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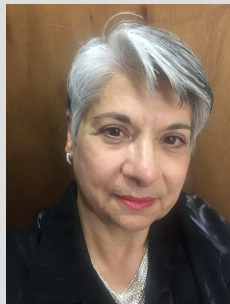
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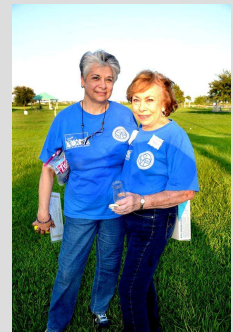
St. Angela Merici's Sandra Norman is 2017 Top Hat Recipient

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2017 Top Hat award recipient, **Sandra Norman**, of St. Angela Merici Conference! Sandy is a dedicated, hardworking leader whose commitment and generosity is a true example of the Vincentian spirit.

She has helped organize several SVdP events and fundraisers and has served as a contact for conference leadership regarding policies and procedures. Please join us as we say congratulations and THANK YOU to Sandy for her service to the Society. She will be honored at the 2017 Jazzin on the River gala, Saturday, July 8th.



Sandra Norman



Sandy and fellow Vincentian Yvonne Morise

THE TOP HAT....

Is a publication for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and it's designed to inform its communities of past, present and future services and events. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that offers service to the needy in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Congratulations to the 2017 Top Hat Award Nominees!

Michael Champagne
Paul Claudel
Edward Van Hoven
Kathy Crosskill
Yvonne Morise
Bill Siegel
Ann Voltz

The City of Tampa hosts Annual Meeting

SVdP National Assembly in Tampa, Fla. Early Registration Deadline

You don't want to miss out on your opportunity to be a part of this year's National Assembly in Tampa, Fla.
August 30 - September 2.

Be sure to register now to avoid having to pay more!



The early registration deadline is July 15. If you register after July 15, the registration fee will increase to \$345. The hotel registration deadline is August 1 to receive the group rate of \$139 per night. After August 1, rooms will be on an availability basis only.

go to the link below for registration info:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1982384>

Conference



The newly formed Our Lady of Perpetual Help SVdP Conference in Kenner extends congratulations to its elected President, Sharon Hyde Augillard. Sharon will begin the process of selecting officers and we will share this leadership with Vincentians in the near future.

The parish asks those interested in joining the new conference to attend an upcoming meeting, taking place, on Wednesday, July 12th at 6:30pm, in the LaRose Center, 1908 Short St. in Kenner. Join the parish as they continue their efforts in re-establishing a conference and learn more about assisting the poor in the area!

From the National Office

GOVERNANCE—What every leader needs to know about the Society

A Board's Seven Basic Duties

Members of a nonprofit board need more than enthusiasm for a cause, passion for a mission or just good intentions. To ensure that the organization they serve has the leadership, resources and oversight necessary to carry out its activities they must understand and fulfill their governance responsibilities.

A book titled, "The Care and Feeding of a Nonprofit Board" written by Willi Baer lists the seven basic responsibilities of a board of directors and highlights the three most important:

"All nonprofit boards have seven responsibilities, but the top three are very basic...no ifs ands or buts.

To hire the executive director

To raise funds

To see that the organization is "fiscally sound"

The other responsibilities, and we paraphrase, are to see that the activities are within the organization's own laws and rules, and comply with the requirements of being a 501(c)(3) organization; to be proactive and participatory in strategic planning; to represent the organization to the outside world; and to participate in developing the board itself through orientations, recruitment and development of board members.

A board that knows what is expected of it and performs effectively is an invaluable strategic resource for the organization it serves and a major contributor to its success.

To learn more about Governance, contact:

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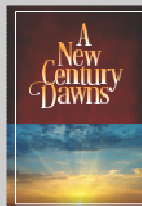
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Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Vincentian Charism

A New Vincentian Family resource, "A New Century Dawns: Hopes for the Vincentian Family," written by Fr. Robert Maloney, CM.

At the beginning of the fifth century of our worldwide Vincentian Family's history, Fr. Maloney describes a "Dawning of Hope" as the Family's many branches collaborate more closely with each other. To obtain the order form, contact the National Office or the New Orleans central office: 504-940-5031, ext. 10



ALC Graduates Celebrate and Honor Five Graduates

The 10th Annual Greater New Orleans Regional Adult Education Graduation ceremony was held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Loyola University of New Orleans in the Nunemaker Auditorium in Monroe Hall. Seven adult education programs participated in the ceremony. St. Vincent de Paul's Sister Lory Schaff Adult Learning Center proudly presented five graduates:

Carla Dilbert Patrick Holland Lakeshia Jackson Dameon Tynes Kenneth Williams

Dameon Tynes gave the student keynote address. We are grateful to our volunteers who help prepare our students for the HiSET (GED) tests. Many volunteers and Alan Demma attended the graduation. Sr. Bonita extends thank you to members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our donors who support the school and 'make this day possible.'



Graduates and teachers pose with Kenneth Polite, Jr.,
Keynote Speaker



Sr. Bonita and the volunteers celebrate at an
appreciation luncheon at Café Reconcile

The Adult Learning Center will be closed during June and July. The Center will reopen Tuesday, August 1st.

We Want to Share YOUR News!



Conferences- Special Works:

Send us your info, events, photos to share with our fellow Vincentians!

Email your event news to: svdpps@bellsouth.net

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AND NOTES...

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Christ the King in Terrytown held its annual bake sale fundraiser on May 12th. The Gretna Courthouse graciously allows the Society space to do so. All monies collected will help people in the community who may need assistance with basic needs such as utilities, rent, and other emergencies of life.



**We'll see you along
the Mississippi!**

The Annual
Jazzin' on the
River Fundraising
Gala will be held
is
July 8, 2017



**10th Annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run**

To benefit local SVdP Conferences, which provide compassionate assistance to the needy of metro New Orleans.

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9:00am-1:00pm
New Orleans City Park

Reunion Shelter & Festival Grounds
(Friedrichs Ave. between Christian Brothers School & Wisner Blvd. across from Big Lake boat rental)

Online registration:
FOPWALK.ORG ->Louisiana->City Park Reunion Shelter & Festival Grounds
or

Pickup a paper Registration Form from the parish office.

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