost everything. Box or bag up your donation, label DAS (Domestic Abuse Services) and leave it in the Parish storeroom by the kitchen. For larger items (furniture) please contact the store.



REMINDER

Please keep our bottle fundraiser ALIVE!
RETURN-IT EXPRESS bottle collection for our CWL...

It is the easiest way to dispose of your recyclables – NO SORTING!!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? TRY IT!

One CWL Return-It kit contains a rolled heavy duty transparent garbage bag, with preprinted label attached, and an instruction sheet that includes the drop-off locations with the updated drop-off code instructions.

By using our labelled bags, all money raised goes directly to our CWL bank account! These are available at the CWL desk in the Church vestibule. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

- 99th Annual Diocesan Convention
will be held May 3-4
at All Saints Parish, Coquitlam
- BC & Yukon Provincial Convention
will be June 20-22
in Kamloops.