



monthly connections from the desk of  
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“**S**pring flew swiftly by and summer came; and if the village had been beautiful at first, it was now in the full glow and luxuriance of its richness. The great tree, which had looked shrunken and bare in the earlier month, had now burst into strong life and health; and stretching for their green arms over the thirsty ground, converted open and naked spots into choice nooks, where was a deep and pleasant shade from which to look upon the wide prospect, steeped in sunshine, which lay stretch out beyond. The earth had donned her mantle of brightest green; and shed her richest perfumes abroad. It was the prime and vigor of the year; all things were glad and flourishing.” - Charles Dickens

**I**ndeed the earth has donned her mantle of green and beauty, sun and shade, clouds and rain, coolness and dampness. May each of you take time to slow down, to enjoy the wonders of these summer days and nights and to be renewed and refreshed in body and spirit.

**Win/Win Opportunity** fundraiser for DSC is now complete with the final three drawings taking place this month. The winner of \$75.00 in the drawing of June 7th was Sr. Nancy Jurecki (Adrian); Sr. Barbara Rose Gerardi (Amityville) won \$75.00 on June 21st and the final winner of \$200.00 on June 28th was Sr. Jean Tobin (Adrian). Congratulations to each of these Dominican women.

As you may be aware, the monies raised from dues from all member congregations, from gifts and from the few grants we have received do not cover all of the expenses incurred annually. Your willingness to support the **Win/Win Opportunity** helps us to bridge the gap. Thank you to each of you who donated to this DSC fundraiser. After the expenses of the prizes, DSC received close to \$6400.00.

**The Dominican Sisters of Amityville** installed their new Prioress and General Council on June 23, 2013. Congratulations to the newly elected leadership team for the Amityville Dominicans, Sisters: Mary Patricia Neylon, OP (Prioress); Margaret Ann McVetty, OP; Patricia Anne Hanvey, OP; Patricia Marie Koehler, OP; Marguerite Warren, OP and Antoinette De Aveiro, OP.

*Know of our prayers and thoughts as you embark on this new ministry.*

**Thank you to the outgoing leadership team,**

Sisters:

Mary Hughes, OP  
Elaine Jahrsdorfer, OP  
Judith Golden, OP  
Theresa Gallagher, OP  
Alice Byrnes, OP  
Elizabeth McGarvey, OP

Thank you for your wonderful support to the Dominican Sisters Conference.  
We wish you well in your future endeavors.



**The Regional/Area Planning Committee** met via conference call on June 13, 2013, to continue the process of making sure everything is in place for these gatherings. As part of the preparation for them there will be an article in each edition of Domlife addressing the topic “What is earth asking of us?” This question will be the focus for the morning session of the Regional gatherings as follow up to the presentation on this topic given at the Convocation. This week’s edition of Domlife has a fine article by Sharon Zayac, OP, on this topic and I urge you to take the time to read it. Thanks for your words, Sharon! Indeed, “we are living in the fierce urgency of now.” (Martin Luther King).

**The Election Committee** for DSC met by conference call on June 26, 2013. The members of the committee are: Pat Mulcahy (Sinsinawa), Orlanda Leyba (Grand Rapids) and Mary Jones (Adrian). Their task is to plan the elections for the Executive Committee vacancies which occur this fall—one for leadership and one for membership. The elections will take place in September and the newly elected committee members take office in October.

**The Elected Leaders Annual Assembly Planning Committee** met by conference call on June 5, 2013, to continue looking toward the October 27-30 gathering of the Elected Leaders which will be held in Adrian, Michigan. Plans are moving forward and the brochure and registration forms have been sent to leaders.

**Meetings Coming Up in July**

July 1	Conference call for DSC Finance Committee
July 8	Conference Call for DSC Executive Committee
July 22-23	DSC Executive Committee meeting at St. Edward Convent in Chicago, Illinois
July 25	Conference Call for Regional/Area Planning Committee
July 31	Conference Call for Elected Leaders Assembly Planning Committee

- Until next issue ... my Best to you, Mary Sue

