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Association Jeanne Jugan Welcomes New Members

May 1st is a special day for the Association Jeanne Jugan. It allows current members to renew their vows of serving the Little Sisters and the elderly poor, and welcomes new members into the association.

Approved by the Church in 1998, the Association Jeanne Jugan reflects Saint Jeanne Jugan's vision of hospitality as a humble, fraternal service uniting the Little Sisters, the elderly and lay collaborators who wish to serve Jesus Christ in the person of their elderly brothers and sisters. At Mullen Home

AJJ members perform a variety of services including participating in certain tasks of hospitality, and the strengthening of pastoral, recreational, and cultural activities.

After a ceremonial Mass in the Mullen Home Chapel and group pictures were taken, the AJJ members and participating priests – Fr. Bob Staes, Fr. Mucha, and Fr. John Canjar - enjoyed a celebratory lunch with the Little Sisters in the beautifully decorated auditorium.

Catholic men and women, eighteen years and older, are invited to join the Association. After a year-long formation program, new members are inducted in May of each year. If you are interested in more information about the Association Jeanne Jugan, please see our website www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org or call us at 303-433-7221.

**“Give Yourself
Wholeheartedly.”**

– Saint Jeanne Jugan



New members of the Association Jeanne Jugan include from left to right: Bernadette Feiten, Lee Baradi, Eddie Baradi, and Mary Brennan.

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Sacred Heart Statue ... Keeping Vigil Since 1935

The first thing visitors see as they drive into the parking area of Mullen Home is the beautiful Sacred Heart Statue greeting them with open arms. The statue, which has become a landmark in the north Denver Highlands neighborhood, was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dower in 1935 in dedication to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mullen who established our Home in 1917.



For the Little Sisters of the Poor, the statue is more than a landmark. It symbolizes their mission of caring for the elderly poor, their devotion – as the Sacred Heart of Jesus represents – their love of humanity.



Day of Dedication: June 5, 1935: Participating clergymen in the dedication ceremony were, left to

right, The Rev. Thomas V. Cahill, C.M., the Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr, bishop of the Denver diocese, the Rev. A. G. Ritter, the Rev. H. V. Campbell, chaplain of the home, and the Rev. William V. Powers. (Reported by the *Denver Post*)

1957: The Little Sisters gather at the base of the Sacred Heart statue.



REMINDER: July 4th Raffle

Still time to purchase your raffle tickets.

Just give us at call at 303-433-7221

1st Place Winner – \$5,000

2nd Place Winner – \$3,000

3rd Place Winner – \$2,000

Tickets - \$5 each or six for \$25

**Drawing will be held on July 4th, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. at Mullen Home.
You need not be present to win.**



1920's



2014



Future!



Polynesian dancers provide rhythmic color to a Hawaii luau.



Resident Nora Romero shows just how the "hula hoop" is done!



Activity staff members Evy Graziano and Debbie Miller ham it up at the talent show while emcee Miya Rahn, Mullen Home's new Activity Director, tolerates their mischief!



Sister Therese Marie helps Resident Mildred Morgan go for an Aloha bingo!



Resident Gloria DeLeon goes for a big strike during an afternoon of games!



Resident John Gillin gives the men's BBQ lunch a thumbs up!!



Resident Mary Gietl and daughter Priscilla O'Leary enjoy the Mother-Daughter tea!



The decorative menu of delicious food offered at the Mens Club Kick off BBQ.



Volunteer Ursula pampers Resident Marie Wrona with a "spa day" manicure!

From Hawiian Punch to Hula Hoops Nursing Home Week a Big Success

"Living the Aloha Spirit" proved a lively theme for this year's National Nursing Home Week from May 11 through the 17th. Residents were kept busy all week long with activities that captured the "aloha spirit" which literally means "showing others love and respect and joyfully sharing life in order to make a better world."

Festivities began on Mother's Day with a mother-daughter tea that

gave Residents the chance to sport their favorite hats! The following day, Residents "travelled" to Hawaii enjoying banana smoothies and, later, a rousing game of Aloha bingo. Tuesday, "spa day," relaxed them with beauty treatments and manicures; men enjoyed their very own BBQ; and Johnny R made a return appearance crooning memorable tunes. Wednesday, Hawaiian Punch and island songs started the day

followed by a talent show where the staff displayed their many talents to everyone's delight. The rest of the week was busy with baking Hawaiian dishes and having a luau complete with Polynesian dancers. Beach party games and a hula hoop contest provided much merriment to the end of a great week of good food and fun. Staff, Residents, Little Sisters, and volunteers beautifully exemplified "living the Aloha Spirit!"

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

Many speak of our home as “The Mullen Home” but the real name of the Home is “The Sacred Heart Home”. You read on the previous pages how this name symbolizes our mission – love of humanity.

It is so good to listen to the readings during the Easter Season. They embrace this message of love. Jesus tells us that “He is the vine and we are the branches...to remain in His love...the greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them...to love one another”. What wonderful advice.

Thank you for the love you show and share with our Residents through your gifts of time, talents, prayer, and financial support. Sacred Heart Home or Mullen Home as you may call it, is a home where love abounds. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, benefactors and friends make it happen.

Thank you all for being a part of it! Enjoy your summer and continue to bring your gift of “love” to others.

May God bless you.

Sr. Patricia Mary



August 13, 1993

From the Archives...

Pope John Paul II’s ceremony to sainthood on April 28, 2014 brought many memories to members of our Home. Among them, this photo of Mother Patricia Gertrude presenting Pope John Paul II with a needlework “Elders of Youth” that had been created by one of the Residents. The presentation took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during the Pope’s visit to Denver during World Youth Day in August 1993. Also in the picture is Archbishop Stafford. Mother Patricia Gertrude wrote then:

“He took the gift and looked at it saying the words aloud “Elders for Youth.” He said, thank you and appeared quite pleased with it. His Vatican photographer Arturo Mario was there taking pictures. ... Each one of us were given a beautiful pair of white rosary beads in a sturdy white case with his coat of arms in gold on it. We watched as the Holy Father crossed the room, then sat down at the table, blessed himself and started to drink his orange juice. We were escorted out of the room by Fr. Samuel Aquila and the Secret Service agents.”

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