

# PRESENTATION ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER

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*We, as Presentation Associates, stand in partnership with the Sisters of the Presentation, who share in the charism of their foundress, Nano Nagle. We reach out in faith in a spirit of hospitality, compassion, and simplicity to all of creation. Presentation Associate Handbook.*

## Exploring Our Relationship to God through Creation

On October 1, 2022, the **May Barisone, Olga Barrera, Nannette Miller, Yolanda Santillan, Sr. Anita Torres, Cathy Pickerel, Kathey Valenzuela, Rosalie Cabrera, Earlene Dutton, Sandra Jhung, Loretta Nekota, Tina Panelli, Lupita Vital, and Kay Sweeney** gathered at Mercy Center to explore their relationship to God through creation.

**Christy Brink** provided an environment for them to get in touch with how each of them experienced that relationship. The view from the window of our retreat space of a hillside of trees, especially oak, led to many rich reflections.

**Rosalie Cabrera** shared with the group her special relationship with hummingbirds. **Loretta Nekota** her connection to the ocean, **Kathey Valenzuela** her treasured fall leaves, and **Olga Barerra** the Indigenous practice of planting the three sisters together. We will be sharing these presentations more in detail in future newsletters.



MAY BARISONE, OUR HOSTESS WITH HONOREE, LUPITA VITAL.

As true Presentation People we had a lively celebration on Saturday evening. The center of the evening was honoring the Associates who had reached anniversary years. **Christa Hanson** for 30 years and **Lupita Vital** and **Mary Anne Maloney** for 20 years. **Tina Panelli** recognized Lupita for all she has done. We were honored to have Lupita there in person. **May Barisone** read Christa's story and **Rosalie Cabrera** tells us about Mary Anne. Each received a box of notes written by the retreat participants and a charm to wear with their Associate medal designating their years as an Associate. **May Barisone** hosted our celebration with food, drink, and

fun. Lots of good conversation was shared! To experience the presentations, go to xxxxxxxx.



## Spotlight on Ministry by Pat Diaz

### Jane Hetherington- Environmental Education Advocate

As a little girl after finishing her chores and homework, Jane would gaze at the world map on her bedroom wall and dreamed of the countries she hoped to visit one day. Growing up in Passaic, New Jersey she got bitten by the wanderlust bug at an early age and it has stayed with her all her life.

Her *second* dream was to become a Nun, to serve others by sharing the faith, and helping in whatever and wherever God would send her. But being the only girl and the youngest (two older brothers) her parents did not approve and did not support her decision.



After fulfilling her first dream by serving with the Red Cross Volunteers in Korea, she moved to the West Coast from New Jersey to study Theology at the University of San Francisco. One of her professors, Fr. Frank McNulty, offered her a job to teach Religion at Presentation High School. It was there that she met the Presentation Sisters.

Jane, as a teacher, devised a curriculum based on Moral Theology and Environmental Ethics; making her students learn how to think and what the consequences of their choices (now known as “carbon footprint”) might be. Her emphasis was “to teach respect for creation,” in all they did. At the time the Ecology Movement or Green Revolution (mid ‘60s – ‘70s) introduced the US to recycling as the landfills were starting to reach capacity. She really “enjoyed her teaching years” at Presentation HS.

Since she was already doing Nano Nagle’s work, she was invited to become an Associate. She has been an Associate since 1995.

For a period of “6 wonderful years,” Jane lived at the Presentation Center in Los Gatos while she taught high school. It was “a holy place, almost close to paradise.”

The camaraderie, fellowship and spiritual life she had with the Sisters fed her soul at the right time in her life. For Jane, the experience was as close as she would ever become to being a Nun (including having to rush home from school/work and complete her daily duties). She is “forever grateful” to have been blessed with being allowed to live there.

As an Associate she has participated in the Justice Congregational Committee's (Chair Sr. Pat Davis) endeavors, and once gave a talk at their Justice Day workshop on "How Green Must We Be," making the point that most people fail to relate being green with the food they eat. (Once a teacher-always a teacher!)

Jane had one more country to visit to appease her wanderlust bug – IRELAND! She is very proud and humbled to have walked the paths that Nano Nagle took in her town of Ballygriffin, enjoying her quiet walks along the Blackwater River contemplating what Nano's thoughts must have been. Jane stayed at Nano Nagle's Place in Cork for 6 months and "earned her keep" by working (volunteering) in Reception, giving tours and doing whatever was asked of her. It was "a magical time."

Jane has been active in Church Ministry at her local parish and was part of the Choir. It was "a wonderful parish and just the right size" for her as it was small enough so everyone knew each other. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic it was closed down and the services are now being held at a bigger Church with no choir. She continues to serve and helps when asked. She is active with Associate gatherings via Zoom and always shares her wisdom.

It is hard to summarize a life rich in service, and in sharing the faith, to others in one page as is Jane's. This writer only highlighted significant points she felt were in the spirit of Nano Nagle; that of Education and Action for Creation.

### [Spiritual Reading Circle News](#)

The Circle met on October 27, 2022 to share our thoughts on "*The Stranger in the Life Boat*" by Mitch Albom. In November we will be meeting to write a Thanksgiving prayer in the Native American style we learned from reading "*Braiding Sweetgrass*" by Robin Ward Kimmerer. There will be no meeting in December.

We will meet the fourth Thursday in January to share our thoughts on "*The Long Loneliness*" the autobiography of Dorothy Day. For February, we will be reading "*The Book of Joy*" conversations between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

Please consider joining us by emailing [nanetteolqa00@gmail.com](mailto:nanetteolqa00@gmail.com).



**Associates Olga Barrera, Maggie Lopez, and Pamela Manick (front row) Kay Sweeney, Tina Panelli, Nanette Miller, and Cathy Pickerel (back row) participated in the Commissioning on September 25, 2022 at the Presentation Motherhouse in San Francisco.**

### **Update from the Companion Network**

Prayers are still needed for **Betty Canton's sister** as she gets back on her feet.

**Ramona Michaels** had to miss the Associate retreat because of back problems. Keep her in your prayers. Her phone number is 408 216 0134. Address: 1675 Scott Blvd. #301, Santa Clara CA 95050.

#### **From Mary Anne**

Wanted to let you know that the little box arrived. I was overwhelmed, just unbelievable, all these people praying for me. It was such a joy! Thank you so very much. Love to all.

Continue to keep **Mary Anne Maloney** in your prayers.

#### **From Christa Hanson**

Dear Associates,

The other day I received a box in the mail from Rosalie Cabrera. Inside was a beautiful decorated box filled with cards from the Associates who made the recent retreat. They congratulated me for being 30 years an Associate and offered their prayers and good

wishes. I want to thank all of you. I am sorry that I missed the retreat, but feel so supported by you. I love being an Associate and doing what I can do following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Love, Christa Hanson

## **Annual Plan Update**

The Associate Team worked on the Annual Plan for 2023. They summarized the suggestions from the Annual Meeting in September and will plan activities to move forward. The summary included (1) Implement the common cause choice (2) Finish the recruitment brochure (3) Program social get togethers (4) Encourage participation by all Associates (5) Build the Associate Team (6) Seek Inquirers (7) Complete and distribute Handbook (8) Plan more interaction with Sisters (9) Continue spiritual offerings.

Some activities are already in place.

**Nanette Miller** and **Pat Diaz** will get feedback from Associates in what they have done to date at the November Coffee Hour on November 5, 2022.

The **Associate Team** is planning a follow up retreat to their 2022 retreat after the first of the year.

The Inquirer Orientation Committee. **Rosalie Cabrerra, Tina Panelli, Kathey Valenzuela,** and **Kay Sweeney** are continuing their work on the Orientation process. There are two Inquirers who will start orientation in January, Cyndy Zimmer and Stefan Salinas. You will be getting more information about them in the future.

All Associates will be added to the Kateri Tekakwitha Fund mailing list. Ways you can help support the Fund will be in future newsletters. The Fund will be the featured ministry at our Epiphany Day celebration.

Our zoom Coffee Hours will always include time to chat.

Sr. Anita Torres will lead us in the Presentation Day novena from November 13-21, 2022. More information to follow.

## **On the Associate Calendar for November and December**

Saturday Coffee Hour - November 5, 2022

Presentation Day Novena – November 13 - 21, 2022 Details to follow

Advent Day of Prayer – December 3, 2022

Quarterly Associate Team meeting with Leadership – December 7, 2022

**Closing Prayer:** In keeping with our retreat theme let us end with the thought.

**Let us walk together here  
Among earth's creatures, great and small,  
Remembering, our footsteps light,  
That one wise God created all.**

**Associate Team**

***Kay, Sr. Anita, Rosalie, Gerry, and Kathey***