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## ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

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# LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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**Greetings Ladies,** It is with great pleasure that I start this fiscal year as your new Ladies Auxiliary Liaison. Many thanks to all who have sent welcome notes, prayers, and invitations to visit your auxiliary. I am looking forward to meeting you during this 2015 – 2016 year. We are all sisters in an organization dedicated to service and charity as we give our time and talents to support our parishes, our communities, and especially our Knights. Each of our groups stand as the backbone in our local settings. We are unique in our gifts and talents, yet we are the same in Our Father's eyes. It is through His Grace that we are permitted to give our best efforts to help the parishes and communities of which we are a part. It is through His guidance that we are able to bring great ideas to fruition, provide for the needy, the Special Youth, the young moms and children as well as our own members and parish families. Thank you again for helping me in this new role of service to you ladies and to our Knights.

Sandy Brunson,

### Upcoming Events

**December 4 – 6, 2015**  
**Winter DD Meeting**  
**Marriott Hotel**  
**Normal, IL**

**December 15**  
**Deadline for next Publication**




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### Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Usually called the Tootsie Roll Drive

September 18, 19, 20 Knights and Ladies Solicit Donations from their communities for this annual service drive to help local charities. Renee and Dominic from **Nina Council 3602** with Tootsie Rolls at the **Park Forest Art Fair**.



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## September A Month to Remember:

### His Holiness Pope Francis Came to America

These last few days of September captured the US and the World through the full media coverage of the Pope's visit. I could think of little else except his meetings with our President, our Congress, the United Nations, the Children in Harlem, the Families in Philly, and the thousands who waited for hours to catch a view of this remarkable man of God. The message from the Pope to the faithful, and to All of the US while on tour in Washington, DC, New York City, and Philadelphia included some key points for us to take to heart and remember. The speeches included these words: *“ Let us remember the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Mt 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.”* His Holiness also urged us to *“Take care of the children and the grand-parents. They are our future.”*



## **A Prayer for our Earth**

### **Pope Francis**

*All-powerful God you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*

*Amen*

**Please send your articles and pictures for the next publication by December 15, 2015.**

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