

Meetings & Events

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
“I Love Liliha” Town Festival

August 25, 2013, Sunday  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Liliha St & Kuakini St

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General Membership Meeting

October 26, 2013, Saturday  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

With guest speaker:  
Sr. Mary Dolorine Pires, ss.cc.

presenting  
*Pioneer Witnesses to Christ*

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April 19, 2014

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Jean Charlot, 1958, ceramic tile, 33" x 10.5", interior, St. Francis Hospital, Liliha Street, Honolulu, Hawai’i.  
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“Charity is the bond of perfection”  
—Colossians 3:14

FOUNDED 1859

August 2013

Aloha Guild Members,

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held at Regina Pacis on May 18, a Saturday.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Board Member Catherine Hughes as the Chairman, and Guild Members Wilma Tarlton and Peggy Dau.

Catherine Hughes reported the Committee had submitted for approval the slate of officers listed in the annual report to Spiritual Director, Rev. Thomas Choo, ss.cc., in accordance with the Bylaws of March 23, 2013. She then recited the list of names and each nominee stood in response.

With all nominees standing, the Nominating Committee Chairman asked for a motion from the meeting members for accepting them as the new officers for 2013–2015. It was moved by Mary Rentz and seconded by Jennie Pentz, with all members present in favor.

Sr. Mary Dolorine Pires, ss.cc. gave a presentation about the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts. We are looking forward to having Sr. Mary Dolorine return with a talk about the martyrs of early Hawai’i, as the guest speaker at our next

General Membership Meeting later this October.

Notably, the Guild’s newly elected Treasurer will be Mrs. Raphaela Lukan.

Recent Event

Annual Meeting  
and Election of Officers  
May 18, 2013  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Regina Pacis, Sacred Hearts  
Sisters’ Residence  
1120 Fifth Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawai’i 96816

Raphaela M. Lukan, 42, for nine years is a Consumer Banking Representative with Bank of Hawaii Corporation, and a Financial Service Representative with Bankoh Investments

Services Inc.

Born and raised on the island of Yap in the Western Caroline Islands, she attended St. Mary’s Elementary School (Maryknoll and SSND), and St. Francis Xavier High School (Jesuits).

Raphaela came to Hawaii in 1991 studying Finance at Chaminade University, then transferred to UH Mānoa. She is married with two children. Please warmly welcome her as the Treasurer, and as a Board Member, for the Catholic Women’s Guild.



## *From All Eternity—Sisters of the Sacred Hearts:*

### *Their European-Hawaiian Connection and Beyond*

**Guest Speaker:** Sr. Mary Dolorine Pires, ss.cc., at the Annual Meeting and Election, 2013 May 18.

**Reported by:** Catherine Hughes, Historian

With memorably concise points and an occasional tidbit of poignancy in her stories, Sr. Mary Dolorine Pires, ss.cc. passionately imparted a brief background covering the expansion of the congregation in the islands and of the Sisters in Honolulu.



She emphasized it has been one congregation of men and women working together since the beginning, that the “Sisters go where our Brothers are already serving, not to be their servants, but to be equals working with them.”

Sr. Mary Dolorine shifted our perspective to 1789 France during its period of the French Revolution, then covered the expansion amongst the islands and in Honolulu. She returned us to today’s Sacred Hearts Congregation, its foreign missions and the dramatic change in the congregational structure.

We were reminded of the beginnings of the chosen symbol of the Sacred Hearts Congregation, and the letters “ss.cc.” the Sisters place after their names. She shared only a couple stories about Damien, though she has much more. She revealed for whom St. Louis school was really named (hint: not the King of France), and clarified with photographs the origin of the religious habit and the significance of its transformation.

Sr. Mary Dolorine thinks what the Fathers and the Brothers mainly have done for education is the least known and appreciated. Education has always been very important to this congregation.

In 1827, the Fathers of the Congregation arrived in Hawaii. In 1846, the training school of ‘Āhuimanu was started, where Damien would later attend before being ordained.

By 1850, there were about 120 Catholic schools. After the first group of ten sisters were lost at sea in 1843, it took the courage to send another group

arriving in 1859. In about a month, they had a boarding school in operation, and in 1909 the Sacred Hearts Academy was started.

When she was a young Sister, there was a Sister in every classroom in St. Patrick and St. Theresa. Nowadays, often a layman is hired and the expense increases for tuition. The layman has a mortgage for a house, repairs for their car, children to put to school, and so they must have a fair salary. There is no way around it, she reconciled, tuition costs go up.

The General Chapter of election, held every six years, is the highest governing body. Many General Chapter members come from the early foreign missions, and the current Mother Superior General is non-european.

The Sisters in 2012 opted for a dramatic change in organizational structure with no more provinces, regions, or delegations. Today, the Sacred Hearts Congregation is one religious family with an international face.



## **Jubilarian Celebration**

Our chaplain since March 2006, and an Associate Pastor for St. Patrick Church in Kaimukī, Rev. Thomas Choo, ss.cc. had his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary acknowledged at the Jubilarian Celebration held at St. Patrick Church on June 15, 2013.

Other jubilarians of the Sacred Hearts Congregation attending for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary included Sr. Joseph Mary Cefra, Sr. Joan Rita Cosme, Fr. Albert G. Garcia, Fr. Patrick Killilea, and Sr. Dolores Marie Pavao.

For their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there were Sr. Herman Julia Aki and Sr. Anne-Marie Tamanaha.

“Ua Ho‘i Au I Ka Hi‘ipoi O Ku‘u Makua”

I have returned to the House of my Father

**Sister Lucia Iwata, ss.cc.**

June 6, 1929 Honolulu

June 30, 2013 Honolulu



Formerly of Kula, Maui. A sister of the Sacred Hearts. She was associated with various ministries and parishes in Honolulu.

**Genevieve Correa**

September 2, 1918 Makiki, Honolulu

June 12, 2012 Honolulu



Retired librarian for University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, who was devoted to her work.

**Geraldine “Gerry” Muriel Rawlins**

1915 or 1916 Honolulu

May 29, 2013 Honolulu

A retired Hawaii Newspaper Agency executive secretary.

Come, you my father has blessed, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Matthew 25:34

The Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Choo, ss.cc., shall offer Mass for the living and the deceased members. He will offer one private Mass each month for the deceased members, one for the living, and one for members who are ill.



**1948 May 22: St. Francis Hospital**

Thirty members of the Society established a “Service Committee” for St. Francis Hospital.

**1949 Sep 28: Name change**

Since 1946 when St. Francis Hospital Guild amalgamated with Catholic Women’s Aid Society, a change in the name of the Society had been talked about. After going over the many names, that had been suggested, the Board favored *Catholic Women’s Guild*.

“Your Board of Directors has the greatest respect for both the name and the fame of the Catholic Woman’s Aid Society, and the keenest admiration for those who carried on its glorious work under that name. But with the increase in different types of activity within the Society, it is felt that the name appears to limit its activities to giving ‘aid’ or ‘succor’ *only*. Although relief to the poor *is* one of our principal objects, *volunteer service* is an equally important object.

“The name ‘Guild’ seems a happy selection in that it not only suggests the names of the two organizations that make up the Society the Catholic Women’s Aid Society and the St. Francis Hospital Guild but also suggests many activities undertaken by the Society as workers or volunteers.”

**1960: St. Anthony’s Home**

St. Anthony’s Home ended its long career as an orphanage in July 1960 and so, with a feeling



from cover of pamphlet for St. Anthony’s Home

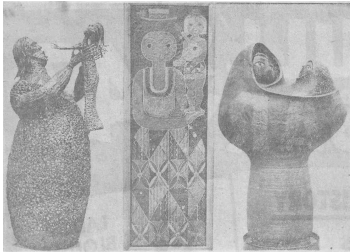
of sadness like one has at the passing of an old friend, the Guild relinquished one of its major and most rewarding works, and a half century of service to the Sisters and children came to a close... It will become a private kindergarten in September.

**1961: St. Francis Hospital Committee**

Volunteers [of Catholic Women’s Guild] put in 3,224 hours of service at the Information Desk, Occupational Therapy, Out-Patient Department, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Bookmobile, Records, and Flowers.

The big donation to the Hospital was the proceeds of the *Madonna Theme in Art Show*.

[Held at Ala Moana Banquet Hall, during May 10–14, 1961.]



1961 May 7, Honolulu Advertiser p. A-16

**1962: St. Francis Hospital Committee**

Volunteers serving on this committee were especially praised this year by Sister Maureen who said: “We would like to tell you that Guild members have certainly encompassed many areas of service within the hospital. Their sense of responsibility has provided a continuity that adds to their service. They demonstrate the motivation that the corporal works of mercy provide, and surely God will bless them for their generosity.”

[Approximately two-thirds of the 6,130 volunteer hours were made by Guild members, with over twenty of those members serving 100–500 hours each.]

**Editor’s Note:** In our April 2013 publication, the article “Our Historical Archives of Hawai’i” was provided by Advisory Director Mary Machado. Thank you Mrs. Machado.

**Coming Together to Continue the Care**

Corinne Ching, President

This year marks the event of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *I Love Liliha Town Festival*. It’ll be presented by the Catholic Women’s Guild and sponsored by the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

The Catholic Women’s Guild of Hawaii traces its spiritual roots to an 1859 women’s auxiliary formed to aid the sisters of the Sacred Hearts upon their arrival. It was formally organized as an altar society in 1887 and in 1890 reorganized as a benevolent society concerned with social welfare in Honolulu.

The present day organization is the direct result of the Catholic Women’s Aid Society that merged in 1946 with the St. Francis Hospital Guild. This Guild had formed in 1926 in a meeting held at Princess Abigail Wahi’ika’ahu’ula Campbell Kawānanakoa’s home with a purpose to assist “in every way possible” St. Francis Hospital, which opened the following year.

Further assistance to the hospital was tirelessly provided by the Catholic Women’s Guild throughout the decades that this landmark hospital in Liliha served the community under the Sisters of St. Francis. The Catholic Women’s Guild continues in our mission of fostering and encouraging the spirit of charity in the

community and assisting other societies, associations and corporations involved in educational, charitable, benevolent work.



Boki and Kuini Liliha

The Guild wishes to highlight its historical connection to the community of Liliha and connect with the Liliha of today at this annual celebration of goodwill bringing together residents, businesses, health care service providers, and the educational and civic entities in the continued spirit of community and aloha.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, the Catholic Women’s Guild will help with presenting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *I Love Liliha Town Festival*, an event focused on creating a healthy, vibrant Liliha and a celebration of this unique community.

To be held Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm on Kuakini Street in front of Liliha Bakery, it will begin with entertainment by Danny Kaleikini and the Royal Hawaiian Band. The Annual “Spirit of Liliha” Civic Awards will be presented at noon.



Princess Abigail Wahi’ika’ahu’ula Campbell Kawānanakoa, first President of St. Francis Hospital Guild and patron of St. Francis Hospital; wife of Prince David Kawānanakoa for whom the middle school is named.



In this issue, you will find our connections with St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii in Liliha (formerly St. Francis Hospital), some of our name changes, as well as a few of our historical activities and motivations for our connection with the various communities within our home of Hawai‘i.

Alethea C. Chock, a Guild Historian, spent many years perusing the minutes and committees reports from 1859 up to her present time, much of them handwritten. By March 5, 1962, she had consolidated a summarized version of our history into a bound typewritten collection. (We all remember typewriters, right?) She continued adding to it for most of the decade thereafter.

Several decades later, we are now at a point when few of our members are familiar enough with the various funds and activities within our history for relating our Guild’s spirit to potential new members. We also find ourselves at yet another transitional period of re-organization, changing with the times as we have so many times before.

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*[Mostly verbatim from the archive, as the voices of our Guild members, as space permits.]*

1926 Apr 8: Hospital Committee

Chairman of the Hospital Committee gave an interesting account of work accomplished and asked that any illness of our members be reported to them so that the visiting Committee may call.

1926 May 6: Hospital and Nursing Committee

Fifty New Ladies Home Journal and fifty Saturday Evening Posts and twenty-five other New Magazines were delivered at Leahi Hospital from the Catholic Women’s Aid Society. Three of our members were ill and were visited. Flowers were sent during bereavement to three other members. Flowers were also sent during illness to two other members.

1926 Oct 7: A change in name

*[A change in name, as suggested earlier on June 4, from the Catholic Ladies Aid Society to the Catholic Women’s Aid Society was officially accepted.]* One reason for change of name in report from the Ways and Means Committee

“that as the term ‘Ladies’ as applied to Societies and Clubs is more or less antiquated and out of date, it would be more in keeping with the progressive spirit of our organization to substitute the word ‘Women’ in the name of the Society.”

1926 Aug 16: St. Francis Hospital Guild proposed

*[From their minutes in our archive, saved in the Hawaiian Collection at UH Mānoa.]*

“Reverend Mother Flaviana [the President of St. Francis Hospital], upon opening the meeting, stated that it was her desire and the desire of the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order, M.C., that the public spirited women of Honolulu organize the proposed Guild in connection with the St. Francis Hospital, so that through their organization they might help the Sisters in furnishing the Hospital with linens and other articles; develop and maintain the aesthetic environment of the grounds, and in general assist in every way possible with the welfare side of the work of the Hospital.”

*[Princess Abigail Wahi‘ika‘ahu‘ula Campbell Kawānanakoa was declared as temporary Chairman.]*

1926 Sep 8: St. Francis Hospital Guild finalized

*[This second meeting was moved to Bachelot Hall, where over 170 women were noted as joining the St. Francis Hospital Guild formed on that day.]*

1927 Feb 10: Hospital Committee

“This Committee worked for several months when it found that our new Hospital Guild needed many helpers, and, in consequence, this Committee was absorbed, individually as workers for the [Hospital] Guild. This Committee has made many visits to Leahi Hospital, the Lunalilo Home and the Queen’s Hospital, distributing several hundred magazines and books. It has endeavored when notified of illness to visit our sick members and to send them flowers.”

Of this, Alethea Chock opines: “The Hospital Committee [of CWAS] was abolished as most of its members were working with the newly organized St. Francis Hospital Guild.”

1945 Oct: Proposed amalgamation

“It is the desire that the St. Francis Hospital Guild be amalgamated with the Catholic Women’s Aid Society to be formed into a strong Hospital Committee of the Aid Society.”

The St. Francis Hospital Guild was dissolved at a meeting on February 13, 1946, and formally accepted (unanimously) as a part of the Catholic Women’s Aid Society on February 25, 1946.

1946 48: Post-War Years Alethea Chock remarks

Those post-war years were very difficult ones in the history of the Society. The work that they had so ably carried on for so many years was taken over by other agencies the Catholic Social Service came into existence and handled the welfare work, and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools was in charge of the parochial school health program which had been inaugurated and conducted by the Society.

These changes seemed to come about when Honolulu was made a separate Diocese, and also because new methods of administering welfare were being introduced all over the country [i.e. United States].

In 1946 the idea of dissolving the Society was entertained. However it was felt that there was a place in the community for this organization, the oldest Catholic Society in the Islands. A reorganization Committee, under the very able guidance of Mrs. Richard H. Kavanagh, was set up in April 1948 and worked enthusiastically “with regard to carrying on the traditions and ideals of the Catholic Women’s Aid Society, the ideals of Welfare and Service.”

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