

Gouldie, Bohn To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bohn of Vacaville, California and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouldie of Houston announce the engagement of their children, Jolene Marie Bohn and Jeffrey Kyle Gouldie.

The couple will be married July 29, 2006 at Ridglea Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and a 2005 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. She is currently employed at the World Missions Center at SWB Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood and a 2005 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Jeff is employed by Starbucks Coffee Company in Benbrook.

Jeff is the son of Joyce Krenek Gouldie and the grandson of Troy Krenek and the late Betty Krenek of Garwood. He is the brother of Jennifer Gouldie of Houston and the grandson of Wanda Gouldie and the late Charles Gouldie of Austin.

USA Rice Fed. Sponsors Scholarships

The USA Rice Federation is sponsoring a National Rice Month (NRM) scholarship contest this September for high school juniors and seniors whose families are directly involved in the rice industry. The contest will be held in the six major rice-growing states of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

To qualify to win a USA Rice NRM Scholarship, students must run a promotion campaign in their local community during September with U.S.-grown rice as the central theme.

The NRM Scholarship Program offers six prizes, one for each of the six major-rice producing states. One state winner will be named the national grand prize recipient and will receive a total scholarship award of \$5,000. Winners for the five remaining states will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award.

The national winner also wins an expense-paid trip in December with the recipient's chaperone to the USA Rice Outlook Conference in Las Vegas, NV, for the scholarship presentation.

Initiated by an act of Congress in 1991, September marks the sixteenth annual National Rice Month celebration. For more information and a scholarship contest entry form, see the Industry Affairs page on www.usarice.com, or call Randy Jemison 337-738-7009 or Chuck Wilson at 870-673-7541.



Fifteen new members were received into Districts 11 and 37 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at the Reception of New Members held recently at the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church in Eagle Lake. Hosting the annual joint meeting and reception was Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465 of Eagle Lake.

CDA Hold Reception For New Members

District 11 and District 37 Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting and reception of new members on Sunday, March 5. Following the Mass and reception of new members, a dinner was served at Didner Hall in Eagle Lake.

The Mass of Reception of new members was held at the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Guerra as celebrant. A total of 15 members were received into the nine courts, which comprise the two districts. District Deputy Darice Miksch of District 37 and District Deputy Judy Evanicky of District 11 presided over the initiation of new members.

New members received into the two districts include: Mary Luchak of Court St. Michael No. 559, Weimar; Danette Cantu, Jenni Duncan, Erin Glueck and Cindy Kunkel of Court St. Roch No. 2328, Mentz; Mary Matocha and Angie Stribling of Court Annunciation No. 1962, La Grange;

Carolyn Patalik of Court St. Rose No. 1597, Schulenburg; Eve Lucas, Pat Matula, Stella Morales, Pearl Ulrich, Debbie Wishert and Lucelia Yanez of Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465, Eagle Lake; and Patricia Koch of Court Fr. Chromick No. 1440, Fayetteville.

Glenda Moore of Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465, the ceremonial coordinator, served as acting membership chairperson and monitor. The degree work was exemplified by the officers of Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465 including: Suzanne Sykowski, regent; Theresa Zapalac, vice regent; Marie Romo, recording secretary; Jeanette Spennath, financial secretary; and Nancy Nelson, treasurer. Registration was graciously taken care of by Shirley Seaholm; and hosting court members greeting guests at the church were Ramona Ray and Shara Sunderman.

The business meeting held at Didner Hall followed the Reception Mass. After the blessing of the meal by Father Robert Guerra, pastor of the Parish of the Nativity Church in Eagle Lake and chaplain for the hosting court, those in attendance enjoyed a delicious grilled chicken breast meal prepared and served by members of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 4843 of Eagle Lake.

The meeting was called to order by District Deputy Miksch, and Father Don Rupert, pastor of Holy Rosary

Catholic Church in East Bernard and CDA clergy consultant, opened the meeting with prayer. The group joined in singing the opening ode led by Cynthia Sunderman, hostess court member, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A welcome to Eagle Lake and the Parish of the Nativity was extended by Suzanne Sykowski, regent of the hostess court. She expressed a special welcome to the new members.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to dispense of the reading of the 2005 minutes. Ruth Kunz of Columbus served as acting recording secretary for the meeting.

Regents from District No. 11 were introduced by District Deputy Judy Evanicky and included: Lillian Kalus, Court Queen of the Holy Rosary No. 2282 of Hostyn; Theresa Wagner, Court Annunciation No. 1962 of La Grange; Kathy Bertsch, Court St. Rose No. 1597 of Schulenburg; and Janet Purdy, Court St. Michael No. 559 of Weimar.

Regents from District No. 37 introduced by District Deputy Darice Miksch included: herself, Court Mary Queen of the Snows No. 1588, Columbus; Suzanne Sykowski, Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465, Eagle Lake; Marilyn Nelson, Court St. Roch of Mentz No. 2328; Anita Meisner, Court Our Lady of the Rosary No. 1595, Nada; and Mildred Walla, Court Father Chromick No. 1440, Fayetteville.

Each regent or court representative briefly highlighted their court's activities, summarized its financial and membership status, and filed an annual report. Reports of the courts as of March 5, 2006 indicated membership as follows: La Grange, 298 members; Weimar, 236; Columbus, 173; Nada, 157; Schulenburg, 138; Fayetteville, 86; Mentz, 82; Hostyn, 64; and Eagle Lake, 43.

CDA Third National Vice-Regent Libby Ramirez of Victoria brought greetings from the National Regent and National Board. She congratulated the new members and told them the Catholic Daughters would welcome their new ideas. She was excited to report that a CDA court was recently instituted at the Baylor University campus in Waco. She invited as many members as could to the National Convention to be held in July in Minnesota, reminded courts to carefully check the proposed by-law

changes that came with the National Convention package, and announced that a habitat home would be started in Minnesota on April 8th by the National Office. Mrs. Ramirez expressed congratulations to the hostess court on the recent arrival of their new pastor, Father Robert Guerra, expressing her heartfelt sentiments that he would be a great asset to the Eagle Lake court and parish.

State Regent Olga Samaniego of El Paso addressed the courts about goals for 2006-2007 encouraging members to be leaders in Catholic Daughters and to be sure that their leadership is taking them somewhere. Her short seminar encouraged each Catholic Daughter to be a woman of faith and prayer and to be a servant to our fellowman. She encouraged court members to accept and try new ideas and not to be TIWAWD (That's The Way We Always Did It!).

Second Vice-Regent Sheila Martinka of Pasadena reminded courts that the Circle of Love reports are due March 31 and to use the memorial Mass Cards. She reminded courts that nominating committees needed to be appointed for the election of officers to be held in May. She announced the dates for a retreat to be held in San Angelo September 24-26.

The registration report was given by Shirley Seaholm showing 93 persons in attendance including: Columbus, 6 members; Eagle Lake, 31; Fayetteville, 3; Hostyn, 2; La Grange, 12; Mentz, 7; Nada, 8; Schulenburg, 5; and Weimar, 4; State Court, 2; National officer, 1; clergy, 2; District Deputies, 2; and guests 8.

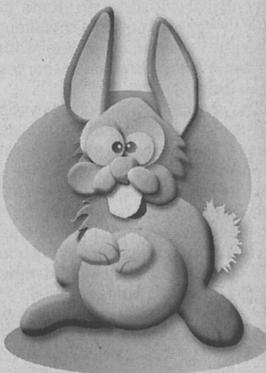
Discussion was held about the date and/or time of the next annual meeting. It was decided to leave the annual meeting on the second Sunday of March unless there is a conflict for the hosting court. Lillian Kalus extended an invitation for all courts to make plans to attend the next district meeting and reception of new members on March 11, 2007, in Hostyn to be hosted by Court Queen of the Holy Rosary No. 2282.

State Regent Samaniego announced that Texas courts will be allowed to support Libby Ramirez for National Regent Elect and Duchess Collins for National Director at the National Convention.

Connie Gertson, Eagle Lake court member, presented gifts to the clergy and the state and national officers in attendance; and door prizes were awarded by the hostess court under the direction of Mary Ann Kaluza and her committee.

Closing remarks were made by Father Don and Father Robert. The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of the closing ode led by Donna Gertson, hosting court member.

Catholic Daughters departed the event feeling spiritually enlightened and uplifted with a renewed interest in embarking on the year's activities... both those old, tried and true traditions as well as starting new ones.



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