



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women

April 2025

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**St. Katharine Drexel
Council of Catholic Women
General Membership Meeting**

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2025
Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month

Place: Parish Hall
Mass: 9:00 am
Meeting Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
2 Speakers: Theresa Bickford, Topic – TOPS
Maureen Cruz, Topic – Aging Well

All are welcome – Join us!



Respect Life: Maria Maddalena, 239-540-7096
Prayer - Planned Parenthood, Ft. Myers
Every Thursday starting at Noon
Rosary for Life - SKD Chapel, April 13, 2025

Bunco: No Bunco this month.

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Faith Formation Building West
Meets last Thursday of the month
Thursday, April 24, 2025

*Our sister Lynne Curr created the Table of Plenty
Call her at 239-281-1222*



General Membership Meeting:
Parish Hall
Meets 1st Thursday of the Month
May 1, 2025, 10 am – 1 pm

Installation of Officers – Church
Thursday, May 1, 2025, after 9 am Mass

Mother's Day Flower Sale
Sat., May 10, 4 pm Mass
Sunday, May 11, 2025, 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 Masses

Bunco: Parish Hall
Meets every third Thursday of the month.
Thursday, May 15, 2025, 11 am – 2 pm

SKD CCW Board Meeting
Faith Formation Building West
Meets last Thursday of the month
Thursday, May 27, 2025, 10 am

A Parliamentary Minute... The Motion



At our last General Membership Meeting, we had some confusion about the motion that was given for a donation to Bootstraps. A motion was made, and a second was given. We then debated the motion. We call it a discussion. According to *Robert's Rules of Order In Brief*, this is the correct process. Let me explain. A motion is made, and a person shouts out "I second it." That does not make it a valid motion. You can second the motion just to hear it described and debated, seconding doesn't mean it's done. So, a motion was made and seconded. Then what? The theoretical procedure is that the President then repeats the motion, so it is clear, and asks if there is any discussion on the merits of the motion. Usually, the person who made the motion speaks first in discussion. The process is then those who are opposed to the motion speak next. *At this point, let me insert a request from the entire Board.* Many of us at the CCW General Membership Meeting cannot hear as well as we used to. In order for everyone to hear, and to be clear, please stand, give your name and then describe the motion. Either Maddy or Sue McClure will bring the microphone to you -- so you won't need to come up front to speak. We would really appreciate your taking this extra step. It would help if the person who seconds the motion does the same. This will help clarify for all. In the end, when discussion is exhausted, the President states the motion again and asks if the assembly (membership attending) is ready for the vote. The President then says we are taking a vote on (subject) and asks for a raising of hands in favor or opposed. The President then states whether the motion has been carried. Done!



Spotlight: Your Feedback

In the March newsletter, I asked for your thoughts about CCW and created a special feedback Gmail for your responses. I checked it daily to see what was up and, unfortunately, there was no response whatsoever. Therefore, I have deleted the Gmail account so it is no longer an option. Next time you are at the General Membership Meeting, if you do have a concern about CCW, let us know.



**Alleluia Easter Sunday
Easter Blessings!
April 20, 2025**

RESPECT LIFE



Our mission is to foster respect for human life from conception to natural death.

We pray at Planned Parenthood, Fort Myers every Thursday at Noon.

We pray the Rosary for Life, at SKD Church, April 13th at Noon

We hold a Diaper Drive (size 4, 5 and 6) + wipes + shampoo— Easter weekend of April 19-20

Speaker: Theresa Bickford will be one of our speakers for the April General Membership Meeting on April 3rd. She'll be speaking about TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) which meets right here at SKD.

Contact Maria Maddalena, 239-540-7096

SKD CCW Commission Reports - 2025

Spiritual Advisor, Rose Talbot-Babey Spirituality Chair, Ellen Stock



Father Ricky blessed Miraculous and other medals for our membership. He said the prayers of enrollment in the Brown Scapular and blessed them.

We will discuss Chapter 6 of *My Other Self* at our meeting in April. If anyone wants a medal or scapular, please contact Ellen Stock, 239-203-1513.

Membership, Mary Ann Bedell



Mary Ann made available the Membership Satisfaction Surveys to all members present at the March 6th General Membership Meeting. To date she has received only 6 responses. She is planning to distribute the Membership Satisfaction Survey at the April 3rd General Membership Meeting and hopes for 100% participation. Your opinion matters!!

Leadership, Rose Donato, Lynne Curr

Rose and Lynne placed a sign-up sheet for the Sunshine committee (distribution of greeting cards) at the March General Membership Meeting. Jennie Carroll, the current chair of that committee, will transfer all greeting card information to Rose and Lynne.



Rose asked for volunteers to be an Angel to our new members. Four of our members partnered with new members as Angels.

Historian, Linda Conti-Gould

Linda & Anna Yacavone are Co-Chairs for the Mother's Day Flower sale in May. The committee has 38 vases but we need about 80 vases. Requests to Publix and Sam's have been



made for possible donations. Volunteers are needed to arrange the flowers in May as well as volunteers to sell the vases at the Mother's Day weekend Masses. A sign-up sheet was displayed at the March General Membership meeting and will be available again at the April meeting.

E-Communications, Kathy Giardina



Kathy informed us that the SKD CCW Newsletters are placed on the CCW webpage which is within the SKD website – to date, Jan. – March.

If you haven't been there, go to [CCW Webpage](#)

Hospitality, Judy Curtis

Judy & Ann report that food sponsors for our light lunch at the General Membership Meeting of April will be Robin Eliuk, Ola Laboriel, Debra Jones and Ann Young. *Ann Young is the new co-chair of Hospitality with Judy Curtis. Welcome!*



The month of May will bring the final General Membership Meeting of the year. Food sponsors for that meeting are Mary Ann Bedell, Marlene Poirier, Vicky Parker, and Ann Young. Thank you!!

Service, Peggy Thomas



Peggy thanked the 15 volunteers who participated in the Feeding My Hungry Children Service project in February.