

Catholic Daughters Hold Memorial Service

Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 of Nada met on Tuesday November 13, at 7:30 P.M. at St Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

Prior to the meeting a Candle light service and Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Nada Court was held; each member was remembered with a candle, which was placed before the stature of the Blessed Mother. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Father Tony Boateng-Mensah. Organist was Patty Stephens of Eagle Lake. Coordinator was Bernita Korenek, assisted by Ernestine Schneider, Marilyn Popp and Janie Mae Popp. Gift bearers were Barbara Leopold and Marilyn Popp.

The meeting that followed was called to order by Regent Anita Meismer; she welcomed District Deputy Darice Miksch of Columbus. The pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags was led by Legislative chairwoman Betty Leopold. Committee reports included Rose Staff's report on the Cheer Baskets that will be prepared and delivered to the elderly and shut ins of the area after the December meeting.

The Court elected Virginia

Pavlovsky as the new Recording Secretary; she will fill the unexpired term of Katie Jo Kunz who tendered her resignation from the office of Recording Secretary.

The Court has received an invitation to the Multi-District meeting to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Wallis beginning at 8:00 A.M. There will be a reception of new member prior to the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

It was reported that Court Chaplain, Father Joe Vrana has had successful hip surgery and is recuperating at his home in East Bernard.

The members then heard from Father Tony Boateng-Mensah who gave a brief history of himself. He stated that he will stay in the United States for a few years and then will return to his native home. He has spent several years in London, England and has been an ordained Catholic priest since 1987, he served as an Army Chaplain for six years. He describes being very excited in being in the Nada Community and stated that it is a definite change in the climate from that of England. He states that the residents of the Nada/ Garwood communities are very hospitable and all have made him feel very welcome.

The meeting was closed with prayer and refreshments prepared and served by hostesses, Monica Lehrer, Betty Leopold, Clara Lobpries, Katie Jo Kunz, Barbara Leopold, Pauline Leo-

pold and assisted by Betty Schirring.

Regent Meismer stated that the next meeting will be held on

December 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. with a Rosary prayer service followed by the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Solis, Toriz To Wed December 1

Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Solis of Rosenberg are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jennifer Solis, to Roger Toriz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio and Mary Ann Toriz of Eagle Lake.

Jennifer is a 2006 graduate of Rice High School. Roger is a 2004 graduate of Rice High School and is in the United States Marine Corp. He is stationed in Galveston. The couple plans to wed on December 1, 2007.

Gadabouts Hold Thanksgiving Luncheon

By Catherine Berger, Club Secretary
Helen Noteboom was hostess to the Nada/Garwood Gadabouts

Thanksgiving Baskets Delivered

Members of The Loretta's Pride Chapter of the Eastern Star were happy to go out into the community the weekend of November 18 and 19, 2007 to celebrate an early Thanksgiving.

They distributed baskets of fruit and snacks to numerous individuals that are sick or shut-in.

They wanted the recipients to know that others are thinking and caring about them during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Those representing the Eastern Star in this effort were: Worthy Matron Brenda Hemphill, Associate Matron Gwen Knight, and members Shirley Brooks, Rosalyn Caldwell, Melda Coleman, Dollie Coleman-Turner, Tabitha Connor;

Annie Dancy, Patricia Evans, Teresa Fitzgerald, Rachel Flowers, Arie Frazier, C.J. Hemphill, Georgia Hemphill, Sue Henderson, Natasha Knight-Jones, Nellie Munoz-Washington, Robbie Rhodes, Beverly Smith, Mechealinda Sanford, and Tanaye Weatherspoon.

for their meeting and Thanksgiving luncheon on November 15 at 11 a.m. After President Anita Meismer welcomed the members and guests, a bountiful lunch of roasted turkey and all the trimmings was enjoyed.

A short business meeting followed with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the roll call by secretary Catherine Berger. Members present were Lucille Till, Henrietta Patrick, Leona Wesselski, Jessie Pavlicek, Minnie Lee Conner, Anita Meismer, Helen Noteboom, Karol Kallina and Catherine Berger.

Guests included Linda Swoboda, and Janis Phillips, Margie Swoboda and Marlene Jensen. We are happy to have Janie Phillips and Marlene Jensen as new members.

Helen Noteboom, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Hospitality: birthday wishes were sent to Regina Schleffer, Ella Buzek, and Leona Wesselski. A get well card was sent to Albolina Berrera.

Gardening Committee: Leona Wesselski, Minnie Lee Conner and Anita Meismer all reported having beautiful gardens this fall, but they could use some rain.

Unfinished business: the party for the 80 and over citizens held

October 27 on Make a Difference Day was again very successful with 33 in attendance. A lunch of sandwiches, chips and dip, assorted cookies and cake, coffee and iced tea was served.

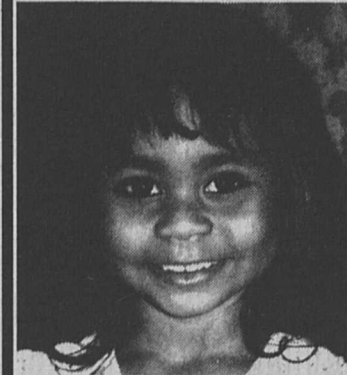
New Business: The Garwood Fire Department has asked the Gadabouts to donate to their drawing at the stew supper in January. It was decided to donate a \$50 gift certificate to the drawing.

The Gadabouts Christmas meeting and luncheon will be hosted by Anita Meismer. Turkey and dressing will be furnished and members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Spouses are invited to this event, and you are asked to bring a small gift for yourself and one for a man, if your spouse is attending.

Program: Anita gave points on how to avoid fraud, including receiving phone calls, checks in the mail that are counterfeit and to burn or shred all documents with your name and private information on them, and especially your hospital ID bracelet, which has a lot on information on it.

Members contributed 146 volunteer hours, 483 miles and \$448.64 in monetary contributions for September. Door prizes were distributed.

Happy 3rd Birthday



Nicole
"Little Angel"
Nov. 18

From, Mommy and Daddy

Happy 21st Birthday!!



11-17-2007



11-16-2007

Emerson and Miguel



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Real benefits found in live Christmas trees

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To dispel the notion that live Christmas trees deforest America, as well as to combat competition from sellers of fake Christmas trees, two Oregon growers have launched the "Coalition of Environmentally-Conscious Growers."

The coalition seeks to educate the public about what they see are the benefits of live trees. Their "Get Real, Go Green" public relations campaign, launched in late August, hopes to convince the public that live trees are the environmentally friendly option. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, between 30 million and 35 million real Christmas trees are sold in this country each year.

Conversely, 10 million fake trees were imported from China last year, which is the product's major manufacturer, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Houston's Kim Hooper, vice president of Houston Garden Centers, serves as a local spokesperson for the "Get Real, Go Green" campaign.

Hooper, 33, spoke with Chronicle correspondent Sandra Bretting about the reason for the campaign and what the group hopes to accomplish. Here are the excerpts.

Q: Lives trees still outsell fake ones each year. Why the need for the campaign?

A: Because artificial trees last forever, and people need to realize that they're bad for the environment. Most of the trees coming from China, which is having problems with lead products, as we all know. Plus, once you throw a fake tree in a landfill there's no telling how long it'll take to decompose, if ever.

On the other hand, real trees are good for the environment. Not only in the growing process - once you cut one down others are planted in its place - but after they're cut. They provide oxygen, and once they're recycled they can be used for mulch, barriers to stop soil erosion and other things that are good for us.

Q: Why now? Why launch the debate about real versus fake this year?

A: It's something we've been trying to get together for a long time. The growers and the coalition have been working on this for 10 to 15 years, but it's always been a matter of resources.

Q: How did Houston Garden Centers become involved in the campaign?

A: The coalition knew that we do TV ads and print ads, and they asked us to be a spokesperson because of that. Our family has been in this business for a very long time. My father started in it 45 years ago.

Q: What about people who say that to grow live trees, which usually take six to seven years to mature, also requires resources, like water, that could be better spent.

A: Nothing could be further from the truth. It doesn't take many resources to grow live trees and they provide so much. Real trees have two lives. Once you buy a tree, another is planted in its place. The misconception has always been that trees are cut from the forest. They're not, and they can be used for other things once you're done with them.

Q: We're almost at the Christmas season. How many trees will Houston Garden Center's sell at its 20 locations?

A: We'll sell about 100,000 trees between all of them.

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Tanner

Nov. 23

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