

## TidBytes – November 2020

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

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### From Des Moines – Sr. Jeanie Hagedorn

The news from the Des Moines area seems to be repetitive these months: Zoom, webinars, grocery store, doctors! I think all of us are staying home most of the time like most of you. Emails and phone calls are our main source of communication since we are trying to practice COVID precautions about going anyplace. Elaine and Jeanie had a quiet celebration alone for Elaine's 85th birthday. Meantime, Jeanie is trying not to let a new smart phone outsmart her.

(The challenge is ongoing! 😊 )

Hearing from sister friends in other communities about their COVID deaths makes us both so sad for them and grateful that the pandemic has not struck the CHMs as seriously. We pray daily for everyone affected by COVID-19. In the midst of the challenge of this pandemic, combined with racial and political unrest, unemployment and economic distress, a new President and Vice-President have been elected to lead us forward. May God be with our country and our newly elected leaders! May the Spirit of Wisdom and Courage be with all of us in this time of crisis! We believe our God is with us

### From Diana Gray

The following are the November movies shown at the Humility Center: “Lady in the Van,” “A Shine of Rainbows,” and “Honeyland.”

### From HMC – S. Mary Rehmman

CHMs & friends spent the hour from 4 to 5 p.m. on Election Day praying for a peaceful election. “On the Pulse of the Morning”, written by Maya Angelou, was recommended for reflection by LCWR. The poem brought back memories for Sr. Mary Rehmman as she and Sr. Liz Thoman were there when the poem was read by the author at the first inauguration of Bill Clinton in 1993 in Washington, D.C.

Sisters and supportive living assistants watched election returns on November 3 moving from PBS to MSNBC to CNN to FOX news. Angie Bert again brought sweets and Kendra Syler made popcorn. The count continues in the 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district for the seat vacated by Democrat Dave Loebsback. At press time Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks is 49 votes ahead of Democrat Rita Hart in the closest race in the country.

Friday, November 13, was Sr. Joan Marie's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She said "no" to a red hat event but chose dessert of mince-meat or cherry pie for all at lunch.

Joining the ZOOM conversation on November 19 were Srs. Rachel Beeson, Kathleen Henneberry, Catherine Linnenkamp and Mary Rehmann with associates Rosemary Hendricks (TX), Mary Martin Lane, Evalee Mickey, Joan Resnick, and Diane Schlachter. Mary Lane has a short story and poems in *Writers of the Cedar Valley – 2019 Anthology*, published by Friends of the Cedar Valley Library.

Joe Kurtz, longtime friend and driver for Sr. Cecelia Vandenberg, was featured in the *QC Times* participating in a printmaking class at the Figge Museum sponsored by the Plus 60 club.

*Gone by Not Forgotten*, a book about Ottumwa from the 1930s on, was gifted to the community by Joanie McKay, an Ottumwa Heights Academy grad and former leader of pool exercises at HMC. Authors are Doug Potter and Leigh Michaels, widow of photographer Michael Lemberger, whose photographs document the history. The book includes a full-page picture of Sr. M. St. John Ven Horst.

### **Address Update**

Dorothy Figueras' son, Miguel Figueras sent an email update for her: Associate and former CHM, Dorothy Figueras, has left her house in St. Louis of 52 years to move with my sister down to Atlanta, GA. Mail can be sent to her home address in St. Louis as I am currently taking care of the house but she no longer has the home or cell phone numbers listed. Her new cell number is 470-363-9000. She is enjoying learning how to facetime.