

TidBytes for January 2020

From Kathryn O'Meara in Ashburn, Virginia

I've attended a Community theatre production of "Singing in the Rain." And I am taking up crocheting again after many long years. I'm crocheting baby blankets for the local Birthright Organization. And, have finally found someone who likes to play "Scrabble."!

From Micheline and Barbara Gross at BDRC

We enjoyed a BDRC Christmas party with music, sweets, families and friends on Saturday, December 14th, then our own CHM Christmas party on Friday, December 20th. We played a game with the 12 days of Christmas, had all kinds of goodies, visits from the CHM Leadership Team, and bags of greeting cards and treats from Sisters at the Center. December birthday celebrations for Micheline Curtis, Marianne Nehus, Harriett Ping, and Mary Routh, our newest CHM staff person, visitors for:

- Hilary and Rosalia friends from Ottumwa;
- Kayleen's brothers, sister-in-law and niece
- Mary Virginia (Marita) niece from Kansas City for a few days
- Joan LeBeau's friend David

From Jeanie in Des Moines

Hagedorns attended "Faith, Politics and the Common Good", sponsored by "Vote for Common Good" and co-sponsored by NETWORK the Catholic Social Justice Lobby in Washington, DC, and others of all denominations, ages, color, race and gender. Sister Simone Campbell was one of the presenters, emphasizing involvement of all U.S. voters in upcoming elections. "Vote for Common Good" is making a 50 state bus tour to welcome voters in every state. (As we left, four inches of snow fell with a bitter wind.)

Santa arrived late for Christmas Day, but on time for Little Christmas/Epiphany at Bishop Drumm with the visit of Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn who donned their red hats to bring little treats to the sisters and staff. It is always a joy to visit them and be enriched by their positive attitude. Their smiles and words of gratitude are gift to us!

From Sr. Mary Rehmman at HMC

Activities relative to 2020 elections:

- Srs. Margaret Kruse, OSF, Judy Herold, SSND, and Johanna Rickl, CHM, attended a rally for Bernie Sanders at St. Ambrose University.
- Srs. Mary Rehmman, Johanna Rickl and Marie Vittetoe watched the January debate among Democratic candidates that took place in Des Moines.
- The Humility of Mary Center has been approved for a "closed caucus" site. Residents and staff of the Center may caucus there on February 3.
- Srs. Lynn Mousel and Johanna Rickl went to Senator Charles Grassley's local office to oppose war with Iran.

Ann Dincer, guest of Sr. Mary Rehmman for lunch recently, takes Sr. Mary to play duplicate bridge with 12 women, including a high school classmate on the second Tuesday and on third Tuesday has lunch with classmates.

Sr. Kathleen Henneberry volunteers for Billi Greenwood on Fridays in January & February at the Central Community Circle Food Pantry, because. Billi is working with the Kino Project on the Mexican side of the Texas border for the sake of the immigrants. Sr. Marilyn Schierbrock was the Director of that Pantry for years.

Other News: Our Christmas celebrations were festive and the chapel was beautifully decorated with a large crib scene, red poinsettias, and Christmas trees.

A couple Sisters attended the Nutcracker Ballet performed by the Davenport Ballet, accompanied by Orchestra Iowa.

Sisters Marie Vittetoe and Lynn Mousel visited CHM Associate Cleo Studt in West Branch IA. She just turned 96, a staunch Methodist, she memorized/says the Hail Mary and goes to Mass when offered there.

Other news about those living and or working with us at HMC:

Former HMC resident **Sr. Candida Massabo, SSMG** (Sisters of St. Maria Goretti), sends greetings from San Diego, where she uses her 2017 Social Work degree on a hospice team to support her community in Africa. She will take the California SW exam.

Two Vietnamese Sisters living at HMC, while attending St Ambrose, spent different Christmas breaks:

- **Sr. Nuong Bui LHC**, attended her brother's two weddings hosted by each family: Jan.1 in Saigon-Ho Chi Minh City and January 4 in their village, Lo Minh, at Mass during which the bride was baptized. Nuong went because her brother had been seriously injured in a mistaken attack by police in September.
- **Sr. Huyen Phan LHC**, went to Houston for annual gathering of the "Formation Support for Vietnam" December 27 to January 1, then to Jemez Springs, NM to visit a friend, then to Santa Fe to eyewitness the staircase of Loretto Chapel, believed to have been built by St. Joseph, and Chimayo Shrine, where the dirt has healed many patients She brought some dirt back, but hard to get through security! Next to New York City where a tour included the Statue of Liberty. Then she stayed 3 days in Connecticut to visit relatives who fled to America as the Vietnam war ended.
- Now back both are in Davenport starting a new semester and thank God for the safe travels, and for such wonderful people met during the break.

Supportive living assistants:

- **Lindsay** uses her new folding snow shovel behind her car parked in the SAU parking lot, especially when she has "clinic" at 8 a.m.
- **Laurie Gibson** is attending RCIA and will be baptized at Easter. Her sponsor is CHM Associate Candidate Jennifer Hager.
- **Marissa's** pinning ceremony for SAU nurse graduates was attended by several Sisters and her relatives from San Diego, CA.
- **Bridget Schill** from Marion IA will graduate from SAU in May with BSN.

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S. Maribeth Takes at BD moved to room 307-2

Deaths:

Sister Carla Takes died December 21, 2019.

Associate Trini Velásquez died November 21, 2019.

Associate Carol Parr died January 22, 2020.