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"It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them." (St. Vincent de Paul)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 20TH

**Please encourage all your members to attend
Mass will start at 8:30 am**

Manor Moments Ozanam Manor



Ozanam Manor serves a vulnerable segment of the homeless population – physically or mentally challenged adults and those older than 50 – by helping them move from homelessness onto the path to independence.

Referral Number: 602-495-3050

WISH LIST:

- Shaving Cream
- Twin Size Bedding
- Standard Size Bed Pillows

Nancy was referred by St. Theresa Conference to Ozanam Manor when she was no longer able to work after 20 years as a food server. Her physical and mental health had deteriorated due to her job and her savings was depleted while trying to obtain SSI benefits. In the four months Nancy lived at Ozanam Manor, she became healthier physically and mentally. She met weekly with her case manager and a volunteer mentor. She obtained a scholarship at Gateway Community College where she received computer training. Her plans are to receive benefits and find part-time employment. On May 13, 2009 Nancy successfully moved out of Ozanam Manor and into subsidized housing.

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Thank you, thank you

Bell Store has a face lift and we would like to thank **RC & Daughters Plumbing** for donating their labor, a kitchen sink with cabinet for the break room., and **Fallon Painting** for donating tools and a very generous discount on the paint.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our SVdP stores.

RC & Daughters Plumbing
480.837.7073

God was kind and let me become an expert builder. I laid a foundation on which others have built. But we must each be careful how we build, because Christ is the only foundation.

St. Vincent de Paul
"On Poverty," November 21, 1651

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christ's universal call to build a civilization of love is inherent in the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Day by day, person by person, Vincentians seek to bring that magnificent concept closer to reality.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam learned about the needs of the poor from visiting in their homes and assisting them, much as we do today. Vincentians know, because we see firsthand, the myriad life situations which trap and overwhelm the poor. We know there is a new type of poverty in this country where people work full-time jobs and still cannot afford housing, food and health care all at the same time, and so must choose. Above all, we simply know that if we help, lives are changed for the better, including our own.

We also know that the poor are human beings, with hopes and dreams, difficulties and challenges. They all have stories to tell if someone is willing to listen. Vincentians are good listeners and we do not judge. And we know what St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic knew: If you look through the eyes of faith, you can see the image of God in them.

Vincent and Frederic asked their followers to join them in an alternative world, one where the poor are the masters and we are their servants. It is a particular view of the world to which Jesus invites us, a world where the last are first and the first are last. It is a world which, in some ways, is upside down, where values which have great importance to many – wealth, power, popularity – occupy a very different position.

Enriching our souls and our hearts through loving and serving the poor is what our patron and our founder were all about. The blessing of God – seeing Christ in them – that comes to us from

those we serve makes all the difference in my life. And I like to think that the smiles on their faces when they see our love for them are accompanied by a smile on the face of Jesus Christ himself. I cannot imagine a happier thought – or a more motivating one.

The vision of a civilization of love no doubt strikes some as fanciful or far-fetched. I beg to differ. Because I do know this: Every day many loving, caring people – of all faiths and from all walks of life – are doing many wonderful things to help those in need and, not incidentally, help move us closer to that noble goal. And Jesus Christ, Who is love, is cheering us on and clearing our path.

After all, where there is a Divine Will, there is always a way.

God bless.

Joe Riley

Manor Moments

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Come learn more about Ozanam Manor. Visit us on June 20 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for a tour and then stay for lunch! Meet the residents, tour the living quarters, meet the case managers and mentors and learn more about homelessness.

Call 602-495-3050 to RSVP.

If you are interested in volunteering, taking a tour or hosting your District meeting at Ozanam Manor, please call Mike Bell, Director of Shelter Services at 602-495-3050 Ext. 15 †

Voice of the Poor

June, 2009

www.voiceofthepoor.org

www.stvincentdepaul.net

End of Arizona State 2009 Fiscal Year Fast Approaching

Frustrated by a lack of cooperation by legislative leadership, Governor Brewer is taking her arguments for a balanced 2010 state budget including a temporary tax increase, to voters in 18 selected legislative districts. Legislative leadership continues to oppose *any* increase in taxes to partially address the state's critical budget crisis. This position has been staked out despite support for increasing revenue indicated in polls and statements by business groups, non-profits and faith-based organizations.

The end of the 2009 state fiscal year is June 30. Time is running out. Please convey by e-mail or telephone your support for Governor Brewer's approach. You can find your legislators at www.azleg.gov by clicking on "How Do I Find My Legislators?"

Navigating the Benefit Maze Part 2:

About 40 Vincentians attended the May 9 workshop featuring an online presentation of AZ Self Help and Health-e AZ by Eddie Sissons. Two other speakers focused on the Work Force Investment Act (jobs and training) and steps to avoid homelessness. The program was held at the Matthew Henson Community Center on 7th Avenue. These workshops will continue in the fall. Special thanks to Voice of the Poor members Kathy Jorgensen, Ruth Ballas, Julie Douglas and Chris Quintenz for making these workshops happen.

Kino Border Initiative:

Seven members from Voice of the Poor (Ron Meyer, Frank Barrios, Julie Douglas, Lucy Howell, Ruth Ballas, Sharon Pearce and Inge Casey) made a round-trip to Nogales, Sonora on Saturday, May 16 to visit the initiative and deliver donations. The KBI's mission is to minister to recent deportees as well as provide education about immigration, is jointly sponsored by the California Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the Diocese of Tucson and two orders of Mexican nuns. The location of Nogales was selected because it is the deportation site for women and children returned to Mexico by ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). Thank you to District 3, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Timothy's, St Paul's, SS. Simon and Jude and the many individuals who donated items to the initiative. If you wish to be part of a future trip, please contact Ruth Ballas at ruthballas@cox.net,

Save the Date:

Voice of the Poor, in collaboration with other Catholic groups, is planning a program about the Kino Border Initiative on Sunday, September 20. Speakers will be the Jesuits who have undertaken this mission. Additional information will be forthcoming.

SVdP Transient Aid Center needs Vincentian Help!

The Transient Aid Center, part of St. Vincent de Paul's Special Works Ministries, is seeking Vincentians to serve as intake interviewers and assessment team members.

TAC assists nonresident families who are stranded in Phoenix to return home to their support systems back home by giving Greyhound vouchers or gasoline debit cards. They may have moved here for a job that didn't materialize, or have had a theft or loss while travelling. We can keep them off the streets and help them get the support they need from job or family to get back on their feet.

TAC is open Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 1pm, but we currently have too few Vincentians and are having trouble keeping all four days covered. We'd also like to be able to open again on Fridays at some point.

The work can be very rewarding and is done in teams of two, at the Dan O'Meara center on Watkins. We'd love to have your help, on whatever schedule you're able to offer: one day per month, fortnight, week, or more.

For more information, please call Gabriela Bova, Manager of Volunteer Services, at 602-261-6869, or Joe Power, District Three President and TAC volunteer, at 623-544-3019.

Thank you!

Chandler thrift store celebrates one-year anniversary with week- end sale

St. Vincent de Paul's Chandler thrift store will host a one-year anniversary sale June 26-28.

All shoppers will receive a special 20% discount on purchases made throughout the weekend.

Come join us for a fun weekend of shopping and enjoy a free sno-cone while you're at it!

The Chandler thrift store is located at [2051 N. Arizona Avenue in Chandler](#).

For store hours or to receive more information, call (480) 812-1156.

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Voice of the Poor

VOP Meeting Dates:

Please note that the June (6/17) and July (7/15) VOP meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 in Vincentian Support Services, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix. . VOP will NOT meet in August. Meetings are always open. VOP will return to Monday meetings in the fall at 3:30 in VSS – 9/14, 10/19,11/16

SOS

Save our Stores by Shopping at our Stores!



JUBILARIANS AWARDED AT DISTRICT TWO

There are not enough words to express my deep thanks to each of you for the outstanding dedication and devotion you have displayed in your community, for the past seven years. You have emulated the very depth of love and caring that our blessed St. Vincent de Paul and our beloved founder, Frederic Ozanam, displayed so many years ago. Without fail, you have given of your time, your energy, your talents and your hearts to creating a beautiful environment for those in need of the very basics of life, while displaying the richness of our Catholic faith in all your efforts.

Edna Vigil, you were the 'rock' that formed your little community of Vincentians when it was so very small and no one really wanted to get involved. You were the 'glue' that kept everyone and everything together when there was nothing to work with but your determination to help those needing your love and care. You never wavered from ensuring the Society would be a big part of St. Joan's community.

You did not do this alone and were doubly blessed when Marcos and Reyna Granillo became involved. Marcos, your role as President of this small SVdP community was a deep struggle as you grappled with the task of leading and recruiting new members. Alongside of you, has been your staunchest supporter, your beautiful wife, Reyna. Seeking to get support and involvement from the community required a big effort of your time and dedication; not to mention the reports and paperwork that required extensive work on the part of both of you.

Another individual, Higinia Gonzalez, the Treasurer of your Conference for several years, played a very big part in establishing St. Joan's admission to Colorado River District #2. With her dedication and determination to overcome obstacles of language comprehension, she helped to galvanize your group as a very big part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It took all of you working together as a team, giving your community support; love and hard work that have made St. Joan of Arc stand out as a strong SVdP organization.

There are not enough words to thank each of you, personally, at this time. However, in recognition of the wonderful dedication from each of you, please accept the enclosed Jubilarian Award and the beautiful SVdP Crucifix from all of us in District #2, as our way of saying 'thank you' for a job well done.✠

CONFERENCE NEWS

Successful Fund raiser at St. Frances Cabrini

On April 25, 2009, The St. Frances Cabrini Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society held their second annual Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction in the Diehl hall. Members Gayleen and Gordon Kelsey and Patricia Kaminsky with the help of others brought the fund raiser together. Tickets were sold for \$5 each or \$15 for a family.

A local merchants donated bread sticks for the meal. Each member of the conference brought in one pound of cooked spaghetti. The total cost for the diner (paper plates, napkins, cups) and food was \$93.98.

After the dinner, a pie auction was held. The members of the conference and parishioners of the church had donated some sixty pies. The pies were auctioned off until late in the evening, when the remaining pies were presented and sold for ten dollars each.

While the dinner and pie auction was going on, a silent auction of donated items were displayed for the patrons to place their bids.

The results of the fund raiser was a whopping \$1,582.75 which surpassed last years \$1,318.00.

James L. Johnson
Conference Secretary

General Membership Meeting will be on June 20th 2009 at 8:30 am.

All Vincentians will be Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this day. Please plan to attend, and encourage your members to attend †

St. Joseph' Angels



We first met up with the Yavapai Chapter of the HOG's (Harley Owners Group) in September of 2003. the leader of that wonderful chapter came up to our President, Caroline Johnson, and asked her what they could do to help our Food Pantry located in the small community of Cordes Lakes, Arizona. Their leader suggested that his group designate two nights a year as "Tip-a-Hog" night at this restaurant the Golden Coral in Prescott. I will have my member present on those nights and they will wait on tables from 4 pm to 9 pm and all the tips they receive will be donated to your food pantry. That was how it all started and this wonderful group of Harley Riders have been doing this for us ever since.

This year the event was a little sparse but that was because of the way things are at present. Usually they raise about \$1,200.00 to \$1,600 .00 at each event. This year we only received around \$650.00 but we all had a great time serving our community and doing God's work.

At each event our members show up in the SVdP T-shirts and hats and support this hard working group of Bikers and we all look forward to seeing our Biker friends on these occasions twice a year.

Ron and Caroline Johnson
Sacred Heart, Mayer

Committee News

Formation & Spirituality meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center. Every district should have at least one member on this committee and you don't have to be a conference officer to serve. We plan and execute programs to help form Vincentians both educationally and spiritually. We need your ideas and wisdom. Call Chairman Jim Prendergast at (480) 836-8082 to volunteer.

Development and Community Relations Meets the 2nd Thursday of every other month at 4:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center. Reviews and helps plan those programs which establish the image of the Society in our community, and increase the donation of time, talent and treasure to the Society from those within the sound of our "voice." Joe Riley is current Chairman, (623) 544-1166.

Voice of the Poor. Contact Howishome@aol.com for Lucy Howell, Chair, if you would like to receive VOP information by e-mail. Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 17th & July 15th at 3:30 p.m. in Vincentian Support Services.

Eldercare Meeting will not be held in June, July & August!

Call Victress Jenkins at (602) 250-2333 for information

Stores meets quarterly, at St. Bernadette at 9:00 am. If you have retailing, merchandizing, or just a sense of style, come join us! Larry Shima 480-373-6312

*The Harvest is great but
the workers are few...*

*go therefore and ask the
harvest-master to send
workers into his fields..."*

*We desperately (yes, we mean
that) need Vincentians to join
the committees that form the
backbone of our Society. We
cannot have staff and one or
two other people making deci-
sions.*

*Some of these committees meet
in the evening, others during
the day, and we're open to
change if a large number of
new members prefer a different
meeting time. Come. Speak
up. Participate. Lead.*

It's your Society.

Conference Resources & Concerns meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center. Since this committee deals with all of the problems and opportunities faced by conferences, it seeks the widest

possible representation. Join in by coming down! Chairman is Tom Clouser at (623) 979-3520.

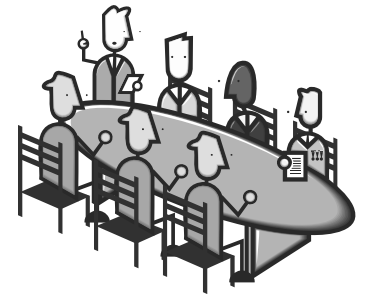
Food Service meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am in Vincentian Support. If you've interested in food allotments, quantity or quality, delivery charges, dining room or pantry operations, etc., this is the place to participate. All are welcome. Andy Andreano is Chairman, (602) 261-6818.

Facilities. Meets on the Monday preceding the Board meeting, at 9:30 am in Vincentian Support. Reviews and plans for the current and future physical needs of the Society. Looking for people with backgrounds in civil engineering, architecture, the construction trades, and related areas. Call Chairman Jerry Tong to help (480) 897-7922.

Safety. This committee is interested in safety problems anywhere in the Council – stores, dining rooms, Watkins campus, etc. Meet at 9:30 am on the 2nd Wed. of the month in Vincentian Hall. Chairman is Frank Kubinski 602-261-6819 §

UPCOMING TRAINING AND FORMATION SESSIONS

New Members are encouraged to serve clients, be mentored, and attend a few meetings before taking the Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE).



OFE CLASSES

June 13th Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4** – Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Classes start immediately after - lunch provided – then 12:30 to 3:30

July 18th Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** - All Saints, Mesa—Bishop Hall—Mass at 8:30 am

July 25th Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4** - All Saints, Mesa—Bishop Hall– Mass at 8:30 am

August 8th Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** St. Philip Benizi, Black Canyon City—9:00 am NO MASS

August 12th **Wednesday**. 10:30 am or 6:00 pm “So you are considering being a Conference President” - this class is being offered to all new or current Conference Presidents.

August 15th-Saturday **OFE #3 & #4**—St. Philip Benizi, Black Canyon City—9:00 am NO MASS

August 22nd - Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** Tuba City—time to be announced

August 23rd - **Sunday, OFE #4 & #4** Tuba City—time to be announced

“YES WE DO REPORTS” AND COATS CLASSES OFFERED AT VSS

VSS will hold a special “Yes we do Reports” from 9:00 am till 12:00 Noon; then from 12:30 to 2:00 pm we will hold the COATS program overview - revisions have been made.

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION TO: (602) 261-6803. If we don't answer, leave (1) your name, (2) your conference name, and (3) your home phone number on the voice mail. We do not call you back to confirm, but only to tell you if the session is *cancelled*. Without a reservation, if the session is cancelled, we cannot call you and you may make an unnecessary trip. Thank you.

REMINDER

Our Bishop expects that ALL members of St. Vincent de Paul attend the ‘Call to Protect’.
Please call your parish Secretary for dates and times.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam Intercession Prayer Line

O God, our Father, You alone have the power to bestow those precious gifts of Yours which we rightly call miracles. If it be Your will, be pleased to grant such a gift on behalf of

ST. JOSEPH

Kathleen Henes

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O God, who put love of the poor into the hearts of Frederic Ozanam and his companions, and inspired them to found a Society for the relief of the spiritual and corporal miseries of those in want, bless this work of charity and zeal, and in accord with Your designs that Your pious servant, Frederic Ozanam was glorified as Blessed by the Church, we beseech You to manifest by heavenly favors the power he enjoys in Your sight. We make this prayer through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them;
and may their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Leslie Fink

Phil D'Agostino

Rod Schear

Saint Gabriel

St. Germaine

Our Lady of the Valley

***May the Angels lead them into Paradise,
may the martyrs receive them at their coming and lead them
into Jerusalem, the holy city. May the Choir of Angels
welcome them and, with Lazarus, who was also poor,
may they have everlasting rest.***

Reminder

***If you have anyone listed on the Prayer Line please let me
know if they need to be removed.***

Thank you.

***Sandy Edwards
602.261.6803***

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